

Appendix C

REC 2 – Recreation Visitor Survey Results, by Site

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground.

Q-1. Did you engage in any of the following activities during your visit?

Total # of Respondents	Activity	Frequency	Percent
94	Camping at a developed site	94	100.0
	Fishing	40	42.6
	Reservoir recreation	33	35.1
	Day use along a stream/river	6	6.4
	Day use or camping in undeveloped areas	2	2.1
	Day use at a developed site	0	-

Analytical Note: Multiple responses were accepted.

Q-2. What type of vehicle did you drive to this area?

Total # of Respondents	Type of Vehicle	Frequency	Percent
87	Car/SUV/Truck	79	90.8
	Camper/RV	7	8.0
	Motorcycle	0	-
	Multiple Vehicles	0	-
	Other	1	1.1

Q-3. How many people were in your vehicle?

Total # of Respondents	Average # of people	Standard Deviation	Range (min.-max.)	Total # of People	Frequency	Percent
90	2.7	1.6	1-13	1	11	12.2
				2	43	47.8
				3	14	15.6
				4 or more	22	24.4

Q-4. How many people in your group are in the following age categories?

Total # of Respondents	Total # of People in Group	Age Category	Percent
90	330	Under 18	16.1
		18 or over	83.9

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-5. How many and what types of vehicles and trailers did your **group** bring?

Total # of Respondents	Vehicle or Trailer	Frequency ¹	Percent ¹	Average # per group ²
87	Car/pickup/SUV	80	92.0	2.0
	Boat trailer	29	33.3	1.1
	Towed/Trailered Vehicle	10	11.5	1.3
	Motor home/RV	9	10.3	1.0
	Travel trailer	3	3.4	1.0
	OHV	2	2.3	1.0
	Motorcycle	1	1.1	2.0
	Utility trailer	1	1.1	1.0
	Horse trailer	0	-	-
	Other	0	-	-

¹Includes all responses.

²Includes only responses that provided the number of vehicles in their group.

Q-6. Your place of residence (zip code):

Total # of Respondents	County in California	Frequency	Percent
89	Placer	28	31.5
	El Dorado	19	21.3
	Sacramento	19	21.3
	Nevada	6	6.7
	Sonoma	4	4.5
	Alameda	2	2.2
	Contra Costa	2	2.2
	Yolo	2	2.2
	Mendocino	1	1.1
	Merced	1	1.1
	San Mateo	1	1.1
	Location outside of California	Frequency	Percent
	Washoe, NV	4	4.5

Analytical Note: Counties were determined using zip codes provided by the respondent.

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-7. What year were you born?

Total # of Respondents	Average Age (years)	Standard Deviation	Age Range (min.-max.)	Age Categories (years)	Frequency	Percent
84	45.5	13.8	17-82	24 or younger	6	7.1
				25-39	19	22.6
				40-64	53	63.1
				65 or older	6	7.1

Analytical Note: Ages were determined using birth years provided by the survey respondent.

Q-8. Which cultural or ethnic group do you most closely identify with?

Total # of Respondents	Cultural or Ethnic Group	Frequency	Percent
89	White/Caucasian	82	92.1
	Hispanic or Latino	3	3.4
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	1.1
	Black/African American	1	1.1
	Asian	0	-
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	-
	Other/Multi-racial	2	2.2

Q-9. What is your primary spoken language?

Total # of Respondents	Primary Language	Frequency	Percent
69	English	69	100.0

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-10. Identify the reasons why you chose this area to recreate?

Total # of Respondents	Primary Reason	Frequency	Percent
61	Lack of crowding	13	21.3
	Scenic quality of the area	13	21.3
	Recreational activities/opportunities in the area	10	16.4
	Access to lake/reservoir	9	14.8
	Close to home	6	9.8
	Access to river/stream	3	4.9
	Cost of facility access fee	1	1.6
	Presence of on-site manager/host	0	-
	Other	6	9.8

Analytical Note: Respondents were asked to indicate one primary reason for visiting the area. Thirty-three respondents either did not answer the question or provided multiple primary reasons. These responses were considered invalid and omitted from the analysis. Therefore the analysis is based on the 61 respondents who correctly answered the question.

Total # of Respondents	Secondary Reason	Frequency	Percent
62	Lack of crowding	29	46.8
	Scenic quality of the area	24	38.7
	Close to home	22	35.5
	Access to lake/reservoir	21	33.9
	Recreational activities/opportunities in the area	16	25.8
	Cost of facility access fee	15	24.2
	Access to river/stream	10	16.1
	Presence of on-site manager/host	0	-
	Other	3	4.8

Analytical Note: Multiple responses were accepted. Therefore the sum of the percentages exceeds 100%.

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued)..

Q-11. How important are each of the following facilities or amenities when choosing this area to recreate?

Facility/Amenity	Total # of Respondents	Possible Answers	Frequency	Percent
Developed campsites	89	Very Important	32	36.0
		Important	32	36.0
		Somewhat Important	16	18.0
		Not Important	9	10.1
Developed picnic sites	82	Very Important	15	18.3
		Important	21	25.6
		Somewhat Important	26	31.7
		Not Important	20	24.4
Flush restrooms	86	Very Important	15	17.4
		Important	20	23.3
		Somewhat Important	26	30.2
		Not Important	25	29.1
Drinking water	88	Very Important	39	44.3
		Important	33	37.5
		Somewhat Important	12	13.6
		Not Important	4	4.5
RV dump station	82	Very Important	7	8.5
		Important	8	9.8
		Somewhat Important	19	23.2
		Not Important	48	58.5
Boat launch ramps	88	Very Important	45	51.1
		Important	15	17.0
		Somewhat Important	11	12.5
		Not Important	17	19.3
River put-in/take-out	82	Very Important	13	15.9
		Important	15	18.3
		Somewhat Important	19	23.2
		Not Important	35	42.7
Hiking trails	85	Very Important	25	29.4
		Important	28	32.9
		Somewhat Important	15	17.6
		Not Important	17	20.0

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-11. How important are each of the following facilities or amenities when choosing this area to recreate (continued)?

Facility/Amenity	Total # of Respondents	Possible Answers	Frequency	Percent
OHV Trails	81	Very Important	18	22.2
		Important	13	16.0
		Somewhat Important	12	14.8
		Not Important	38	46.9
Mountain bike trails	79	Very Important	8	10.1
		Important	14	17.7
		Somewhat Important	17	21.5
		Not Important	40	50.6
Fishing access trails	84	Very Important	22	26.2
		Important	26	31.0
		Somewhat Important	9	10.7
		Not Important	27	32.1
Equestrian trails	76	Very Important	4	5.3
		Important	8	10.5
		Somewhat Important	10	13.2
		Not Important	54	71.1
Interpretive/ educational exhibits/information	76	Very Important	8	10.5
		Important	10	13.2
		Somewhat Important	25	32.9
		Not Important	33	43.4
Other	0	Very Important	-	-
		Important	-	-
		Somewhat Important	-	-
		Not Important	-	-

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-12. Identify the activities you engaged in, or expect to engage in, during your trip to this area.

Total # of Respondents	Primary Activity	Frequency	Percent
52	Camping in developed sites	19	36.5
	Reservoir fishing	17	32.7
	Hiking/walking	3	5.8
	OHV travel/use	3	5.8
	Stream swimming/water-play/sun bathing	3	5.8
	Driving for pleasure on roads	1	1.9
	Hunting	1	1.9
	Non-motorized reservoir boating (canoeing, kayaking, row boating)	1	1.9
	Relaxing	1	1.9
	Reservoir swimming/water-play/sun bathing	1	1.9
	Whitewater boating (rafting, kayaking, canoeing)	1	1.9
	Other	1	1.9

Analytical Note: Respondents were asked to indicate one primary activity. A total of 42 respondents either did not answer the question or provided multiple primary reasons. These responses were considered invalid and omitted from the analysis. Therefore the analysis is based on the fifty-two respondents who correctly answered the question.

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-12. Identify the activities you engaged in, or expect to engage in, during your trip to this area (continued).

Total # of Respondents	Secondary Activity	Frequency	Percent
52	Relaxing	23	44.2
	Hiking/walking	18	34.6
	Camping in developed sites	17	32.7
	Viewing wildlife, scenery photography, etc.	16	30.8
	Reservoir fishing	15	28.8
	Reservoir swimming/water-play/sun bathing	11	21.2
	Picnicking in developed sites	10	19.2
	Picnicking in undeveloped sites	6	11.5
	Stream fishing	6	11.5
	Driving for pleasure on roads	4	7.7
	OHV travel/use	4	7.7
	Bicycling on paved surfaces	3	5.8
	Mountain biking	3	5.8
	Camping in undeveloped sites	2	3.8
	Visiting historical/cultural sites	2	3.8
	Whitewater boating (rafting, kayaking, canoeing)	2	3.8
	Non-motorized reservoir boating (canoeing, kayaking, row boating)	1	1.9
	Plant gathering (berries, mushrooms, grasses, etc.)	1	1.9
Sailing	1	1.9	
Sports/games/field activities	1	1.9	
Stream swimming/water-play/sun bathing	1	1.9	

Analytical Note: Multiple responses were accepted. Therefore the sum of the percentages exceeds 100%.

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-13. Please rate the availability and adequacy of the following information resources.

Information Resources	Total # of Respondents	Possible Answers	Frequency	Percent
Interpretive/educational information	86	Acceptable	33	38.4
		Somewhat Acceptable	21	24.4
		Not Acceptable	9	10.5
		Not Applicable	23	26.7
Recreation visitor information	89	Acceptable	37	41.6
		Somewhat Acceptable	29	32.6
		Not Acceptable	10	11.2
		Not Applicable	13	14.6
Safety/warning information	87	Acceptable	48	55.2
		Somewhat Acceptable	25	28.7
		Not Acceptable	6	6.9
		Not Applicable	8	9.2
Reservoir water surface elevation information	84	Acceptable	38	45.2
		Somewhat Acceptable	24	28.6
		Not Acceptable	11	13.1
		Not Applicable	11	13.1
River/stream flow information	81	Acceptable	26	32.1
		Somewhat Acceptable	31	38.3
		Not Acceptable	9	11.1
		Not Applicable	15	18.5
Other	0	Acceptable	-	-
		Somewhat Acceptable	-	-
		Not Acceptable	-	-
		Not Applicable	-	-

Q-14. How would you rate your overall recreation experience?

Total # of Respondents	Possible Answers	Frequency	Percent
91	Very Satisfied	48	52.7
	Satisfied	36	39.6
	Somewhat Satisfied	5	5.5
	Unsatisfied	1	1.1
	Very Unsatisfied	1	1.1

Table C-1. General Visitor Survey Results – Section A-1 – Background Section – Big Meadows Campground (continued).

Q-15. Are there additional recreation facilities, amenities, or opportunities that would improve your recreation experience?

Total # of Respondents	Possible Answers	Frequency	Percent
69	Yes	21	30.4
	No	48	69.6

Of the twenty-one people who said “yes”, eighteen provided comments which are summarized below by category. Some respondents provided comments that described multiple categories; therefore the total number of comments exceeds the total number of respondents.

Facility/Amenity	Number of Comments	Percent of Total
Restrooms	6	27.3
Roads	5	22.7
More Developments	4	18.2
Showers	3	13.6
Boat Ramp Access	1	4.5
Campfires	1	4.5
Cost/Fees	1	4.5
Longer Season	1	4.5
Total	22	100.0