White Sandy Recreation Site
Visitor Survey

Introduction

In order for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), and better meet the needs of the public; a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at 22 BLM recreation sites in 12 states during fiscal year 2014 (FY14). The survey was developed to measure each site’s performance related to BLM GPRA Goal 3.1 - Provide for a quality recreation experience, including access, and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources on DOI managed and partnered lands and waters; and Goal 3.2 - Provide for and receive fair value in recreation. The information collected during the survey will also help the BLM better serve the public. The survey collected visitor satisfaction data regarding visitor information (i.e., use of maps, signs, brochures), developed facilities, managing recreation use, resource management, BLM staff and customer service, and educational and interpretive materials.

The results of the visitor satisfaction survey conducted at White Sandy Recreation Site are summarized in this data report. A description of the research methods and limitations can be found on the next page. Below (left) is a graph summarizing visitor opinions of the "overall quality of recreation experience." The satisfaction measure next to this graph is a combined percentage of "good" and "very good" responses. This is the primary performance measure for GPRA Goal 3.1 and should be used for reporting performance for this goal (NOTE: the satisfaction measure may not equal the sum of "very good" and "good" percentages due to rounding).

The response rate for this site survey was 18%. The graph and satisfaction measure summarizing visitor opinions of the "value for fee paid", which is the primary performance measure for GPRA Goal 3.2, can be found on page 9.

Overall quality of recreation experience
FY14: 63 respondents

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FY14 GPRA Satisfaction Measure
Percentage of site visitors satisfied overall with appropriate facilities, services, and recreational opportunities:

98%

Satisfaction measure: 98%
Average evaluation score: 4.5

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Understanding the Results

Inside this report are graphs that illustrate the survey results. The report contains 8 categories of data regarding BLM amenities, staff, and services plus selected demographics. Within these categories are graphs for each indicator evaluated by site visitors. For example, the Visitor Information category includes indicators such as “providing useful maps and brochures,” “adequate signs on site for direction,” and so forth. In each category there is a graph entitled “Everything Considered”. This graph is the basis for determining visitor satisfaction for each category and GPRA reporting numbers.

Each graph includes the following information:

- The number of visitor responses for the indicator;
- The percentage of responses which were "very good," "good," "average," "poor," and "very poor;"
- A "satisfaction measure" that combines the percentage of total responses which were "very good" or "good;" and
- An average evaluation score (mean score) based on the following values: very poor= 1, poor= 2, average= 3, good= 4, very good= 5.

![Average evaluation score graph]

- The higher the average evaluation score, the more positive the visitor response
- Graph percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding

Research Methods

Surveys were distributed to a random sample of visitors at this site during a selected period in FY14. The survey response rate is described on the first page of this report, meaning that 18% of those randomly sampled responded to the survey. The data reflect visitor opinions about this site’s facilities, management, services, educational opportunities, and fees during the survey period. Visitor activities and selected demographics were also captured. A representative sample of the general visitor population were surveyed at selected locations. The results do not necessarily apply to visitors during other times of the year, or visitors who did not visit the survey locations on site.

Returned surveys were electronically scanned and the data analyzed. Frequency distributions were calculated for each indicator and category.

All percentage calculations were rounded to the nearest percent.

The survey response rate is described on the first page of this report. The sample size (n) varies from figure to figure, depending on the number of responses.

Caution is advised when interpreting any data with a sample size of less than 30. In such cases, the word “CAUTION!” is included in the graph. This report excludes any indicator with less than 10 responses.

For most indicators, the survey data are expected to be accurate with in ± 6% with 95% confidence. This means that if different samples had been drawn, the results would have been similar (±6%) 95 out of 100 times.
Ensuring public awareness of rules and regulations
FY14: 63 respondents

- Very good: 37%
- Good: 51%
- Average: 13%
- Poor: 0%
- Very poor: 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 87%
Average evaluation score: 4.2

Providing useful maps and brochures
FY14: 54 respondents

- Very good: 33%
- Good: 52%
- Average: 11%
- Poor: 4%
- Very poor: 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 85%
Average evaluation score: 4.1

Providing useful information on the Internet
FY14: 45 respondents

- Very good: 31%
- Good: 49%
- Average: 18%
- Poor: 2%
- Very poor: 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 80%
Average evaluation score: 4.1

Providing adequate signs on site for direction and orientation
FY14: 69 respondents

- Very good: 49%
- Good: 44%
- Average: 7%
- Poor: 0%
- Very poor: 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 90%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

Everything considered: quality of BLM visitor information
FY14: 65 respondents

- Very good: 40%
- Good: 57%
- Average: 3%
- Poor: 0%
- Very poor: 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 97%
Average evaluation score: 4.4
The results of the visitor satisfaction survey conducted at White Sandy Recreation Site are summarized in the following graphs and tables:

**Maintaining roads for motorized vehicles**
- FY14: 71 respondents
- Satisfaction measure: 90%
- Average evaluation score: 4.4

**Maintaining trails for non-motorized use**
- FY14: 46 respondents
- Satisfaction measure: 80%
- Average evaluation score: 4.2

**Maintaining a clean site**
- FY14: 71 respondents
- Satisfaction measure: 93%
- Average evaluation score: 4.6

**Maintaining cleanliness of restrooms and other physical facilities**
- FY14: 68 respondents
- Satisfaction measure: 90%
- Average evaluation score: 4.5

**Everything considered: overall condition of developed facilities**
- FY14: 71 respondents
- Satisfaction measure: 90%
- Average evaluation score: 4.5
Managing the appropriate use of vehicles  
FY14: 66 respondents  
- Very good: 45%  
- Good: 42%  
- Average: 12%  
- Poor: 0%  
- Very poor: 0%  
FY14  
Satisfaction measure: 88%  
Average evaluation score: 4.3  

Managing the number of people  
FY14: 67 respondents  
- Very good: 48%  
- Good: 48%  
- Average: 7%  
- Poor: 0%  
- Very poor: 0%  
FY14:  
Satisfaction measure: 93%  
Average evaluation score: 4.4  

Keeping noise at appropriate levels  
FY14: 68 respondents  
- Very good: 41%  
- Good: 49%  
- Average: 10%  
- Poor: 0%  
- Very poor: 0%  
FY14  
Satisfaction measure: 90%  
Average evaluation score: 4.3  

Providing sufficient law enforcement presence to prevent crime  
FY14: 61 respondents  
- Very good: 30%  
- Good: 49%  
- Average: 8%  
- Poor: 5%  
- Very poor: 2%  
FY14:  
Satisfaction measure: 85%  
Average evaluation score: 4.1  

Everything considered: visitor and recreation management  
FY14: 69 respondents  
- Very good: 48%  
- Good: 48%  
- Average: 6%  
- Poor: 0%  
- Very poor: 0%  
FY14:  
Satisfaction measure: 94%  
Average evaluation score: 4.4
White Sandy Recreation Site
Resource Management

Adequately protecting the natural resources

FY14: 67 respondents

Rating

Proportion of respondents

Very good 34%
Good 57%
Average 9%
Poor 0%
Very poor 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 91%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

Ensuring that visitor activities do not infringe on resource protection

FY14: 56 respondents

Rating

Proportion of respondents

Very good 38%
Good 54%
Average 11%
Poor 0%
Very poor 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 89%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

Adequately protecting the cultural resources

FY14: 48 respondents

Rating

Proportion of respondents

Very good 42%
Good 46%
Average 13%
Poor 0%
Very poor 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 88%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

Everything considered: BLM protection of natural and cultural resources

FY14: 68 respondents

Rating

Proportion of respondents

Very good 37%
Good 48%
Average 15%
Poor 0%
Very poor 0%

FY14: Satisfaction measure: 85%
Average evaluation score: 4.2
**Staff treated me courteously**

FY14: 61 respondents

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FY14: Satisfaction measure: 92%
Average evaluation score: 4.6

**Staff demonstrated knowledge about the natural and cultural resources in the area**

FY14: 47 respondents

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FY14: Satisfaction measure: 98%
Average evaluation score: 4.7

**Staff demonstrated knowledge about recreational opportunities in the area**

FY14: 56 respondents

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FY14: Satisfaction measure: 91%
Average evaluation score: 4.6

**Everything considered: performance of BLM staff**

FY14: 61 respondents

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FY14: Satisfaction measure: 90%
Average evaluation score: 4.6
Providing *quality* educational and interpretive material about the resources at this site

- **FY14:** 34 respondents
  - Very good: 32%
  - Good: 44%
  - Average: 21%
  - Poor: 0%
  - Very poor: 3%

*FY14* Satisfaction measure: 76%
Average evaluation score: 4

Providing stewardship information on how to protect the cultural and natural resources

- **FY14:** 30 respondents
  - Very good: 33%
  - Good: 43%
  - Average: 23%
  - Poor: 0%
  - Very poor: 0%

*FY14* Satisfaction measure: 77%
Average evaluation score: 4.1

Providing a sufficient *quantity* of educational and interpretive materials about the resources at this site

- **FY14:** 29 respondents
  - Very good: 34%
  - Good: 41%
  - Average: 21%
  - Poor: 0%
  - Very poor: 3%

*FY14* Satisfaction measure: 76%
Average evaluation score: 4

Everything considered: interpretive and educational program

- **FY14:** 33 respondents
  - Very good: 30%
  - Good: 52%
  - Average: 19%
  - Poor: 0%
  - Very poor: 0%

*FY14* Satisfaction measure: 82%
Average evaluation score: 4.1
### Total fees paid

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FY14: 71 respondents

### How appropriate was the fee charged for this site/area?

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FY14: 70 respondents

### The value of the recreation opportunity was at least equal to the fee asked to pay.

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FY14: 66 respondents

### Commercial Recreation Operations

### Quality of Commercial Services

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White Sandy Recreation Site
Primary Activities at this Site/Area

** Primary activities **
FY14: 71 respondents**

- Camping: 90%
- Fishing: 59%
- Hunting: 4%
- Target shooting: 3%
- Sightseeing: 15%
- Picnicking: 31%
- Hiking/walking: 38%
- Swimming: 54%
- Motorized boating: 54%
- Non-motorized boating/rafting: 15%
- Horseback riding: 1%
- Rock climbing: 3%
- Driving for pleasure: 13%
- Bicycling: 7%
- Motorized recreation vehicles: 13%
- Education and interpretation: 1%
- Birdwatching/wildlife viewing: 13%
- Other: 6%

** Proportion of respondents **

** Percentages do not equal 100 because visitors could choose more than one activity. **

Programs (interpretive, walk, tour, exhibit, presentations, etc.)

** Quality of program(s) attended **
FY14: 4 respondents

The chart for this question has been excluded because there were fewer than 10 responses. See page 2 for discussion regarding the required minimum response count.

FY14
Satisfaction measure: 25%
Average evaluation score: 2.8
Ability to adequately use the facilities
FY14: 19 respondents

Ability to access exhibits, waysides, etc.
FY14: 19 respondents

Ability to understand the messages
FY14: 18 respondents

Ability to use the services in this area
FY14: 18 respondents