

McKenzie River Visitor Survey



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Survey Number: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

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These questions ask about your recreational visit to the McKenzie River area today.

1. How long is this visit to the McKenzie River area?

____ Number of hours **if less than 24 hours (go to question 4)**

OR

____ Number of days **if 24 hours or more (go to question 2)**

2. If your trip is more than one day, where are you staying while visiting the McKenzie River?

developed Forest Service campground

private residence

motel

Other (please specify: _____)

3. How many days will you spend during this trip within 50 miles of here?

_____ days

4. On this visit, how many people (adults and children) are in your group, including yourself?

____ Number of people in your personal group.

5. Where did you start your river trip today?

6. On this visit to the McKenzie River, were you and your personal group with any of the following types of groups?

Outfitted and/or guided group

Yes

No

School/educational group

Yes

No

Other organized group

Yes

No

(such as business or Scout group, etc.)

7. On **this** visit to the McKenzie River, what activities did you and/or your group participate in?
(Check all that apply.) .)

- fishing from a boat
- fishing from the river bank
- whitewater boating
- trail running
- Swimming/water play
- Wildlife viewing/birdwatching
- Self-reflection/meditation
- Other (please specify): _____

8. What type of boat do you typically use on this stretch of the McKenzie River? (mark one)

- Inflatable kayak
- Raft
- Hard-shell kayak
- Drift boat
- Other (please specify: _____)

9. Please indicate how your recreation experience in the McKenzie River area today affected you.

To what extent did this experience...	Not at all							Very much
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Lead you to feel relaxed and refreshed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Help you connect with family and friends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Help you connect with new people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Help you escape your daily life and its demands	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Reduce the stress you feel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Increase your happiness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Increase your self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Enhance your sense of yourself and who you are	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Provide inspiration through the area's natural beauty	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Enhance your outdoor skills	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Provide adventure, thrill, and excitement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Enhance your sense of freedom and independence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Improve your overall quality of life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Improve you physical health	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Bring back good memories by visiting places you've been to before	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Help you feel connected to the natural world	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Strengthen your desire to take care of this forest area	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Motivate you to do volunteer work in your community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

These questions ask how different things you may have encountered affected the quality of your recreational visit to the McKenzie River area today.

10. How long did you have to wait at the put-in before you could launch today?

- Did not have to wait at all
- 1 to 5 minutes
- 6 to 10 minutes
- 11 to 15 minutes
- 16 to 20 minutes
- More than 20 minutes

11. What percent of the time were you in sight of groups of other boaters today?

- None
- 1-5
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 29
- 30 to 49
- 50 to 69
- 70 to 89
- 90-100

12. Approximately how many groups of boaters did you encounter on the river today?

- None
- 1-5
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 15
- 16 to 20
- more than 20

13. Please indicate how crowded you felt in the following locations during this visit to the McKenzie River. If an item does not apply to your trip, please circle "NA."

	Not at all Crowded		Slightly Crowded		5	Moderately Crowded		Extremely Crowded		NA
	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	
While boating on the river	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NA
At rapids	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NA
At the put-in	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	NA
At the take-out										

14. Please indicate whether (and if so, how often) you have ever done each of the following in reference to the McKenzie River.

	Ever Done?		If so, how often?				
	No	Yes	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Usually	Always
Visit earlier or later in the season to avoid seeing other people	No	Yes	1	2	3	4	5
Visit on weekdays to avoid weekend crowds	No	Yes	1	2	3	4	5
Go to trails that are less crowded	No	Yes	1	2	3	4	5
Avoid places that have limits on the amount of use	No	Yes	1	2	3	4	5
Go to other areas where you are less likely to see other people	No	Yes	1	2	3	4	5

15. The following characteristics of recreational areas can influence the quality of a trip. For each item you noticed, please indicate (1 to 7) how they affected your wilderness experience **on this trip**. If you did not notice an item, circle "nn."

	Not Noticed	How much of a problem was it?					Big	
		Not at all	Slight	Moderate	Big			
Conflict between boaters and anglers	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Large numbers of day users	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rules that restrict where people can camp	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Area rules/regulations not adequately enforced	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Trampled areas where people have camped or walked	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Large groups	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Large numbers of overnight users	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Inconsiderate behavior by other visitors	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Litter left behind by visitors	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Too many rules or regulations	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Human waste	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Contact with a wilderness ranger or volunteer	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Having to fill out a permit or registration form	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Commercially outfitted or guided parties	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Conflict between anglers	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Having to stop to let others get out of the way at rapids	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Having to pass up good fishing spots because other anglers are there	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The number of kayakers on the river	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
the number of rafters on the river	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The number of drift boaters on the river	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The number of shore anglers	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Erosion at popular stopping points	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Presence of human waste or toilet paper	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lack of adequate parking at launches	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Special events, such as marathons, on the McKenzie River Trail	nn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

These questions ask for your views about how recreational use should be managed on the McKenzie River.

16.. The following is a list of management actions that might be taken along the McKenzie River. Please indicate your support or opposition for each.

	Strongly Favor	Favor	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Provide more information to visitors about appropriate behavior	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Provide new permanent toilets	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Educate visitors about trespass on private land	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Limit the number of boaters if necessary to protect fish	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Increase parking at existing boat landings	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Limit group size	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Add more river rangers for enforcement	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Begin charging user fees to offset management costs.	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Limit the number of boaters if most visitors feel crowded	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Increase the number of outfitter-guide trips	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Construct more boat landings	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Limit the number of anglers	+2	+1	0	-1	-2
Reduce the number of outfitter-guide boating/fishing trips	+2	+1	0	-1	-2

17. What is the maximum amount of time it is acceptable to wait at the put-in for other boaters to launch on this stretch of the McKenzie River?

___ minutes

OR

___ time in sight of other boaters matters to me, but I can't specify a number

___ time in sight of other boaters doesn't matter to me.

18. What is the maximum amount of time it is acceptable to be in sight of other boaters while boating on this stretch of the McKenzie River?

0 - 10—20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100 Percent of the time

OR

__ time in sight of other boaters matters to me, but I can't specify a number

__ time in sight of other boaters doesn't matter to me.

19. If McKenzie River managers were to base their decisions about use limits on the opinions of users, what is your opinion about the maximum **number of groups** per day it is acceptable to see on this stretch of the river? (Mark one.)

The number of other groups I see doesn't matter to me.

The number of groups I see matters to me, but I can't specify a number.

The maximum number of groups per day in this area should be:

0—2—4—6—8—10—12—14—16—18—20—22—24—26—28—30—32—34—36—38—40-->40

(Make a mark on the line)

20. Do you feel that a limit is needed on the number of people using boating on this stretch of the McKenzie River, recognizing that your own opportunity to visit might be limited in the future?

Yes, a limit is needed now to LOWER current use

Yes, a limit is needed now to HOLD at current use

No limit is needed now, but should be imposed in the future when overuse occurs

No limit needed now or in the future

Individual and Socio-Demographic Questions

The following questions ask for some information about you so we can describe the types of people who recreate on the McKenzie River.

21. How important is the McKenzie River to you as a place to recreate? (Mark one.)

22. What year were you born? _____

23. Are you Male or Female?

24. What is your zip code? _____

25. How far do you live from this stretch of the McKenzie River?

_____ miles

26. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed? (Mark one.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than high school | <input type="radio"/> Two-year college degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Some high school | <input type="radio"/> Four-year college degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High school graduate | <input type="radio"/> Masters Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Vocational/trade school certificate | <input type="radio"/> Ph.D., M.D., J.D., or equivalent |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college | |

27. How many times have you visited this section of the McKenzie river for recreation before this trip?

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Never. (First trip.) | <input type="radio"/> 11-15 | <input type="radio"/> 51-100 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1-5 | <input type="radio"/> 16-20 | <input type="radio"/> More than 100 |
| <input type="radio"/> 6-10 | <input type="radio"/> 21-50 | |

28. What year did you first visit this part of the McKenzie River for recreation?

Economic Valuation

29. For the following categories, please estimate how much you personally will spend for your entire trip within 50 miles of here. Please include advance payments, such as for lodging or guides.

- \$___ Motel, lodge, cabin, B&B, etc.
- \$___ Camping
- \$___ Restaurants & Bars
- \$___ Groceries
- \$___ Gasoline & Oil
- \$___ Local Transportation (bus, shuttle, etc.)
- \$___ Recreation & Entertainment (include guide fees and tips, equipment rental)
- \$___ Equipment, souvenirs, clothing, & other miscellaneous purchases

30. In total how much did you personally spend on this entire trip, from the time you left home until you return home?

\$_____