RECREATIONAL USER EXPERIENCE Prince William Sound

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this trip report! The Chugach National Forest and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council is gathering information about recreation use in Prince William Sound (PWS). In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil spill released over 11 million gallons of crude oil into parts of PWS. One of the effects due to the oil spill was a decrease in recreation and tourism to PWS. This study is part of a research project investigating if recreation has recovered in the area, how people travel through this unique, remote landscape, and any potential conflict with other users.

This form contains several questions that we would like you to answer during your trip, and a map of PWS. Please record your trip on the map on the inside fold of this survey. Try to fill out the map completely and answer all of the questions. The quality of the project depends on your completed trip report.

Please return this Trip Report in the self-addressed, stamped envelope when completed, or drop it off at the Glacier Ranger Station in Girdwood or Cordova Ranger Station in Cordova. Thank you for your participation! Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be held strictly confidential.

1. Are you a resident of Alaska?	YesNo
2. What was the start date trip in PWS? Number of people in	
3. How frequently do you visit PWNever beforeOnce every few years	Once a year Two or more times a year
	ring <u>one trip</u> do you spend in PWS? 4-5 days 6+ days
5. What was your point of entry inWhittierCordova	to PWS on this trip?Valdez Other (please specify)

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6. What is your primary mode of recreation travel in PWS on this trip?
Float plane/helicopterSmaller motorized boat
KayakInflatable
Cruise shipTour boat
SailboatMotor yacht
7. Did you use a transporter for your recreational activity? (Boat shuttle or
airplane?)
Yes Name of transport service
No
8. Did you use the services of an outfitter/guide?
Yes Name of outfitter/guide service
No
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What was your primary recreational activity in PWS? Please also
identify activities that you participated in during your trip
Primary Participated
Activity ($\sqrt{\text{all that apply}}$)
$(\sqrt{\text{one}})$
Sightseeing
Wildlife viewing
General boating
Overnight mooring/anchorage
Kayaking
Primitive camping
Hunting / Subsistence hunting (Please underline which)
Fishing / Subsistence fishing (Please underline which)
Hiking/backpacking
Overnight stay in cabin
Picnicking / family gathering / berry picking
Visiting historic or prehistoric sites
10. To enjoy your primary recreational activity, where was your planned ultimate destination ?

Please describe the characteristics of this *planned* ultimate destination that made it appealing to you (e.g. good fishing/hunting, solitude, good wildlife viewing, etc)



Instructions for Recording your Trip on the Map:

Using the map and the space below, please describe your travel route during your current trip into Prince William Sound. Please describe your trip from the date you launched or left harbor (e.g. Whittier, Cordova, etc) to the date you ended your trip in PWS. In addition, we are also interested in any lingering oil observed in the areas visited. In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil spill released over 11 million gallons of crude oil into parts of PWS and the effects are still being researched. Please make a notation if oil is observed onshore or in areas of shallow diggings.

Steps

- Draw your route with a line on the adjacent map. Please place an * asterisk at your initial start location. See example map.
- Number (1,2,3...) all places where you **stopped longer than 15 minutes** (i.e. anchored/moored, went ashore, camped, etc). Please be sure to write the **date/time**, **duration of the stop, the activity and whether you went ashore** in the table provided. For multiple activities, please mark the activities in the next lines with the same site number (See following example).
- Finally, please record any encounters when the vessel/party is first seen (An encounter is defined as being within sight or sound of another party) throughout your trip. For multiple encounters during the same stop/camp, mark the encounters in the next lines (See following example). We are also interested in some information about your visit to these places. Please answer the following questions for each place you visit during your trip to Prince William Sound. You are welcome to make any other notations you feel will assist us in understanding more about your recreational outing.

EXAMPLE

		Stop Info	rmation		Encounter Information				
Site #	Date & Time arrived	Duration of Stop	Activity	Did you go ashore? Y or N	Vessel or group OS= onshore user OST= onshore tent K= kayak SM= small motorized boat TC= tour/cruise MY= motor yacht S = sailboat FW= fixed wing aircraft HE = helicopter CF= commercial fishing	Distance of encounter C = Encountered close range (< 100 yards). M = Encountered medium range (> 100 yards but < ¼ mile). F = Encountered far range (> ¼ mile).	Noise Effect L = low effect (e.g. boat passes in distance) M = medium effect (e.g. somewhat noisy) H = high effect (e.g. loud, close proximity)	Oil observed at site? Y or N	Acceptable encounter? (Encounter had little demonstrably negative impact on experience)
1	7/2/08 1030	2 hours	Fished from boat	N					
2	7/2/08 1400	30 minutes	Viewed glaciers	N	K	С	L		Y
2	7/2/08		" "		SM	M	M		Y
3	7/2/08 1700	16 hours	Camped in Blackstone Bay on Willard Island	Y	OST	С	L	N	N
3	7/2/08		и и		SM	С	M		N
4	7/3/08 1100	2 hours	Fished from boat	N	TC	F	Н		Y
5	7/3/08 1600		Arrived back in Whittier Harbor						

Enjoy natural beauty	_									
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Spend time with family and										
friends	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
See cultural sites	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

of choice, please check toDistance was tooWeather was tooToo many other was tooToo much noise	he reason(s) why. great from start or from previ	h type of user displaced you
13. If you did not go to	your planned ultimate destinat	ion, please state the area you
	arrive at this place	on was:Third choice (or less)Had no choice
15. Please rate the follo in the area visited sperience	How important	f experience(s) you sought How well were you able to

Experience		Но	w imp	ortant		Н	ow we	ll were	you a	ble to
		was	this of	ojectivo	e?			attain	it?	
	Not				Very	Not	at		Con	npletely
	Imp	ortant		In	nportant	All				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience solitude										
-	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Observe wildlife	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Fish	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Hunt	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience something new	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience challenge and adventure	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Be in a wild undeveloped										
place	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

16. If you did not obtain the des	sired experiences, why? (Amenities are defined as
	ter source, hiking opportunities, wildlife viewing,
etc.)(Check as many as app	ly)
Not enough time	Lack of amenities
Weather	No available campsites
Noise	Too many boats
Too many people	Too many planes
Other	

17. Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with this trip? (Circle one)

Much less than expected		As expected		Much better than expected
1	2	3	4	5

18.	Would you go to the actual area you visited again?	YesNo)
If n	ot, why?		

19.	If you were adversely impacted by encounters with other users, how did it
affe	rt vou?

I was somewhat impacted, but it will not affect my future decisions.

Next time I will visit this area when less likely to encounter others.

_____I will no longer visit this area within PWS.

- 20. Please explain or clarify any type of negative encounter you experienced due to **other users** (e.g. group too noisy, camped/anchored too close, etc)
- 21. Were there any *other* factors that adversely impacted your experience in PWS? Please describe (e.g. conditions of campsites, trash, inadequate sites, etc).
- 22. Are there any management actions you would suggest to improve your future visits to this area? (e.g. hardened campsites, number of visitors limited in certain areas, etc)

23. In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil spill released over 11 million gallons of crude oil into parts of PWS. On areas that you went ashore, if you noticed any lingering oil on the shoreline surface, or in areas of shallow diggings, did it affect your decision to stay at the location? Yes No
For the following questions, please answer based on your outdoor
experiences in <i>general</i>
experiences in general
24. If you typically arrive at a preferred destination and you find it more
crowded than you like, you would: Please also
check if you
did so on this trip
Do nothing and stay in this location anyway
Relocate to another location
Leave and return to your point of origin
Other (list)
25. If you typically choose to relocate, you would select a place that:
(Amenities are defined as "site qualities" e.g. freshwater source, hiking
opportunities, etc.)
(Check all that apply)
Is the next available location
Has more amenities than the site you relocated from
Has less amenities than the site you relocated from
Is within a reasonable distance to travel to
Can accommodate your group size
Has similar qualities as your favorite place
Other (list)
If you typically opt to relocate to a site that has similar qualities as your
favorite place, please identify what those qualities are. (Check all that
apply)
Easy access to the shoreline
Quiet and serene
Surrounded by trees
Scenic view
Secluded area

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_Water source nearby	
_Flat ground for a tent	
_Good anchorage	
_Fishing/hunting nearby	

Additional Comments regarding your trip (may be continued on back):

Other (list)

Again, thank you for your participation. Your efforts will help improve the management of Prince William Sound.

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