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SALMON RIVER SURVEY: NORTH FORK TO CORN CREEK

VISITOR SURVEY



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1. **How long have you been visiting the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek?**
 - This is my first visit
 - Less than 1 year
 - The past 1 to 5 years
 - The past 6 to 10 years
 - More than 10 years

2. **My primary activity during this visit to the Salmon River was...(select only one, please)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing (motorized watercraft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing (non-motorized watercraft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing (from shore)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Floating (motorized watercraft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving for pleasure
<input type="checkbox"/> Floating (non-motorized watercraft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____)

3. **The type and duration of this visit to the Salmon River was... (choose one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Day-use (# _____hrs.)	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight (# _____ nights)
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4. **How many vehicles did you/your group take to travel to the Salmon River on this visit?**
 Number of vehicles _____

5. **Did you go boating on the Salmon River during this visit?**
 - Yes No (go to Question #6)

- 5a. **If yes, where did you start and end this trip on the Salmon River?**
Put in point (choose one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Deadwater	<input type="checkbox"/> Cove Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Squaw Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Cache Bar
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____)

Take out point (choose one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Squaw Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Cache Bar
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> Cove Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____)

- 5b. **If yes, what type of boat(s) did your party use on the Salmon River? (select all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized raft or drift boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-up paddle board
<input type="checkbox"/> Motorized boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoe, kayak, or single-person raft
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____)	

- 5c. **If yes, how many different boats/crafts did your party use on the Salmon River?**
 Number of craft _____

6. **The section of the Salmon River from North Fork to Corn Creek is designated as "Wild and Scenic". Are you aware of this fact?**
 - Yes No

7. **Did you know that the National Wild & Scenic River Act strives to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations?**
 Yes No

RIVER VALUES

8. **How important do you believe each of the following is as a purpose of the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek. (select one answer for each statement)**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important
Outdoor recreation	()	()	()	()
Fisheries and a diversity of fish species	()	()	()	()
Economic value for tourism and guiding	()	()	()	()
Native American use (for example – religious activities, fishing, gathering)	()	()	()	()
Economic value for mineral extraction	()	()	()	()
Quiet and natural sounds	()	()	()	()
Solitude	()	()	()	()
Agricultural livelihoods and lifestyles	()	()	()	()
Watershed protection & water quality	()	()	()	()
Wildlife habitat and a diversity of animal species	()	()	()	()
Exploration of Native American history and culture (for example – pictographs)	()	()	()	()
Scenery / scenic landscapes	()	()	()	()
Geologic features	()	()	()	()
Exploration of European history and cultural heritage (for example – homesteading and mining)	()	()	()	()
A visitor experience free from rules and regulations	()	()	()	()
Subsistence activities (for example - hunting and fishing for food)	()	()	()	()
A spontaneous trip that does not require much planning	()	()	()	()

9. **Have you noticed any positive or negative changes on the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek in the last five years? If you have, please describe the changes below.**

Cannot answer, this is my first visit (or it has been over five years since my last visit)

Please describe any effects below.

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

SOCIAL PERCEPTIONS

10. **We would like to find out what human-related factors affected the quality of your visitor experience. Please rate each social aspect of this trip: (select one answer for each statement)**

Items	Not A Problem	Slight Problem	Moderate Problem	Serious Problem	Did Not Observe/Not Applicable
Seeing non-motorized boats on the river	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing motor boats on the river	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing people on the river, regardless of their activity	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing large groups (6+) on the river	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing commercial groups on the river	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing traffic on the road next to the river	()	()	()	()	()
The noise made from motor boats	()	()	()	()	()
The noise made from road traffic	()	()	()	()	()
The behavior of visitors	()	()	()	()	()
Availability of campsites	()	()	()	()	()
Parking congestion	()	()	()	()	()
The amount of time that you had to wait to get on the river	()	()	()	()	()

11. **How did your experience with these social aspects during your visit compare with what you expected? (select one answer for each statement)**

	I had no expectations	Far less than expected	Somewhat less than expected	As expected	Somewhat more than expected	Far More than expected
Number of non-motorized boats seen	()	()	()	()	()	()
Number of motor boats seen	()	()	()	()	()	()
Number of people seen	()	()	()	()	()	()
Number of large groups seen	()	()	()	()	()	()
Number of commercial groups seen	()	()	()	()	()	()
Amount of road traffic	()	()	()	()	()	()
Noise from motor boats	()	()	()	()	()	()
Noise from road traffic	()	()	()	()	()	()
Behavior of visitors	()	()	()	()	()	()
Availability of campsites	()	()	()	()	()	()
Parking congestion	()	()	()	()	()	()
Amount of wait time to get on the river	()	()	()	()	()	()

12. **How likely is it that the presence of too many people would cause you to change your next trip to the Salmon River corridor between North Fork and Corn Creek?** *(select one)*

- Not at all likely (skip to question #13)
- Slightly likely
- Somewhat likely
- Quite likely
- Extremely likely

12a. **If the number of people would cause you to change your next trip, what do you intend to change on your next visit?** *(select all that apply)*

- Select a different starting time
- Switch days of the week
- Pick a different season of the year
- Choose another river - which one: _____
- Other action - please explain: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL PERCEPTIONS

13. **We would like to find out what environmental conditions affect the quality of your visitor experience. Please rate each aspect that you encountered on this trip:** *(select one answer for each statement)*

Items	Not A Problem	Slight Problem	Moderate Problem	Serious Problem	Did Not Observe
Amount of litter / trash	()	()	()	()	()
Evidence from pets / animals	()	()	()	()	()
Impacts to vegetation	()	()	()	()	()
Soil erosion	()	()	()	()	()
Non-native plants	()	()	()	()	()
Water pollution	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing private residential development	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing commercial tourism development such as resorts	()	()	()	()	()
Seeing mining activity and development	()	()	()	()	()

Items	Not A Problem	Slight Problem	Moderate Problem	Serious Problem	Did Not Observe
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14. **How did your experience with these environmental aspects during your visit compare with what you expected?** *(select one answer for each statement)*

Items	I had no expectations	Far less than expected	Somewhat less than expected	As expected	Somewhat more than expected	Far More than expected
Amount of litter / trash	()	()	()	()	()	()
Evidence from pets / animals	()	()	()	()	()	()
Impacts to vegetation	()	()	()	()	()	()
Soil erosion	()	()	()	()	()	()
Non-native plants	()	()	()	()	()	()
Water pollution	()	()	()	()	()	()
The amount of private residential development	()	()	()	()	()	()
The amount of commercial tourism development such as resorts	()	()	()	()	()	()
The amount of mining activity and development	()	()	()	()	()	()

FACILITIES, POLICIES, & MANAGEMENT ISSUES

15. **We would like to find out your opinions on facilities related to the Salmon River. Please rate the quality of each of the following:** *(select one answer for each statement)*

Statements	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not applicable
The number of educational programs and services	()	()	()	()	()
The number of interpretive signs	()	()	()	()	()
The amount of recreation facilities such as restrooms and parking spaces	()	()	()	()	()
Restroom cleanliness	()	()	()	()	()
Parking availability at the access sites	()	()	()	()	()
Condition of launch ramps at access sites	()	()	()	()	()
Condition of picnic tables and campgrounds	()	()	()	()	()
Condition of road along the river.	()	()	()	()	()

Statements	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not applicable
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16. **We would like to find out your opinions on policies and management related to the Salmon River and the social experience. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement: (select one answer for each statement)**

Statements	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I believe there is room for tourism growth in the river corridor	()	()	()	()	()
If people feel crowded, use limits should be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
If visitor-caused resource impacts are high, use limits should be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
Use limits should never be imposed, even if use is high	()	()	()	()	()
To protect scenery, easements that prevent more human development should be negotiated	()	()	()	()	()
If needed to <u>protect river flows and wildlife habitat</u> , restrictions on irrigation and water consumption should be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
If needed to <u>protect river flows and boating opportunities</u> , restrictions on irrigation and water consumption should be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
If needed to <u>protect river flows and fishing opportunities</u> , restrictions on irrigation and water consumption should be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
Restrictions on irrigation and water consumption should never be imposed	()	()	()	()	()
Changes in technology that allow motor boats to access the river at lower flows are problematic	()	()	()	()	()

17. **How important is each of these statements to your acceptance of management decisions on the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek? (select one answer for each statement)**

Statements	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
The decision helps support the local community	()	()	()	()	()
The decision has clearly stated objectives	()	()	()	()	()
Science plays a role in the management decisions	()	()	()	()	()
The decision is based on economic	()	()	()	()	()

Statements	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
consequences					
The decision is based on environmental consequences	()	()	()	()	()
The decision maintains access for recreation	()	()	()	()	()
The decision maintains protects natural resources over human use	()	()	()	()	()

18. **Over time, how has your trust in the federal agency managing the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek changed? (choose one)**

- Diminished
- Has not changed
- Improved
- Don't know
- Not applicable

18a. Please describe why your trust of the management agency has or has not changed:

DEMOGRAPHICS

19. **Your gender:**
 Man Woman Other

20. **What is your age?**
 18-24 55-64
 25-44 65+
 45-54

21. **How many people are in your group today, including yourself?**
 Adults (18 and older): _____
 Children (under 18): _____

22. **Your ZIP code:** _____

23. **Please indicate which ethnic / racial group you most closely identify with: (check all that apply)**
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
24. **Are you Hispanic or Latino?**
 Yes No
25. **Which category best represents your annual household income (before taxes) last year?**
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more | |
26. **Do you have any recommendations for planning or managing the Salmon River between North Fork and Corn Creek? If so, please explain in the space below:**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

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