



# The Whole Enchilada Trail

## US Forest Service: Conditions, User Experience & Comment Survey 2019

The Whole Enchilada (WE) is a multi-trail system that spans across 30 miles of diverse landscapes, ecosystems, and federal land management jurisdictions. While the trail is multiple use—hiker, biker, equestrian and some portions of motorized vehicles—the trail is predominantly used by mountain bikers and is among the nation’s preeminent mountain bike trails. This trail has increased in popularity and is receiving heavy use, especially in October. This survey is intended to gauge public sentiment about conditions, use, experience and management of the trail. The results will be used by the US Forest Service to help better manage the Whole Enchilada trail and provide a more enjoyable user experience.

Please answer the following 20 questions:

- 1) How would you describe your user group/activity? Check one that applies to your visit to the Whole Enchilada (WE) trail system:
- Hiker/Runner    Biker    Equestrian  
 Backpacker    Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Please rate your current experience level in selected activity:
- Beginner    Novice  
 Intermediate    Advanced    Expert  
 Professional/

How many times have you ever accessed the Whole Enchilada trail system in 2018?

- 1    2    3    4-6    7-10    10+   3a) And in 2019?    1    2    3    4-6    7-10    10+

- 4) What Whole Enchilada trail head did you begin at today? Check one:
- Geyser Pass/Burro    Hazard County    Kokopelli/Jimmy Keen    UPS    LPS  
 Porcupine Rim (P-Rim)    Don't know/ Can't remember
- 5) How did you access the Whole Enchilada trail head today? Check one:
- Hike    Bike    Personal Car    Commercial Shuttle Vehicle    Horse/Stock    Other \_\_\_\_\_

6) What did you **like the most** about your Whole Enchilada (WE) experience?  
\_\_\_\_\_

7) What did you **like the least** about your Whole Enchilada (WE) experience?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8) What is one thing you would have the US Forest Service change about the trail system or the way it is managed?  
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9) How did you find the conditions while on USFS sections of the Whole Enchilada: Geysers Pass Road, Burro Pass Trail and Hazard County? **1=very unacceptable, 2=unacceptable 3=neither unacceptable nor acceptable (Neutral) 4=acceptable, and 5=Very acceptable N/A=Not Applicable**

	Very Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Neutral	Acceptable	Very Acceptable	Not Applicable
	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Quiet/Solitude	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conditions of the roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restroom facilities (cleanliness/wait time)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trash/human waste near parking lot/trailhead	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trailhead/kiosk information (quality and quantity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information & ease of booking shuttle transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Value received for commercial shuttle fees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of commercial shuttle services (Quantity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpfulness/friendliness of commercial shuttle services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of information about WE (In town, online or outside the USFS?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trash/Human waste on or nearby trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Directional signage along trail (Quantity?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crowding on or along trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crowding at trailheads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Posting of USFS rules & regulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compliance of Rules & Regulations (Did you notice other users following USFS rules/regulations?)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall condition of WE trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall experience on the WE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10) Did any of the conditions listed in Question 9 negatively affect your experience on USFS lands? If so, which and how so?

11) Did you find any aspect of your visit/time on the forest to be crowded?

Yes  No (Skip Question #12)  Don't Care (Skip Question #12)

12) Did your perception of crowding affect your recreation experience?  Yes  No  
 following user groups? If yes, was the encounter negative, neutral or positive? On a scale of 1 to 5, 1

being negative and 5 being positive, please rate your interaction with each user group you encountered:

	Encountered?		If encountered, effect on experience:				
	No	YES	Negative	Neutral	Positive		
			1	2	3	4	5
Hikers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail Runners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Backpackers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equestrians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bikers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e-Bikers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorcycles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Group A				Group B				Group C				Group D			
Photo Number	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Not crowded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slightly crowded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crowded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Very Crowded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14) From the photos presented, please rate each group of pictures--mark only one per column in each group:

15) During the peak season, the Whole Enchilada receives an average of 150-200 mountain bike riders per day. The highest day was just under 600 riders beginning at Burro Pass. Given your experience and your preference, should use on this trail be:

Significantly less  Slightly less  About the same (no change)  
 Slightly more  Significantly more

16) On a peak day, Geysers Pass Road may have 20-30 commercial shuttle vehicles before 12 pm. That does not include those shuttling themselves. The total number of vehicles on a peak day may be upwards of 60-100 vehicles. Do you feel that this road should or could have:

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Significantly less traffic  Slightly less traffic  About the same (no change)

17) How would you feel about these managerial actions to protect natural resources, limit use, and/or mitigate social impacts such as crowding and user encounters or conflicts?

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	Very unacceptable	Unacceptable	Neutral	Acceptable	Very acceptable	Do not know
	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Additional fees to access or ride WE?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fee for public parking at WE trailhead?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instituting a mandatory permit system, unlimited but with fee?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instituting a mandatory permit system, limited but free?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal opening and closing dates? (i.e. July 1 <sup>st</sup> to October 31 <sup>st</sup> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased USFS presence/patrols on trail?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased restrictions on current commercial use? (i.e. limit of shuttles run or limit of total riders shuttled per day)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restricting further future commercial use? (i.e. no additional shuttles or guided tours)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing commercial outfitters/shuttle services?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional fee (per rider) for shuttle vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dedicated time slots for shuttle service departures?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No mountain bike days (i.e. Tuesday-Thursday)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limit total amount of mountain bikes per day?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Set use limits for all user groups per day? (i.e. bikers=500, hikers=100)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dedicated time slots for different use groups? (i.e. bikers; 6-12pm, hikers/equestrians; 12 pm onward)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alternating use days? (i.e. bikers on even days, hikers/equestrian on odd days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow class 1, pedal assisted e-Bikes on WE? (i.e. to increase user accessibility)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow class 1 pedal assisted e-Bikes on trails other than the WE?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementing more sustainable trail work? (building more bridges, armored switchbacks, re-routes, less steep and more flowing trail (where applicable))	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Separate user groups by using bypass trails?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18) What would be the most you would be willing to pay, in US Dollars, for the following:  
 (All fees would help fund maintenance and improvement *solely* on the Whole Enchilada trail system)

Public parking fee	Daily Permit Fee	Additional shuttle fee (per rider)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5-7 <input type="checkbox"/> \$8-10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5-7 <input type="checkbox"/> \$8-10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5-7 <input type="checkbox"/> \$8-10

19) Have you ever not been able to, or chosen not to, access the WE trail system because of crowding or limited shuttle service? Yes No If YES, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you go somewhere else to do the same activity? Yes No

20)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female Prefer not to answer Zip Code of primary residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your party, including yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other comments?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help!

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