



Portaging into Butterfly Lake.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX

NANCY LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA USER SURVEY RESULTS

Approximately 350 questionnaires were distributed in July and August, 1981 to recreation and conservation organizations, homeowners' associations, politicians, the Mat-Su Borough, local businesses, interested individuals and to property owners within and adjacent to Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. There were 46 of these questionnaires returned to the Division of Parks.

An additional distribution of questionnaires was made by the Nancy Lake rangers within the Recreation Area during the same period. There were 48 of these returned which represent the opinions of people actually in the process of recreating within the Recreation Area.

Since this was a "cluster" type sample targeting a rather specific audience on a specific topic, the results should not be interpreted as representing the whole "population".

The results of the 94 returned questionnaires are summarized below.

All returned questionnaires with detailed responses are on file with the Division of Parks, Anchorage, Alaska. Results compiled by Ron Crenshaw, Park Planner.

QUESTION

Is the area (check one)

- A. too developed?
- B. about right as is?
- C. not developed enough?

Percent of Responses

- A. 7%
- B. 72%
- C. 21%
- 100%

QUESTION

Why did you choose Nancy Lake State Recreation Area over other public or private recreation areas in the vicinity?

- Quiet natural setting
- Nearby and convenient
- Nice campground and amenities
- Trying new area
- Own property
- Near water

Percent of responses in diminishing order

- 43%
- 23%
- 10%
- 8%
- 8%
- 8%
- 100%

QUESTION

From the following list of activities and facilities which may or may not be presently available in NLSRA, check which ones you would like to see more of?

- A. snowmachining
- B. bike trails
- C. hike trails
- D. camping
- E. fishing
- F. hunting
- G. dog mushing
- H. picnic areas
- I. public cabins
- J. year-round sheltered group camp
- K. canoeing
- L. motorboating
- M. sightseeing/photography opportunities
- N. lodges/hotels/motels
- O. public shelters
- P. campground facilities
- Q. more organized activities (ranger talks, films, tours, etc.)
- R. access roads
- S. better publicity to attract visitors to area
- T. better signing at entrance
- U. better signing within NLSRA
- V. playgrounds
- W. open grassy areas
- X. observation viewpoints

Percent of responses in diminishing order

- hike trails (C.) 64%
- fishing (E.) 46%
- canoeing (K.) 38%
- campground facilities (P.) 34%
- sightseeing/photography (M.) 29%
- camping (D.) 27%
- cabins (I.) 19%
- playgrounds (V.) 17%
- access roads (R.) 17%
- organized activities (Q.) 17%
- picnic areas (H.) 15%
- shelters (O.) 15%
- observation points (X.) 15%
- open grassy areas (W.) 14%
- better signing in NLSRA (U.) 14%
- snowmachining (A.) 13%
- bike trails (B.) 13%
- hunting (F.) 12%
- entrance signs (T.) 12%
- group camp (J.) 10%
- publicity (S.) 6%
- dog mushing (G.) 5%
- motorboating (L.) 3%

QUESTION

What activities or facilities that may or may not be presently available do you feel are inappropriate for NLSRA?

- motorboats
- commercial establishments and concessions
- snowmobiles

Percent of responses in diminishing order

- 26%
- 19%
- 10%

more roads	9%
motorized vehicles	7%
hunting	5%
running water and other modernizations	4%
fishing (including stocking)	3%
float planes	2%
playgrounds	2%
advertising	2%
large group areas (includes "Crends")	2%
large wilderness areas	2%
public housing	1%
landscape modification	1%
trapping	1%

QUESTION

Please estimate the cost of your party's visit to the recreation area? (include transportation)

	Percent of responses
Less than \$25	20%
\$25 - 49	17%
\$50 - 74	23%
\$75 - 100	10%
More than \$100	3%
Average amount: \$51.49	

QUESTION

What do you like most about Nancy Lake State Recreation Area?

	Percent of responses in diminishing order
natural beauty/open space/quiet	63%
campgrounds	14%
easy access/convenient	11%
maintenance	6%
canoe trails	6%
trails	4%
wildlife	4%
variety	2%
fishing	1%
motorcycles	1%
snowmobiles	1%
Nancy Lake	1%
warm clear lakes	1%
ranger talks	1%

QUESTION

What do you like least about Nancy Lake State Recreation Area?

- overcrowding/overdeveloped/noisy
- motorboats and planes
- lack of firewood
- maintenance
- poor fishing
- threat of more roads/development
- not enough good trails
- not enough water wells
- poor access (summer/winter)
- dogs
- uneven campsite parking
- mosquitoes
- lack of lakefront campsites
- no showers
- underdevelopment
- rain
- boggy
- no central area
- too few bathrooms

Percent of responses in diminishing order

- 10%
- 9%
- 9%
- 9%
- 9%
- 5%
- 5%
- 5%
- 3%
- 3%
- 3%
- 2%
- 2%
- 1%
- 1%
- 1%
- 1%
- 1%
- 1%

QUESTION

Please rank, in order of personal preference, what you feel is the most appropriate development concept for NLSRA.

- A. [] More intensive recreation development to include access roads, landscape modification, public use cabins, campgrounds, visitor services, group facilities and boating facilities.
- B. [] Dispersed recreation development and backcountry development to include walk-in campsites, trail system shelters, and self-discovery areas.
- C. [] More primitive backcountry use with limited services and facilities.

percent of responses
high 2nd 3rd low
prior- priority
ity

- 9% 3% 5% 40%
- 34% 18% 14% 2%
- 17% 21% 15% 6%

D. Balance between intensive recreation development, dispersed recreation and primitive backcountry use. 30% 15% 17% 6%

QUESTION

Will you visit NLSRA again?

A. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	A. 99%
B. <input type="checkbox"/> No	B. 0
Uncertain	C. 1%

QUESTION

Where is your permanent residence?

State _____

City _____

Percent of responses

Alaska Residents	
Municipality of Anchorage	81%
Mat-Su Borough	8%
Interior	2%
Southeast	1%
Kenai Peninsula	3%
Lower 48	5%
	<u>100%</u>

Note: The percentages represent parties, not individuals.

QUESTION

How many in your party? _____

Range:	2-6
Mean (average)	2.7
Mode (most frequent)	2