NEVADA SCORP:
Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

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Today’s Presentation

• Purpose of the Statewide Plan
• 2021 Process & Progress
• Early results
• How we use the SCORP
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
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
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”

![Activity Level During COVID](chart)

- Increased: 50%
- Decreased: 20%
- No change: 30%
BARRIERS FROM ENJOYING OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Areas too crowded 46%
- Areas damaged or overused 28%
- Conflicts 26%
Top 5 Activities:

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

Top 5 Barriers:

- Busy schedule
- Other entertainment options
- 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?

“Yes” (74%)
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)

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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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