

Headwaters Forest Reserve Visitor Use Survey

1. How many people, including yourself, were in your group on this visit to Headwaters Forest Reserve? _____

How many people per vehicle? _____

How many adults? _____

How many children? _____

b. What time of day did your group arrive at Headwaters Forest Reserve? _____

c. About how long did your visit last?

less than one hour

between 1 and 2 hours

from 2 to 4 hours

more than 4 hours

d. How far did your party travel on the trail on your visit? Please describe the farthest point you reached.

2. Was this your first trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve?

Yes (if yes, skip to #3)

No

a. If no, when (what year) was your first trip? _____

b. Including this trip, approximately how many times have you visited Headwaters Forest Reserve? _____

c. How often do you visit Headwaters Forest Reserve?

1 time per week or more

1-2 times per month

once every few months

1-2 times per year or less

3. We are interested in knowing what activities you participated in during this visit to Headwaters Forest Reserve, and how important each activity was to your decision to make this trip. Please check one of three responses for activity.

	This activity was a major reason for this trip	Participated, but not a major reason for this trip	Did not participate in this activity
Hiking on trails	()	()	()
Spending time alone	()	()	()
Socializing	()	()	()
Nature study	()	()	()
History or Cultural study	()	()	()
Wildlife viewing	()	()	()
Photography	()	()	()
Geocaching	()	()	()
Questing	()	()	()
Dog walking	()	()	()
Wheelchair use	()	()	()
Biking	()	()	()
Other	()	()	()

If "Other", please describe:

4. Area managers would like to know how people learn about Headwaters Forest Reserve so they can improve the quality of visitor information. From the following sources of information you may have used to plan your trip, please choose the three most used sources by circling their numbers.

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| 1. Personal experience | 10. BLM website |
| 2. Friends or relatives | 11. Website of other
state or federal land
management agency |
| 3. Magazine articles | 12. Outdoors Cool! website
or other website |
| 4. Newspaper articles | 13. PSAs or TV ads |
| 5. Maps | 14. Other (please describe) |
| 6. Books | _____ |
| 7. Information from the BLM | _____ |
| 8. Information from other state or
federal land management agencies | |
| 9. Local Chamber of Commerce | |

5. Please tell us which **three** types of information you would find most helpful in planning your trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve. Check up to **three** types.

Information on:

- Safety
- Specific trail descriptions
- Natural resource values of the area
- Cultural/historical resource values of the area
- Directions to trailheads
- Available facilities
- Maps
- Recommended items to pack along
- Low-impact backcountry use guidelines
- Rules/regulations
- Recreation opportunities
- General weather conditions of the area
- Other _____

6. Please estimate the number of other visitors you saw on this visit to Headwaters Forest Reserve: _____

7. How did you feel about the number of other visitors you saw during your visit to Headwaters Forest Reserve?

- Saw too many
- Saw neither too many nor too few
- Saw too few
- Does not matter to me

8. Did you notice any resource impacts to the Headwaters Forest Reserve environment that you believe were caused by other recreationists?

- No
- Yes. If yes, please describe the resource impact(s) to the Headwaters Forest Reserve environment that you noticed:

9. Did the behavior of any other group or individual interfere with your enjoyment of Headwaters Forest Reserve on this visit?

No

Yes. If yes, please describe what type of behavior interfered with your enjoyment of Headwaters Forest Reserve:

10. The following items are problems you may have encountered on your visit to Headwaters Forest Reserve. Please indicate how much of a problem each item was for you.

	Major Problem	Moderate Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know
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Possible Resource Problems

1. Trails poorly maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Trails poorly marked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Trail erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Polluted streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Possible Management Problems

1. Not enough trails through the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Not enough parking spaces at entry points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Not enough information available on the area's natural and cultural history	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Major Problem	Moderate Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know
4. Too many rules and regulations	()	()	()	()	()
5. Area rules and regulations not well publicized	()	()	()	()	()
6. Not enough information on trails	()	()	()	()	()
7. Not enough information on number of other users	()	()	()	()	()
8. Not enough information on when the area is heavily used	()	()	()	()	()
<u>Possible People Problems</u>					
1. Litter	()	()	()	()	()
2. Human waste	()	()	()	()	()
3. Vandalism	()	()	()	()	()
4. Pets off leash	()	()	()	()	()
5. Rowdy or noisy people	()	()	()	()	()
6. Too many large groups	()	()	()	()	()
7. Too many people in the area at the same time	()	()	()	()	()
8. Bicyclist issues	()	()	()	()	()

11. Please indicate how important each of the following services was to you when you planned for and visited Headwaters Forest Reserve. Then, using a school report card format, please grade the BLM with an A (excellent), B (above average or very good), C (average), D (below average or not very good), F (failing), or DK (Don't Know) to let us know how well you think the BLM is managing the area with regard to each of these services.

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Grade for BLM
a. Information signs at trailheads have necessary information	()	()	()	()	_____
b. Helpful directional signs to the area	()	()	()	()	_____
c. Clean restrooms	()	()	()	()	_____
d. Access roads in good conditions	()	()	()	()	_____
e. Adequate parking	()	()	()	()	_____
f. Telephone requests handled without delay	()	()	()	()	_____
g. Prompt response to written requests	()	()	()	()	_____
h. BLM people in the area are friendly and courteous	()	()	()	()	_____
i. BLM people in the area are professional and competent	()	()	()	()	_____
j. Your vehicle is safe from the threat of vandalism	()	()	()	()	_____

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Grade for BLM
k. Managers notify you of natural hazards in the area	()	()	()	()	_____
l. BLM office open during convenient times	()	()	()	()	_____
m. Able to leave a phone message for managers after hours	()	()	()	()	_____
n. Opportunity for personal freedom without too much restriction by managers	()	()	()	()	_____
o. Able to find a BLM person when needed	()	()	()	()	_____
p. Brochures/maps clearly communicate information about recreation opportunities	()	()	()	()	_____

12. There are many ways Headwaters Forest Reserve can be managed. Please indicate your support or opposition to each item listed below by checking the appropriate box.

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
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Possible Management Actions

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| a. Expand the trail system | () | () | () | () | () |
| b. Charge a small use fee | () | () | () | () | () |
| c. Have a donation box at the trailhead | () | () | () | () | () |
| d. Expand trailhead parking | () | () | () | () | () |
| e. Acquire additional land to add to the reserve | () | () | () | () | () |
| f. Provide more educational signs about the plants and animals | () | () | () | () | () |
| g. Provide more educational signs about the area's history | () | () | () | () | () |

14. The BLM would like to know your opinion on the current dog policy and the number of people and their dogs that use the Headwaters Forest Reserve. Please answer the following questions as best as you can.

a. Do you know what the current dog policy is for Headwaters Forest Reserve?
 ___Yes No___ Not sure___

b. Do you believe the rules and regulations concerning dogs are adequately displayed by the BLM at the area? ___Yes No___ Don't Know___
 at the BLM office? ___Yes No___ Don't Know___
 on the BLM website? ___Yes No___ Don't Know___

c. Do you believe the rules and regulations concerning dogs are adequately enforced by the BLM at the area? ___Yes No___ Don't Know___

d. Have you ever brought a dog to the area? ___Yes No___

If Yes, do you bring a leash for your dog(s)?

___Always

___Sometimes

___Rarely

___Never

e. Has the primary reason for any of your previous visits to Headwaters Forest Reserve been for dog walking? ___Yes No___

If Yes, how often?

() 1 time per week or more

() 1-2 times per month

() once every few months

() 1-2 times per year or less

f. Do you ever visit the HFR specifically because no leash is required for your dog(s)?

___Yes No___

g. Do you believe that the rule requiring dogs be kept under voice control is working?

___Yes No___ Don't Know___

h. On any of your visits to the HFR, have you ever been bothered by dogs, including any possible impacts from dogs?

___Yes No___

If Yes, please explain the nature of the disturbance or impact:

i. Do you believe that the BLM should implement a more restrictive dog policy?

___Yes No___

If Yes, please explain what you feel should be done:

j. Please indicate the degree to which you would support or oppose each of the following:

	Strongly Support Oppose	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
a. require all dogs to be on leash	()	()	()	()	()
b. prohibit dogs from the HFR	()	()	()	()	()
c. allow dogs only on weekdays	()	()	()	()	()

k. If the policy on dogs were to be made more restrictive, would you be more likely or less likely to visit the area?

___ More likely Less likely ___ No change ___

15. What did you like **most** about your trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve?

16. What did you like **least** about your trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve?

17. Did this trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve meet your expectations?

Yes

No

Please explain: _____

Finally, in order to make comparisons with visitors to other similar areas, we would like some general information about you. All information is anonymous and will not be identified with your name.

18. Do you belong to any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Hiking clubs or organizations
- Sportsman clubs or organizations
- Conservation or environmental organizations
- Historical/cultural groups or organizations

19. What is your age? _____ years

20. Your gender? Male Female

21. Are you Hispanic or Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)

- Yes No

22. Please select the racial category or categories with which you most closely identify. Check as many as apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

23. What is the highest level of education you have attained? (circle one.)

Grade School High School College Graduate School

24. Are you currently a student?

- Yes ----- full time or part time
 No

25. So that the BLM can know where most of their Headwaters visitors come from, please provide your postal zip code.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Space is provided on the next page for any additional comments you would like to make.

Are there any other issues that Headwaters Forest Reserve managers need to address or any other comments you would like to make about the area and its management?

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