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# **NEVADA SCORP: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan**

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## **Today's Presentation**

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## **Purpose of the SCORP**

 Required every 5 years for National Park Service's Land & Water Conservation Funds, due Nov. 2021

- Evaluates the supply and demand of outdoor recreation resources and facilities.
- Identifies outdoor recreation issues and priorities
- Provides foundation for distribution of Federal funding for outdoor recreation
- Outlines overall status of outdoor recreation in Nevada

## Land & Water Conservation Fund

- The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act was established in 1964 in order to provide recreational opportunities for America's communities
- Funds the acquisition of lands and waters and the development of local parks, playgrounds, and other recreational spaces
- Uses earnings from offshore oil and gas leases; No taxpayer dollars
- In Nevada, the LWCF program is administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks as a pass-through grant from the National Park Service
- Eligible entities include local political subdivisions and Native-American tribal governments
- 50/50 match is required on all projects

### Nevada LWCF Funding 2002-2021

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## **2021 Discovery Process:**

#### **Outdoor Recreation Public Survey**

6,055 responses

#### **Outdoor Recreation Survey Part 2: How and Where We Recreate**

• 718 responses (48.55% response rate!)

#### Land Manager Survey

139 responses

#### **Asset Inventories**

- 26 State inventories
- 129 City/Municipal inventories

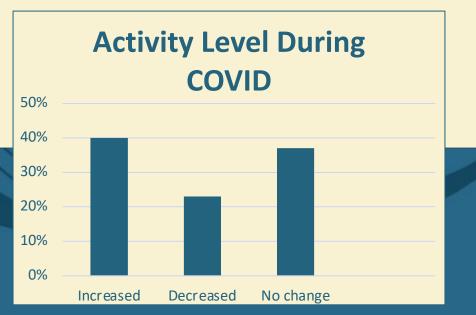
# **Early Results**

## **Demographics**

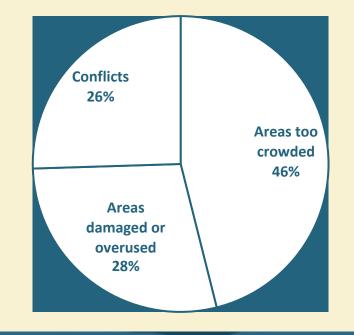
- White male
- 45 65 years old
- Bachelor's degree
- Family income \$100-149k
- No children under 18
- Has lived in Nevada for 21 35 years
- Lives in Washoe County
- Lives less than 1 mile from recreation opps
- No disability nor significant health issues

### **Active Outdoors**

- Spends 8+ hours per week active outdoors
- Usually recreates with one other person
- Identifies as "moderately active"



#### BARRIERS FROM ENJOYING OUTDOOR RECREATION



#### **Top 5 Activities:**

- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Bicycling (road, mtn, BMX)
- ✓ Swimming/water sports
- ✓ Fishing

#### **Top 5 Barriers:**

- ✓ Busy schedule
- Other entertainment options

Children

- ✓ Money/finances
- Lack of interest
- ✓ No open/natural spaces nearby

## **Disabilities**

**14%** with disability in the household

Do outdoor recreation facilities and/or public lands meet the needs of your disability?



(74%)

## **Priorities**

# Type of recreation areas for future investment where you live

(5,634 responses)

- #1 Dirt/soft surface walking trails & paths
- #2 Nature & wildlife viewing areas
- #3 Singletrack mountain bike trails

## **Priorities**

#### Focus for recreation resources (5,622 responses)

- #1 Acquire land to preserve open space
- #2 Develop or improve trails/trailheads
- #3 State or National Parks

## **Priorities**

Level of priority you personally place on allocating funding for parks, trails, open space and outdoor recreation facilities in Nevada? (5,630 responses)

High priority	66%
Medium priority	29%
Low priority	4%
Not a priority	1%

## Public Survey Part 2: How and Where You Recreate 718 responses (48.55% response rate!)

How do you learn about outdoor activities & events?

What technology do you use to support your outdoor activities?

Did you recreate one day or more in the different regions of Nevada?

## Land Manager Survey: (139 responses)

- Largest funding issues
- Largest management issues
- Programs offered
- Staffing levels adequate?
- How volunteers assist
- Priorities for next 5 years

## Sample of Outdoor Recreation Asset Inventory: (155 responses)

- Acres, miles of trails, miles of shoreline
- Trails/trailheads: #, paved/natural, parking
- Restrooms, potable water, dump stations
- Bodies of water, piers, launch sites
- Campgrounds, cabins
- Museums, gift shops

## How we use the SCORP

- Guides the distribution of LWCF funds throughout the state
- Grant awards must be tied to an issue or priority identified in the SCORP
- Guides State or local decision-making on outdoor recreation issues and programs
- To secure additional LWCF planning grants to address identified outdoor recreation challenges or opportunities of Statewide importance

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