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Recently, one of our telephone interviews called and asked you or someone in your household to take part in a survey called the “National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE).” At this time, we have not managed to complete an interview with you. The NSRE is America’s on-going national survey. The purpose of the NSRE is to assess people’s outdoor recreation and their opinions concerning public land management. We are also interested in how people feel about the natural resources of this great country.

While your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, your answers will help our Federal and State agencies evaluate their outdoor recreation and natural resource policies, practices, and services. We can’t talk to every person in this country. Instead, we scientifically selected a few people to represent the nation’s voice as a whole. This means no other person can take your place. Your individual participation will therefore have a significant impact on the NSRE’s outcome. Thus, even if you are not interested in outdoor recreation or the future of our natural resources, we would still like to speak with you briefly.

If we happen to call at an inconvenient time, please suggest a time that would be better for you. Any information you provide will be completely anonymous.

We look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

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