

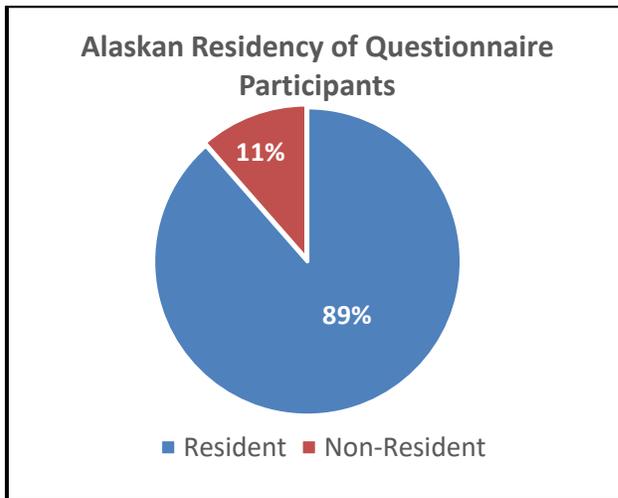
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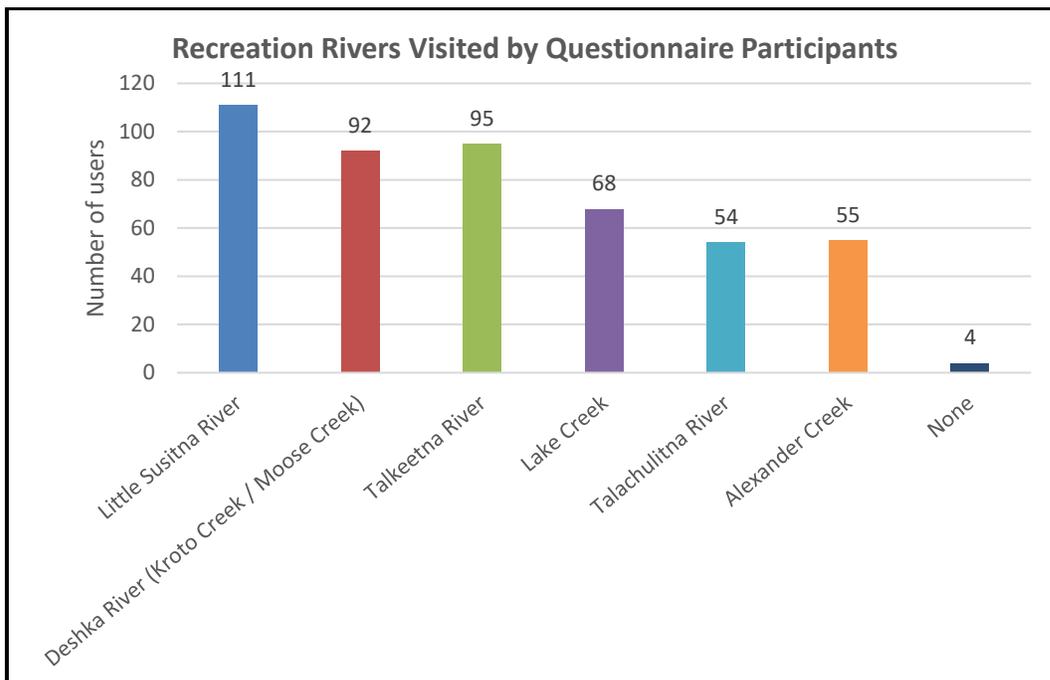
The following is a summary of the results of the User Questionnaire developed for the scoping process for the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers. A total of 131 questionnaire responses were submitted. Participants were able to skip questions. Several questions included an “Other” option where participants could type in their own response.

### Are you an Alaska resident?



| Answers      | Count |
|--------------|-------|
| Resident     | 116   |
| Non-Resident | 15    |

### 1. Which of the six Recreation Rivers corridors have you visited?



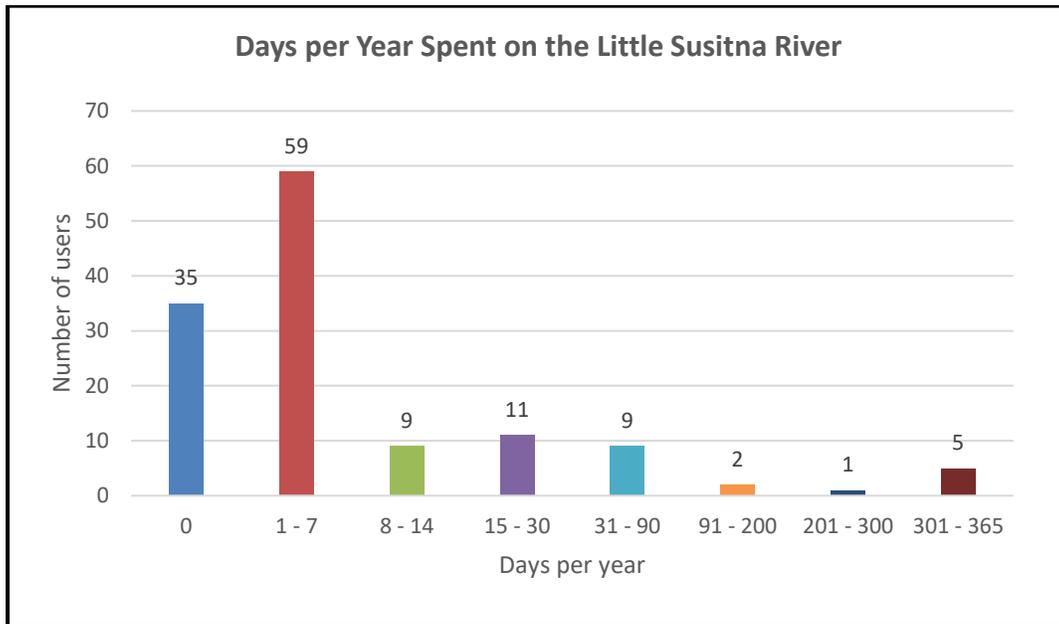
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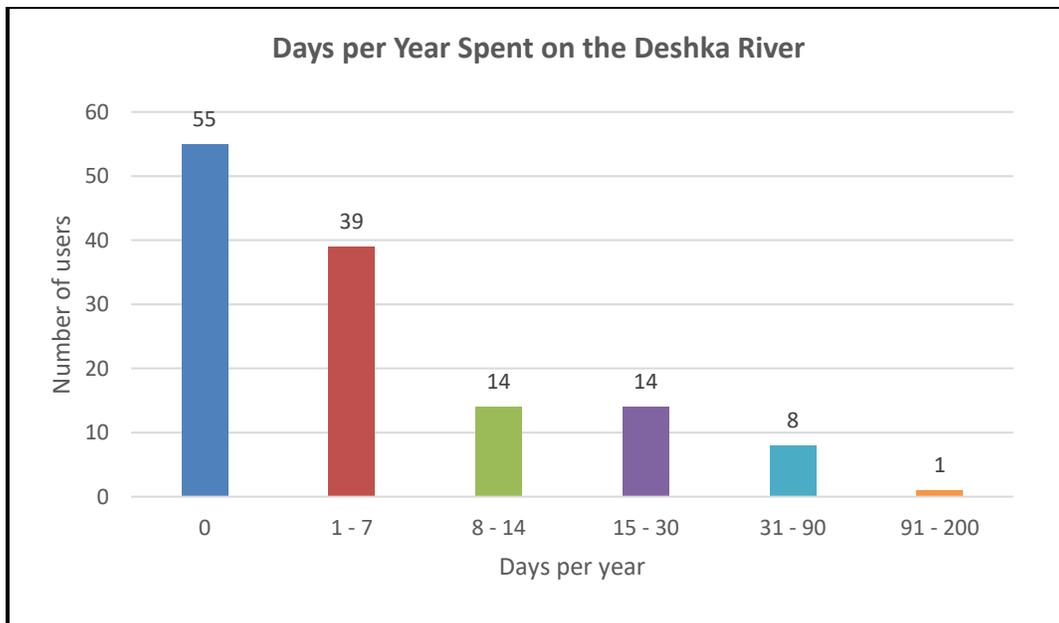
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2. The following questions ask for the average number of days per year that you spend on the individual Recreation Rivers:

Days per year on the Little Susitna River?



Days per year on the Deshka River?

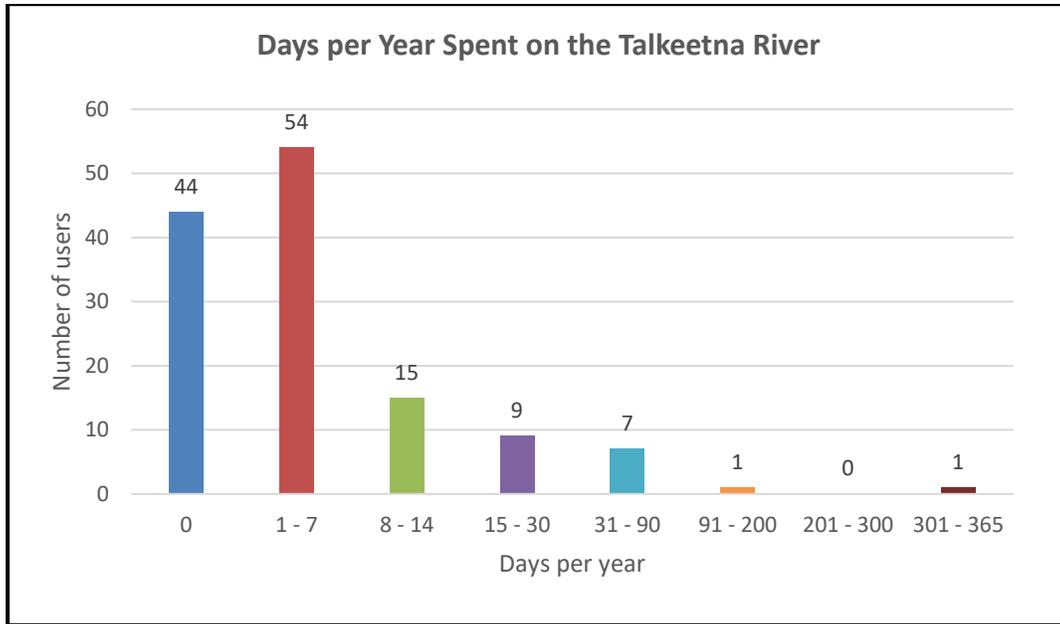


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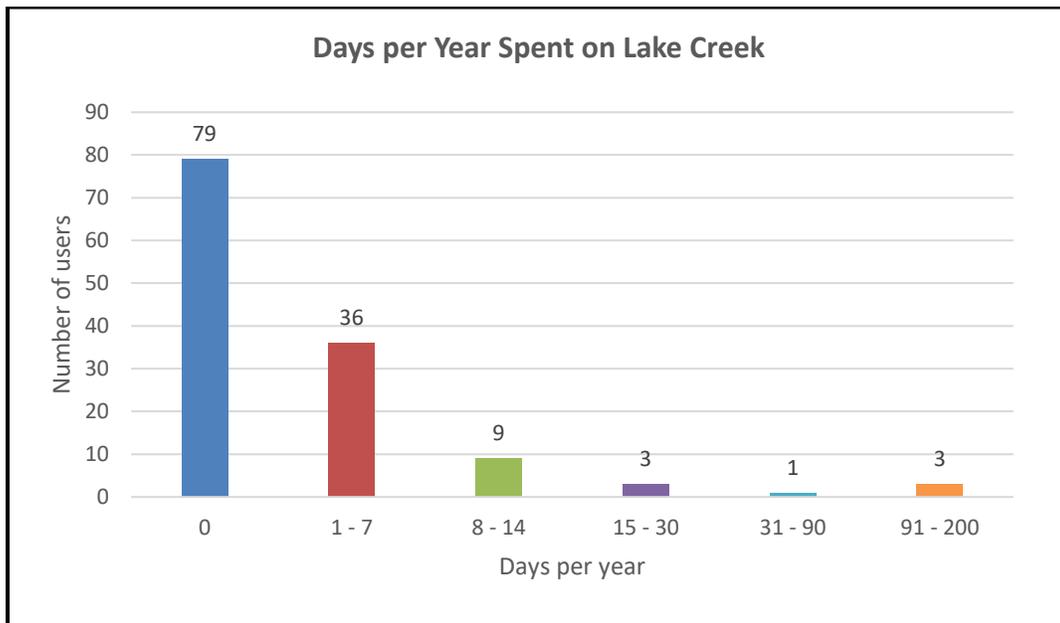
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### Days per year on the Talkeetna River?



### Days per year on the Lake Creek?

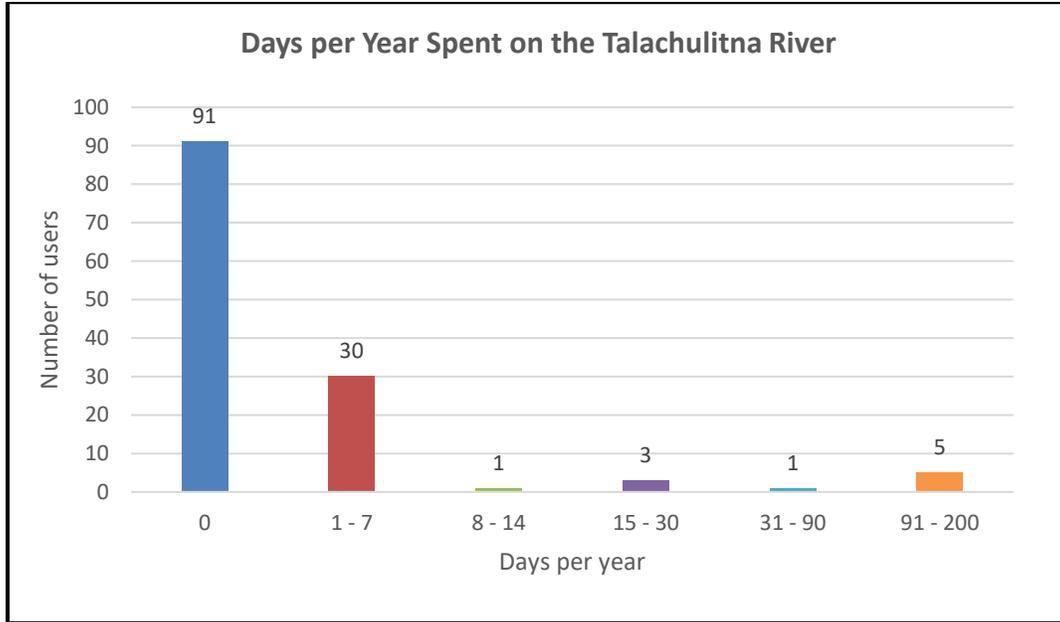


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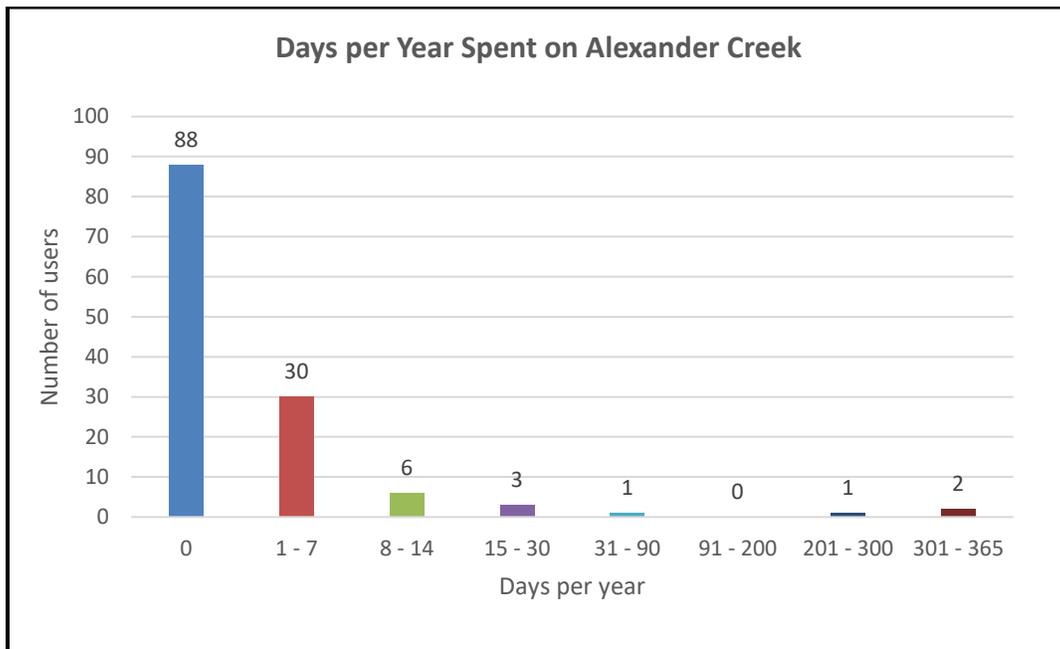
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### Days per year on the Talachulitna River?



### Days per year on Alexander Creek?

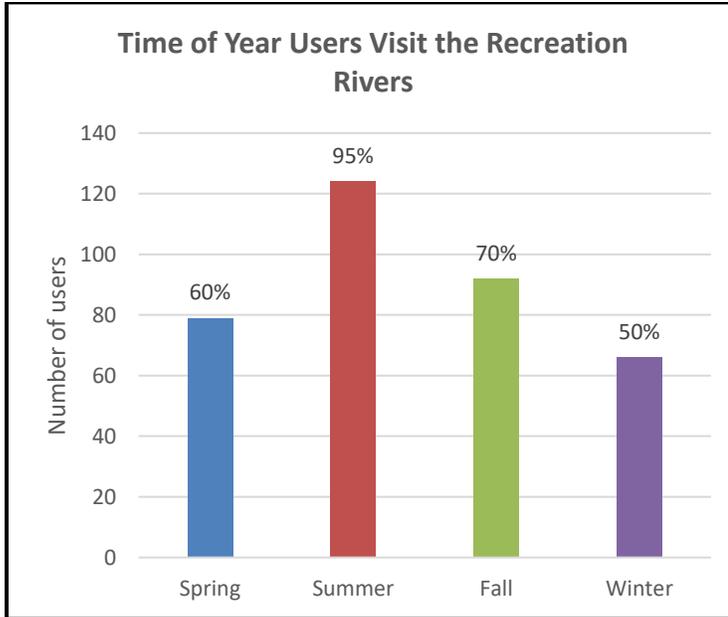


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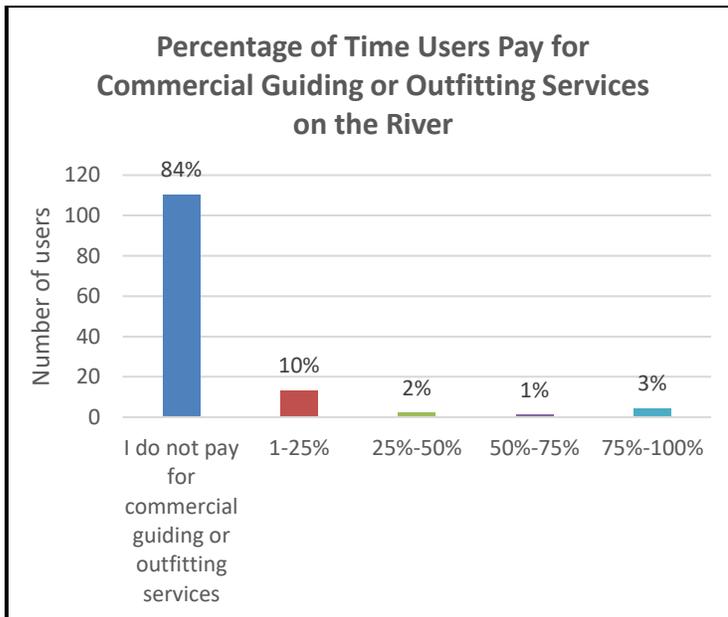


### 3. What time of year do you typically visit the Recreation Rivers?



| Answers | Count |
|---------|-------|
| Spring  | 79    |
| Summer  | 124   |
| Fall    | 92    |
| Winter  | 66    |

### 4. What percentage of time do you pay for commercial guiding or outfitting services on the river?



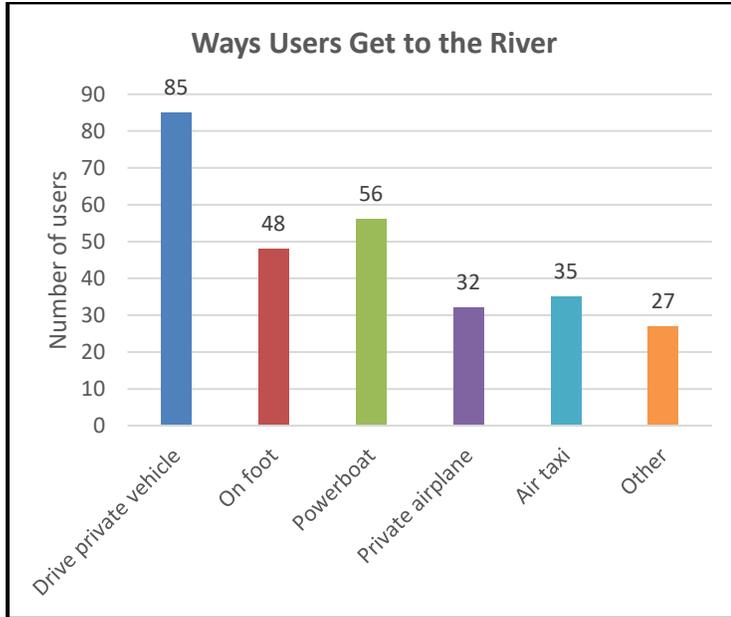
| Answers  | Count |
|--|-------|
| I do not pay for commercial guiding or outfitting services | 110   |
| 1-25%  | 13    |
| 25%-50%  | 2     |
| 50%-75%  | 1     |
| 75%-100%   | 4     |

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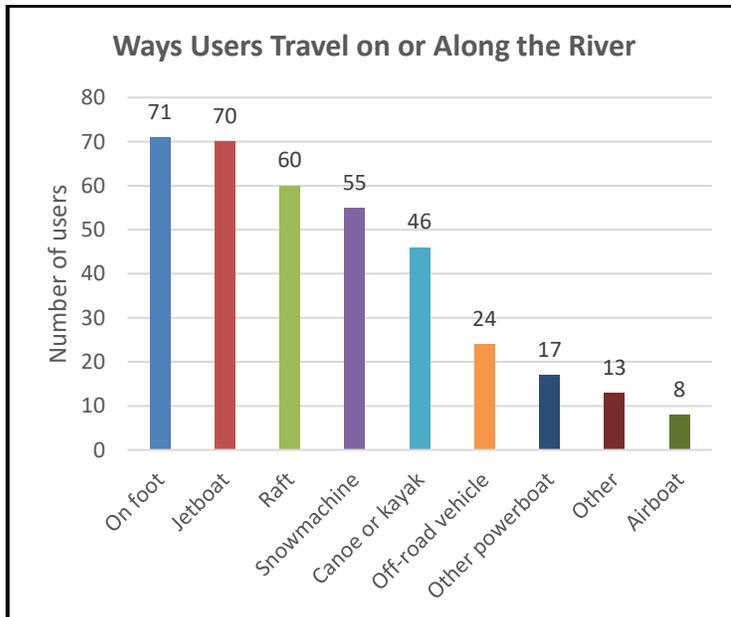


### 5. Which of the following describes the way you get to the river?



| "Other" Responses     | Count |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Snowmachine           | 10    |
| Dog team              | 2     |
| Skis                  | 2     |
| Raft/Kayak/Canoe      | 2     |
| Fat bike              | 1     |
| ATV                   | 1     |
| Live/work on property | 3     |

### 6. Which of the following describes the ways you travel on or along the river?



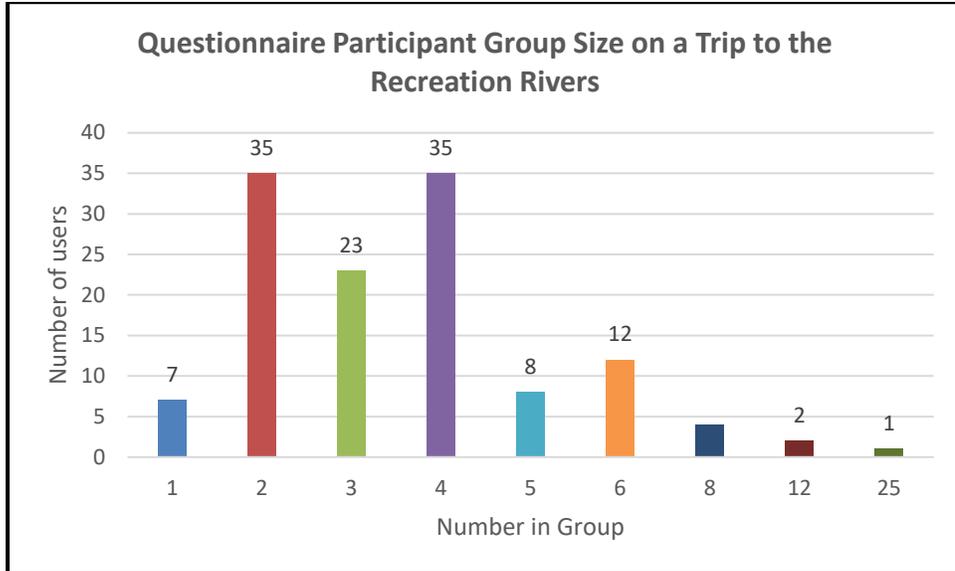
| "Other" Responses               | Count |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Skis                            | 2     |
| Snow machine                    | 1     |
| Personal water craft            | 1     |
| Packraft                        | 1     |
| Fat bike                        | 1     |
| Dog team                        | 2     |
| Automobile crossing (Little Su) | 1     |

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### 7. How many people are in your group on a typical trip to the Recreation Rivers?

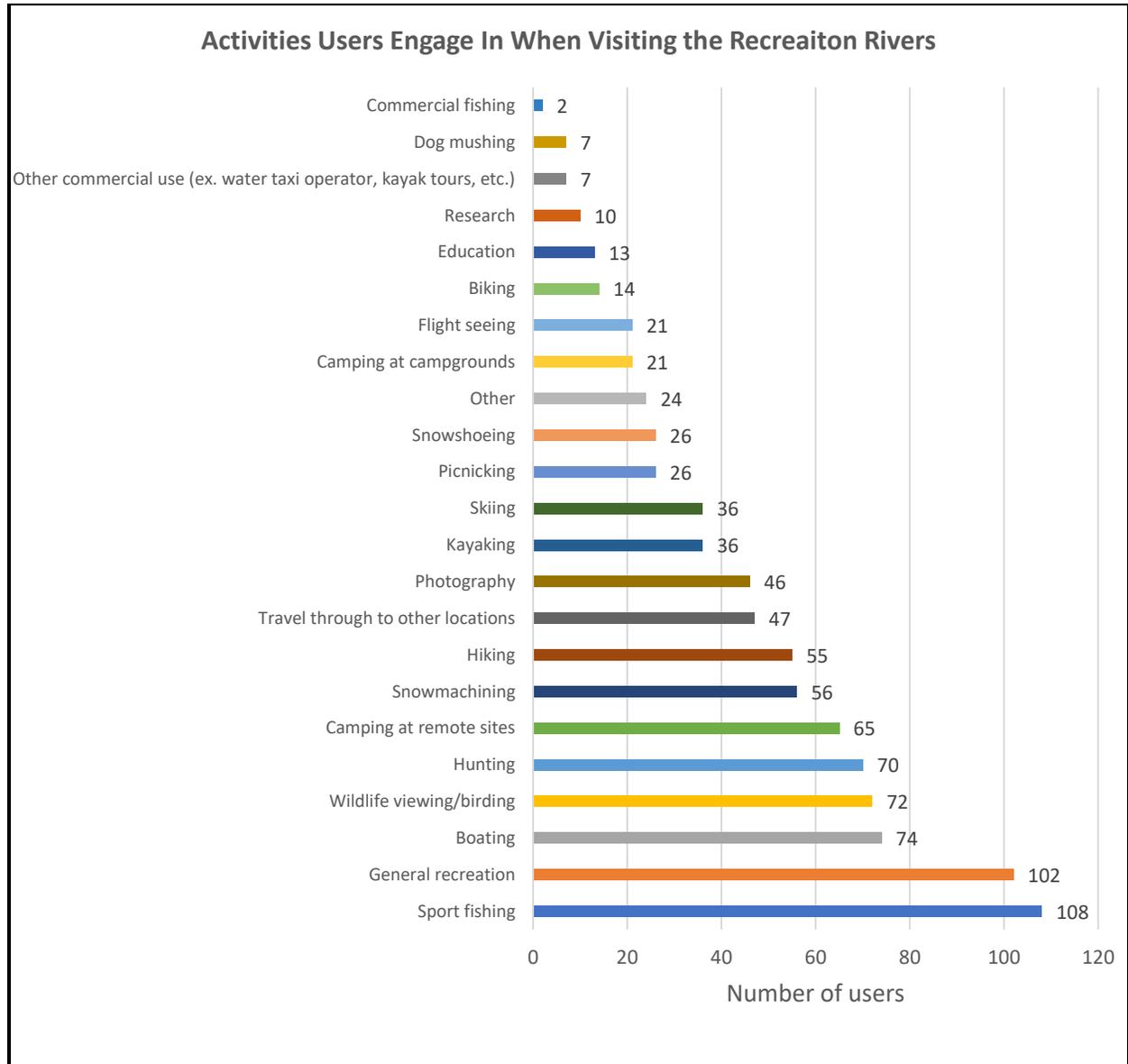


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### 8. What activities do you engage in?



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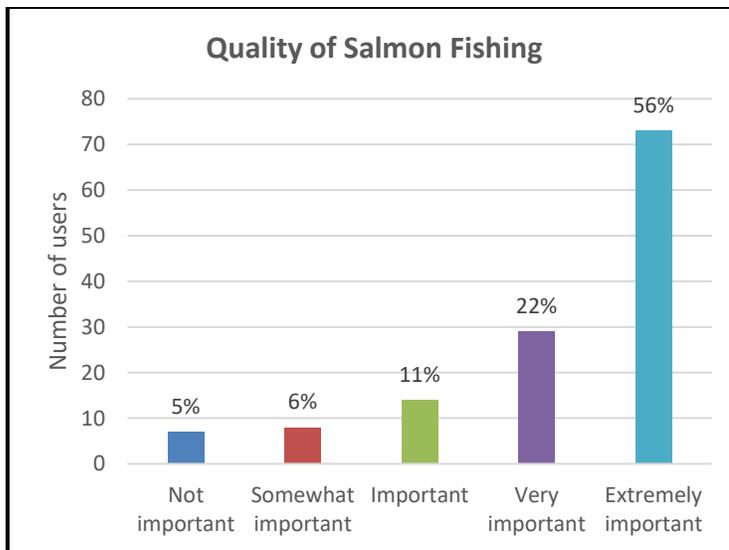
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| "Other" Responses to "What activities do you engage in?"   |
|--|
| Plants   |
| Gold panning   |
| Trapping   |
| Volunteer cleanup of litter  |
| Cabin  |
| Work, I am a Land Manager for the Mat-Su Borough and visit several of these rivers as part of my job.    |
| I live on the Little Susitna River.  |
| Enjoying the solitude  |
| I live remote on the river   |
| I am part owner of 6 acres under the Little Susitna River at the west end of Schrock Road                |
| Live on Little Su  |
| Have a cabin 18 river miles up   |
| Subsistence fishing  |
| Foraging   |
| Berry picking  |
| Subsistence  |
| Living   |
| Own property/cabin   |
| The fishing is extremely important because I purchase all of my salmon from recreational rivers drainage |
| Packrafting  |

9. There are a variety of reasons why people take trips to the Recreation Rivers. Some possible reasons are listed below. Please indicate how important each reason is to you.

### Salmon fishing



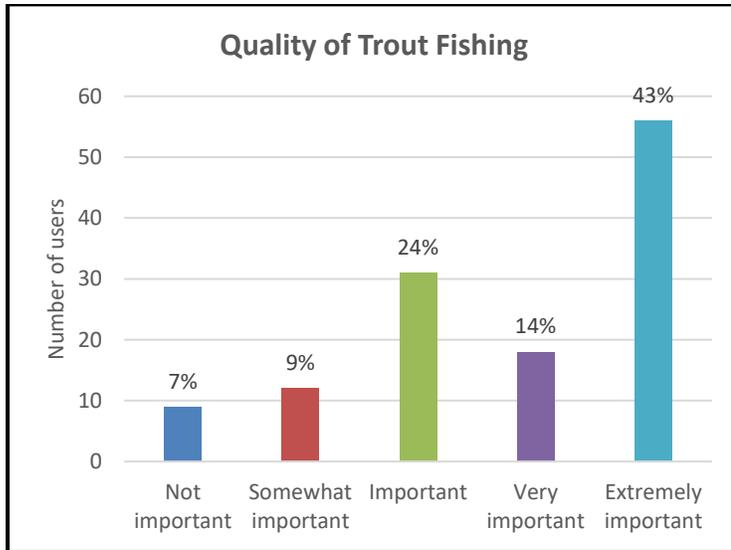
| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 7     |
| Somewhat important  | 8     |
| Important           | 14    |
| Very important      | 29    |
| Extremely important | 73    |

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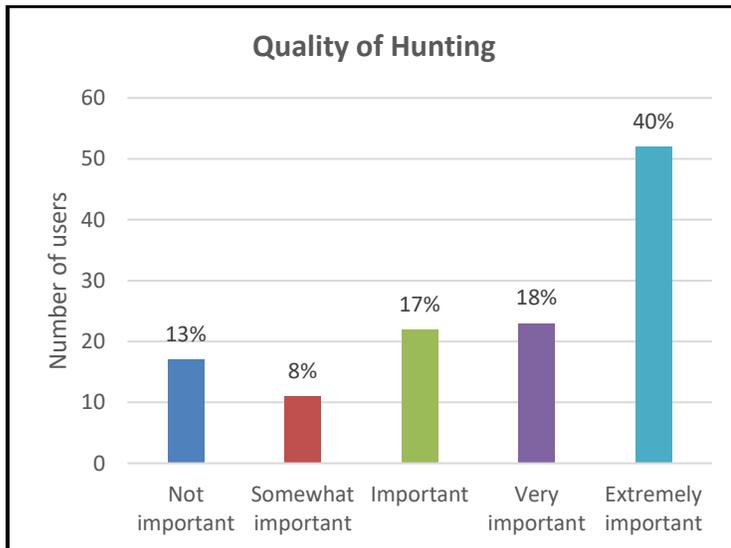


### Trout fishing



| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 9     |
| Somewhat important  | 12    |
| Important           | 31    |
| Very important      | 18    |
| Extremely important | 56    |

### Hunting



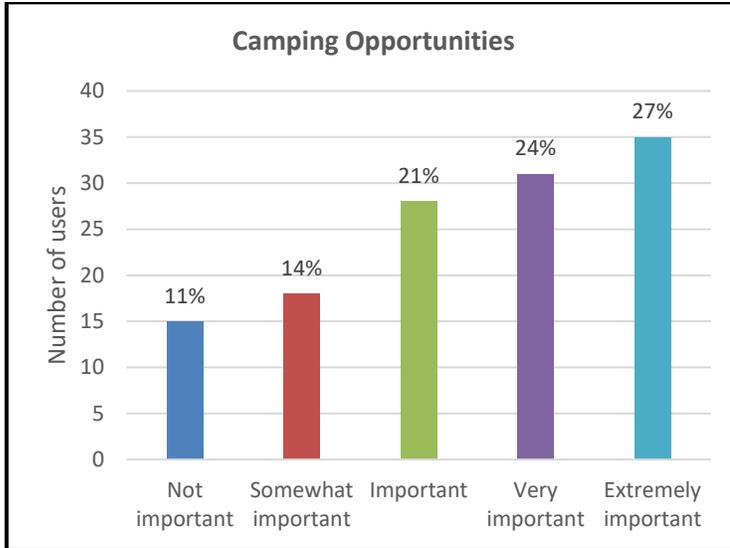
| Answers             | Count |
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| Not important       | 17    |
| Somewhat important  | 11    |
| Important           | 22    |
| Very important      | 23    |
| Extremely important | 52    |

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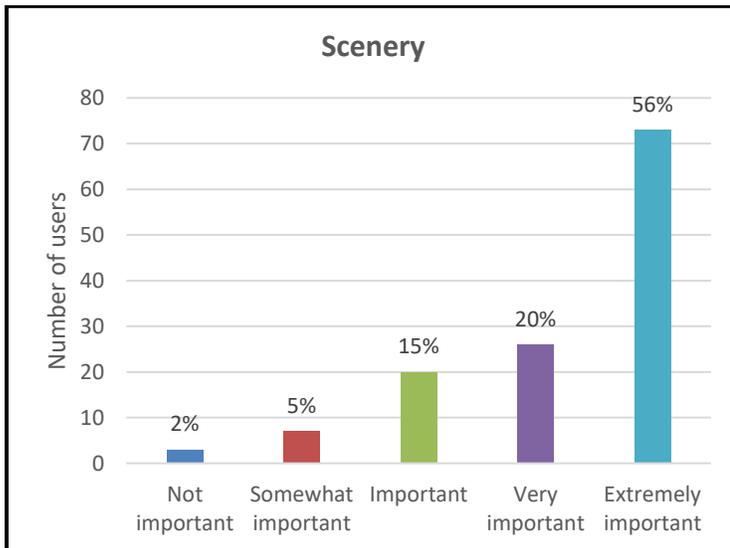


### Camping opportunities



| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 15    |
| Somewhat important  | 18    |
| Important           | 28    |
| Very important      | 31    |
| Extremely important | 35    |

### Scenery



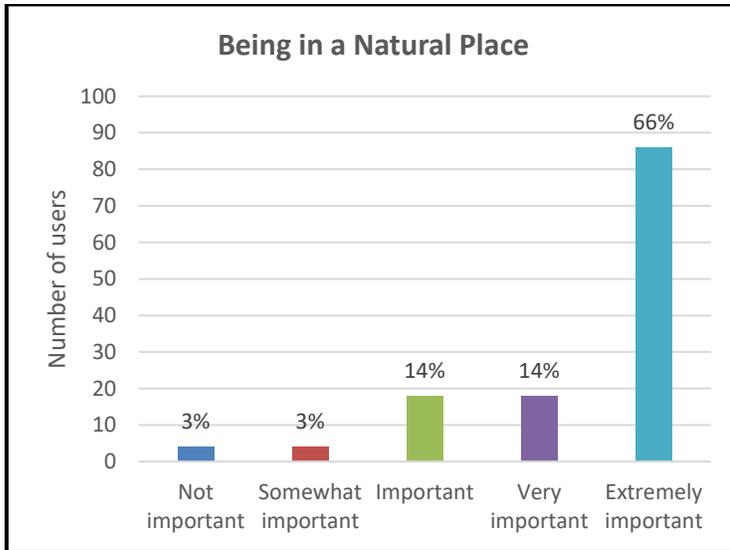
| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 3     |
| Somewhat important  | 7     |
| Important           | 20    |
| Very important      | 26    |
| Extremely important | 73    |

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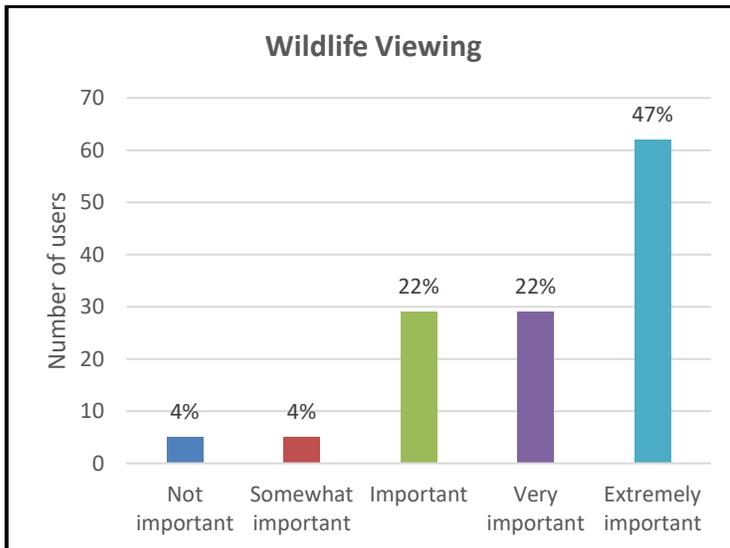


### Being in a natural place



| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 4     |
| Somewhat important  | 4     |
| Important           | 18    |
| Very important      | 18    |
| Extremely important | 86    |

### Wildlife viewing



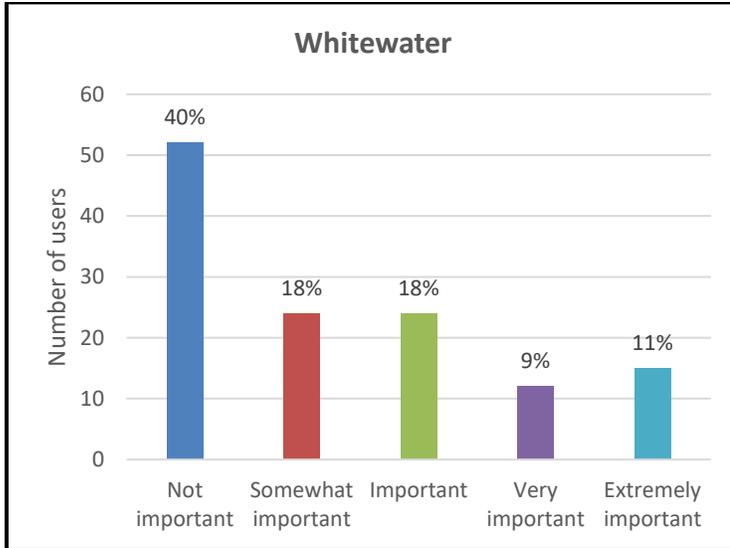
| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 5     |
| Somewhat important  | 5     |
| Important           | 29    |
| Very important      | 29    |
| Extremely important | 62    |

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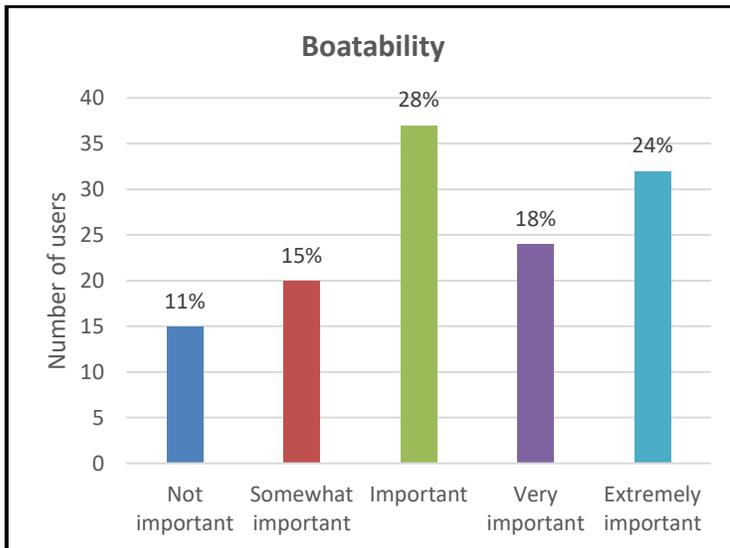


### Whitewater



| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 52    |
| Somewhat important  | 24    |
| Important           | 24    |
| Very important      | 12    |
| Extremely important | 15    |

### Boatability



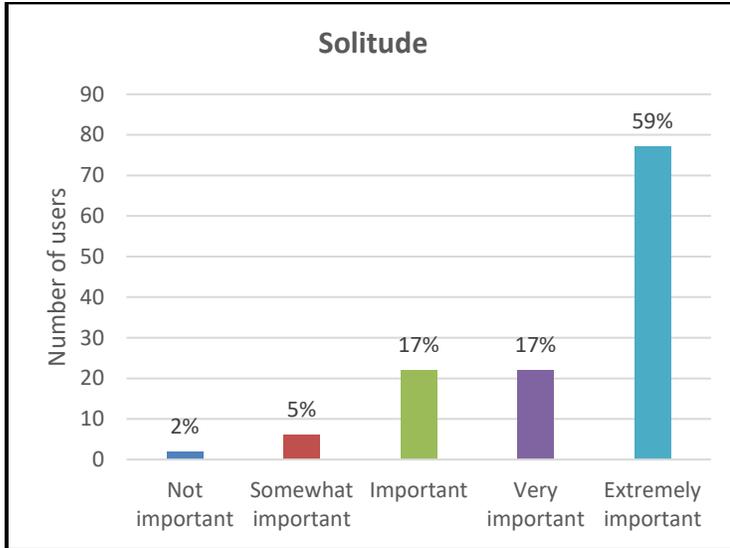
| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 15    |
| Somewhat important  | 20    |
| Important           | 37    |
| Very important      | 24    |
| Extremely important | 32    |

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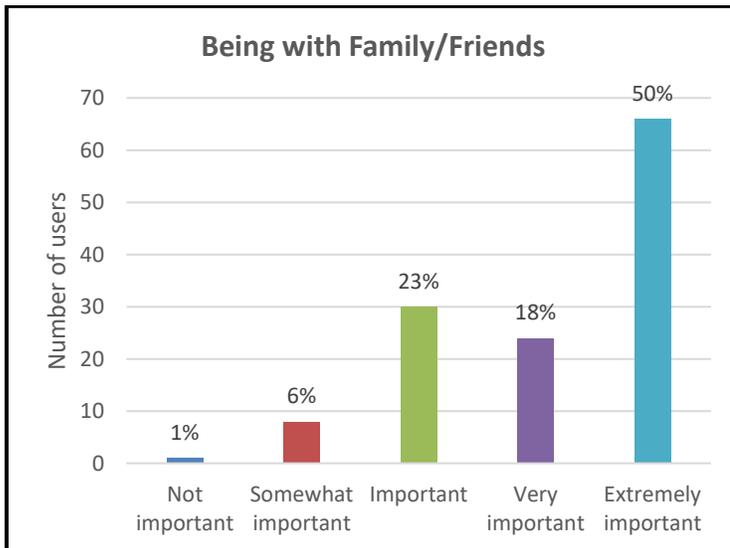


### Solitude



| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 2     |
| Somewhat important  | 6     |
| Important           | 22    |
| Very important      | 22    |
| Extremely important | 77    |

### Being with family/friends



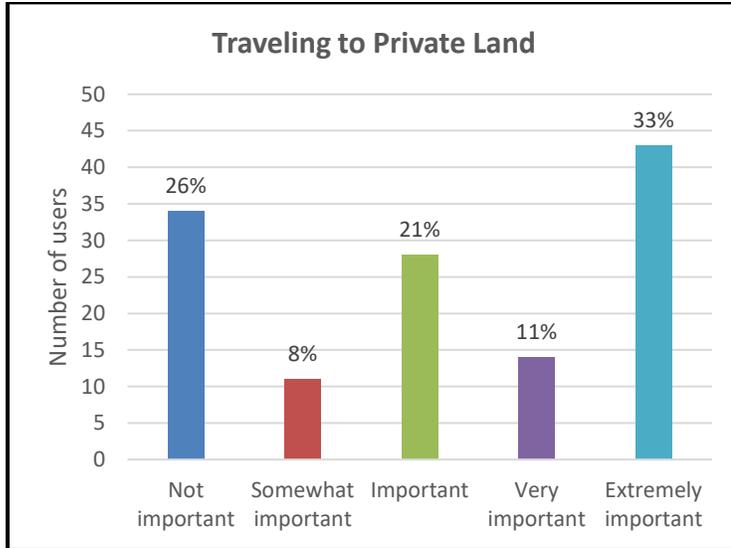
| Answers             | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Not important       | 1     |
| Somewhat important  | 8     |
| Important           | 30    |
| Very important      | 24    |
| Extremely important | 66    |

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### Traveling to private land



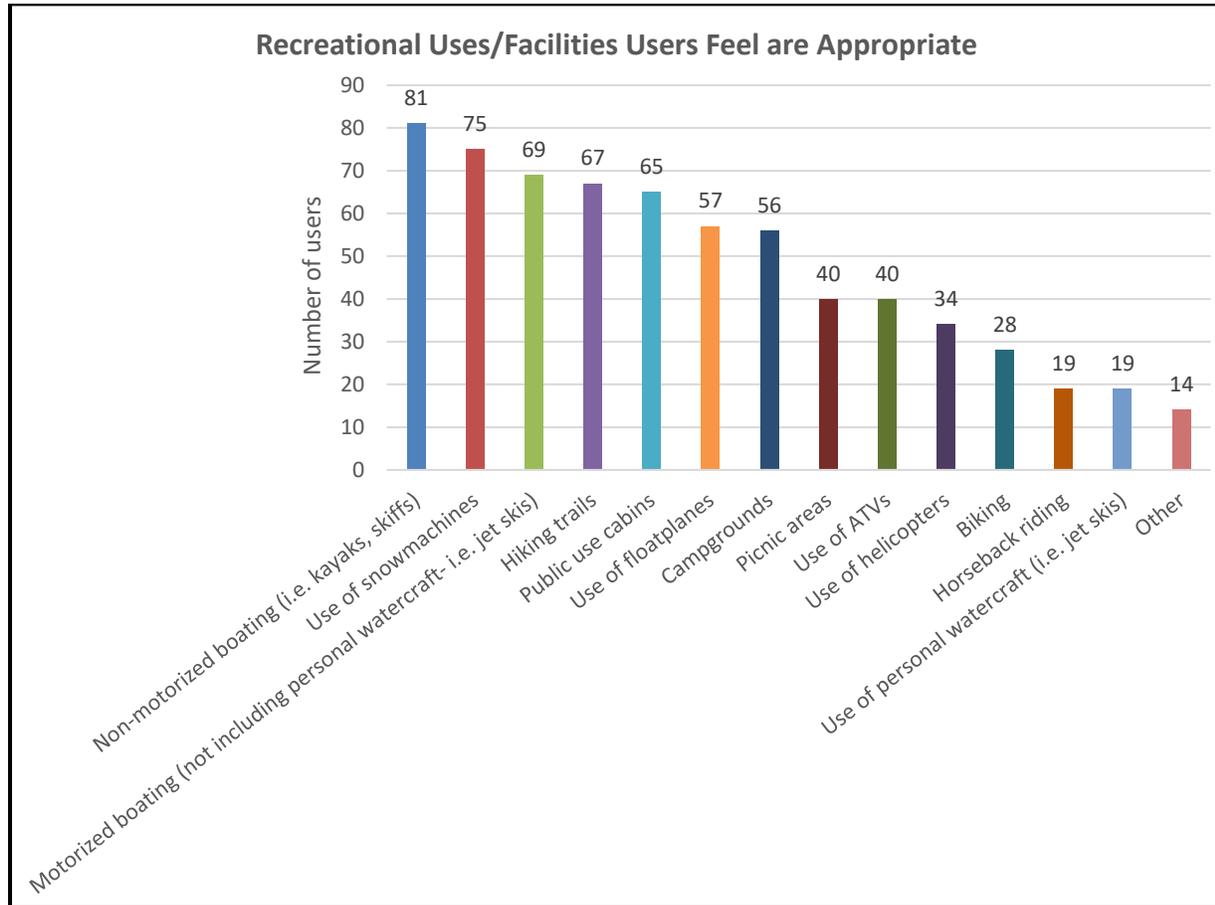
| Answers             | Count |
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| Not important       | 34    |
| Somewhat important  | 11    |
| Important           | 28    |
| Very important      | 14    |
| Extremely important | 43    |

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### 10. What recreational uses or facilities, that may or may not be currently available, do you feel are appropriate for the Recreation Rivers?



#### “Other” Responses to Uses That Are Appropriate

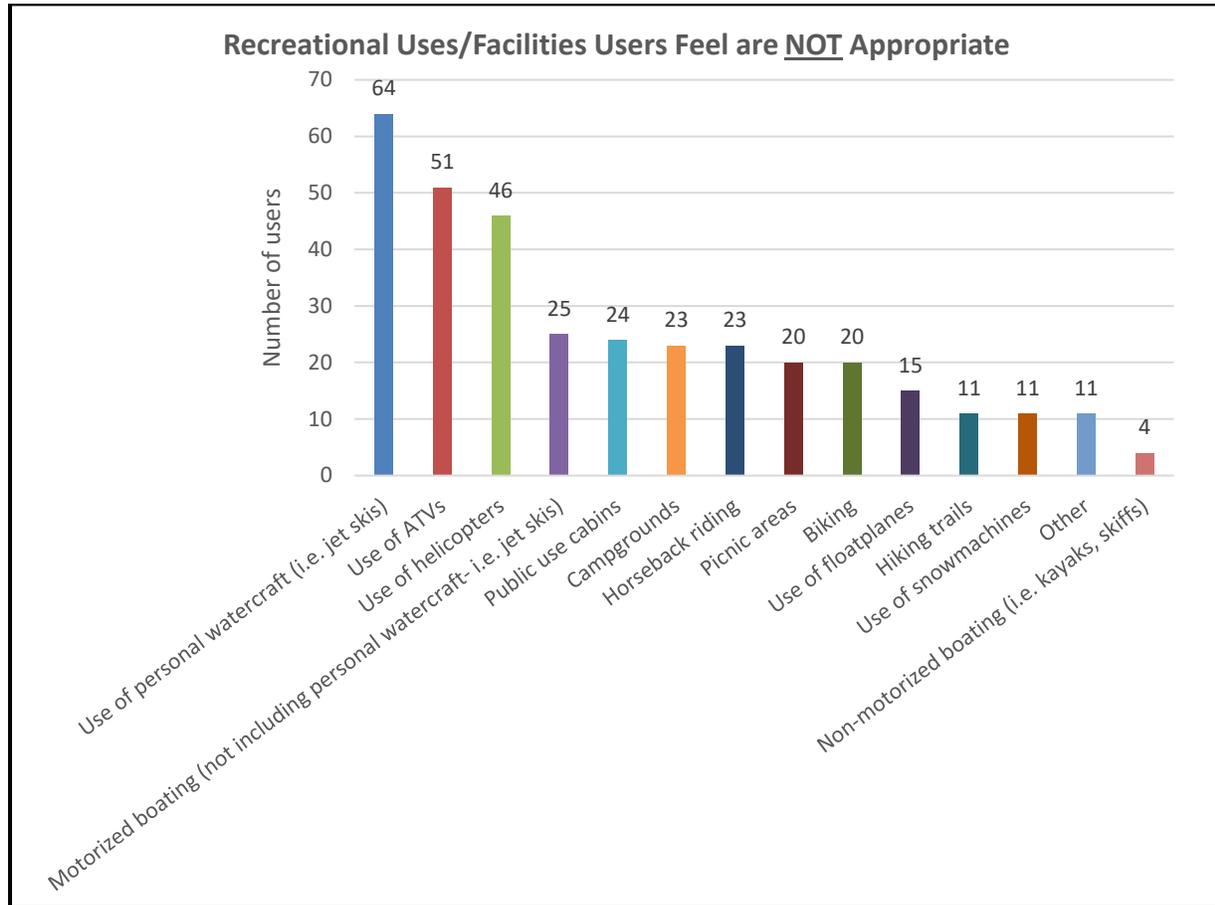
- Undeveloped, unsegmented by private in-holding natural areas
- Homeowner
- I'm very concerned with trespassers who use our property to access remote locations adjacent to our property.
- Educational signage at key points
- NONE - LEAVE IT PRISTINE
- Mushing trails
- General access without barrier to entry other than jet boat or airplane
- Boating
- I feel designated camping areas rather than formal camp grounds would be best. There should be a means to manage any trails or other facilities before they are built.

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### 11. What recreational uses or facilities, that may or may not be currently available, do you feel are NOT appropriate for the Recreation Rivers?



| <b>“Other” Responses to Uses That Are <u>NOT</u> Appropriate</b>  |
|---|
| Road Access. A road would only damage this pristine area and change it forever, for the worst.  |
| Off-road automobiles and UTV's  |
| Private in-holdings   |
| Development   |
| Needs moderation, and for areas to be set aside for different purposes and activities.  |
| Wake boats on Judd Lake!!!!   |
| Target shooting   |
| More fish cleaning stations   |
| Nothing . All activity's are acceptable   |
| Private land  |
| I'm just guessing. Each use should be evaluated for the area it would be allowed. For example, ATVs might be ok if there is a hardened trail or it's not a wetlands. You can't answer this question without knowledge of where the use is contemplated. |

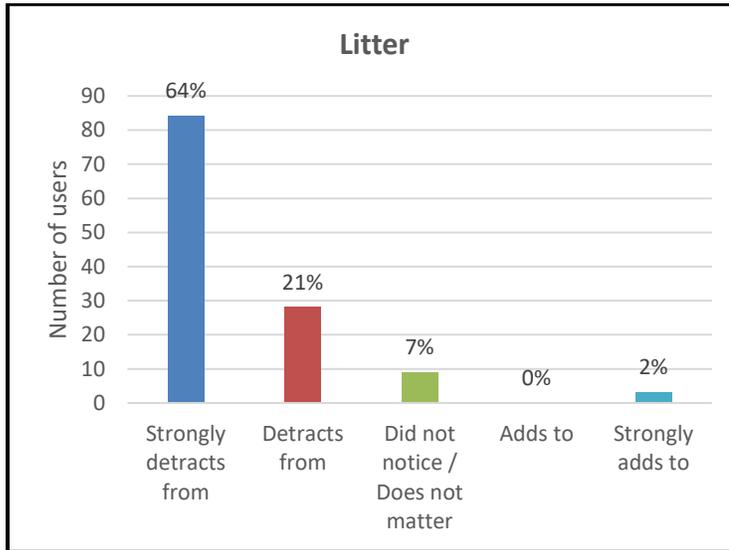
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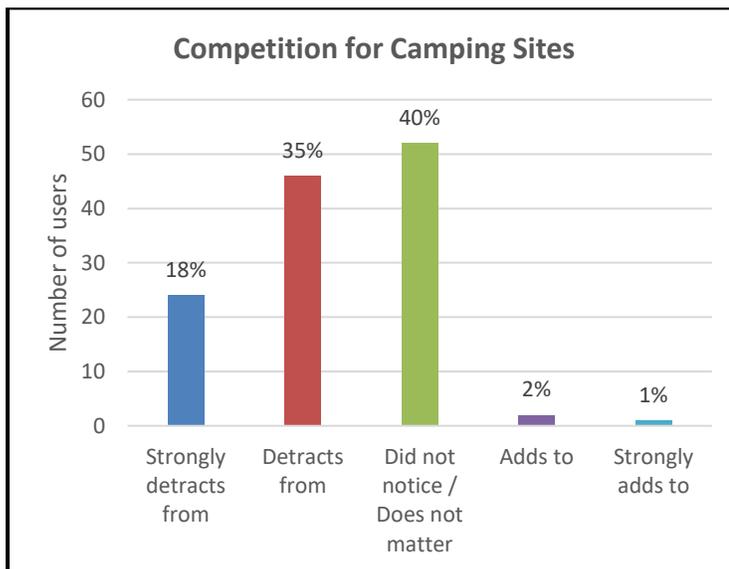
12. The following is a list of impacts or other things you may have seen or experienced when visiting one of the Recreation Rivers. Please indicate how each affects your visits.

### Litter



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 84    |
| Detracts from                    | 28    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 9     |
| Adds to                          | 0     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 3     |

### Competition for camping sites



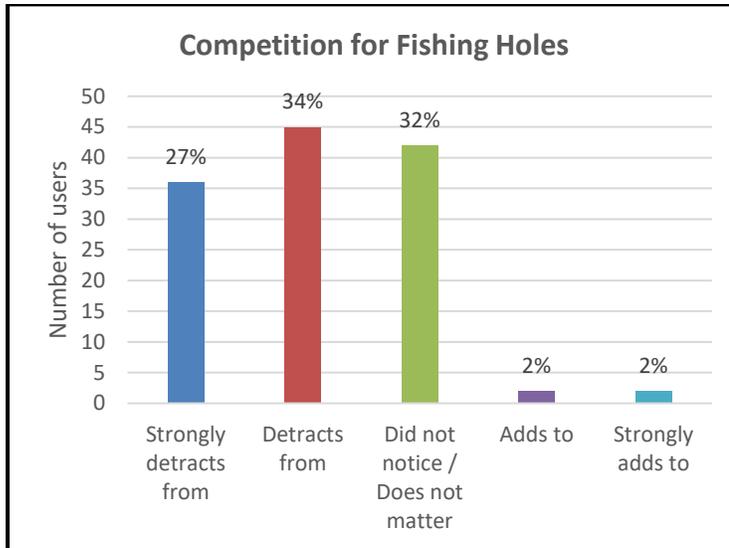
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 24    |
| Detracts from                    | 46    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 52    |
| Adds to                          | 2     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 1     |

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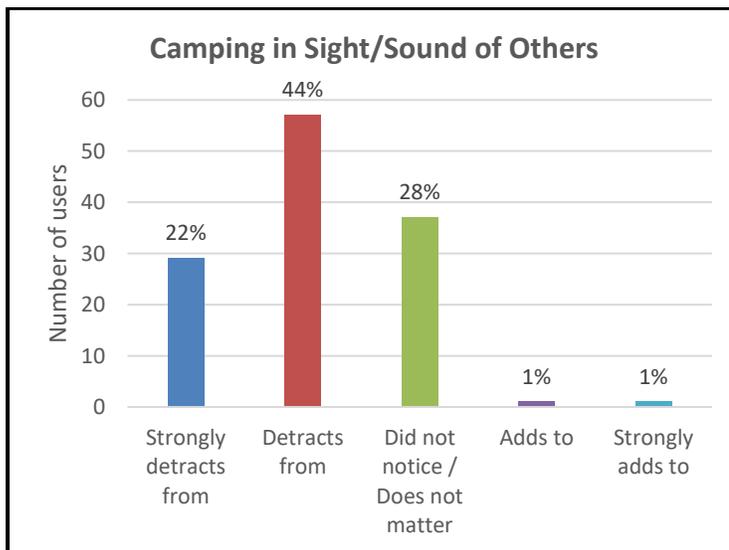


### Competition for fishing holes



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 36    |
| Detracts from                    | 45    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 42    |
| Adds to                          | 2     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 2     |

### Camping in sight or sound of others



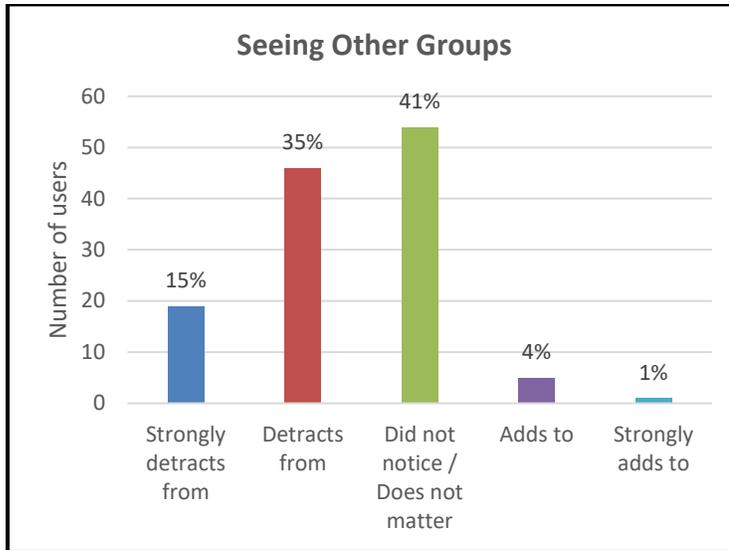
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 29    |
| Detracts from                    | 57    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 37    |
| Adds to                          | 1     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 1     |

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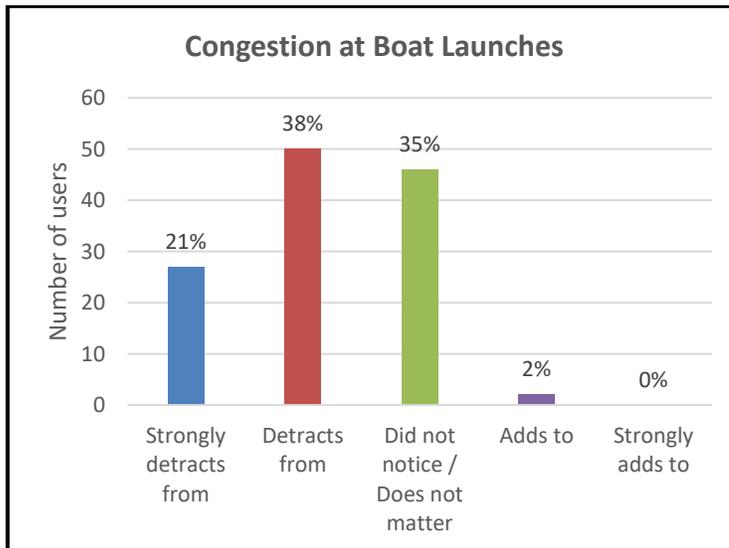


### Seeing other groups



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 19    |
| Detracts from                    | 46    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 54    |
| Adds to                          | 5     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 1     |

### Congestion at boat launches



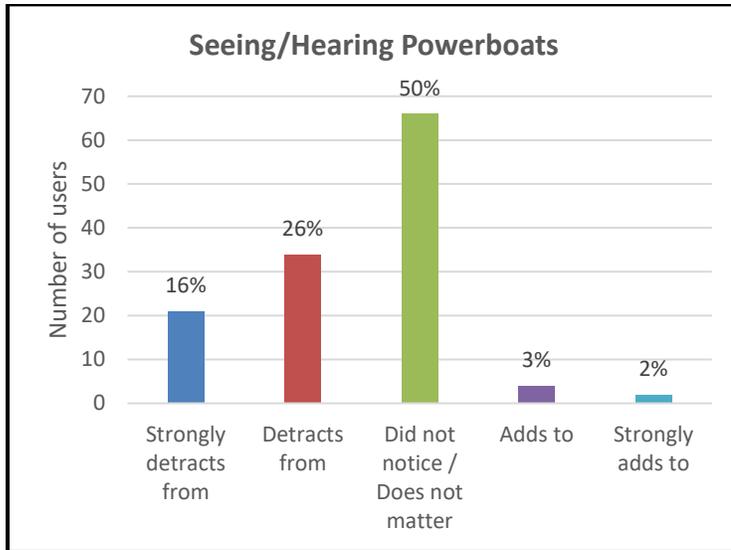
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 27    |
| Detracts from                    | 50    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 46    |
| Adds to                          | 2     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 0     |

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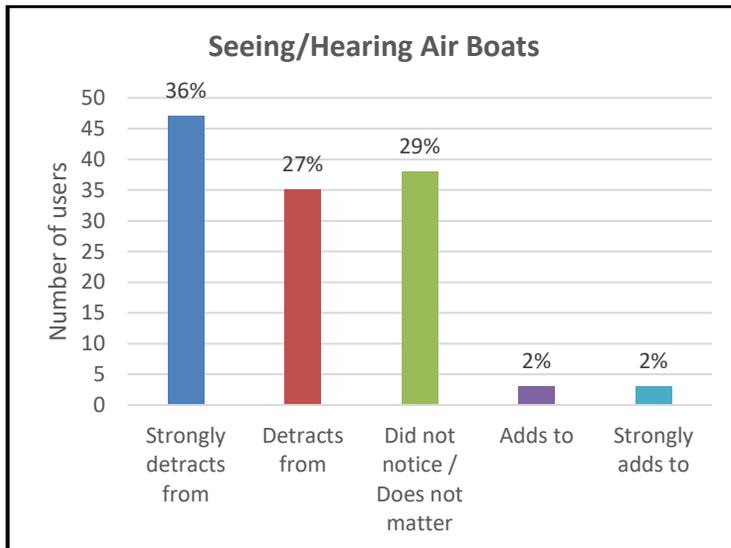


### Seeing/hearing powerboats



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 21    |
| Detracts from                    | 34    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 66    |
| Adds to                          | 4     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 2     |

### Seeing/hearing airboats



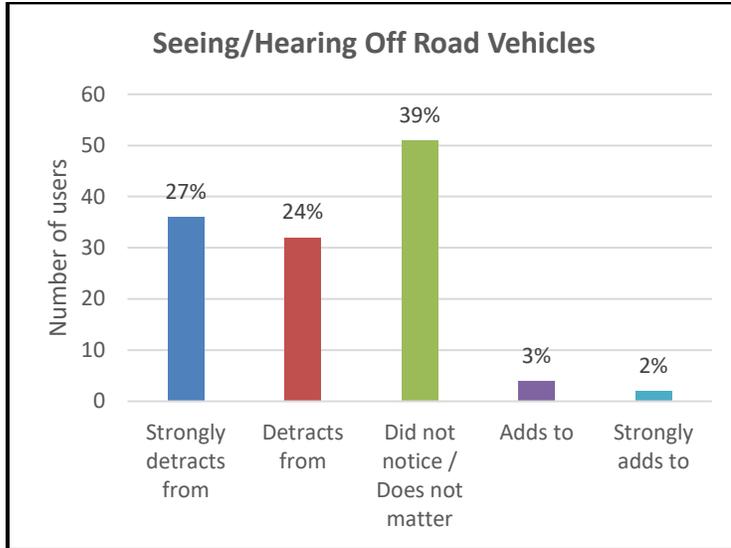
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 47    |
| Detracts from                    | 35    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 38    |
| Adds to                          | 3     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 3     |

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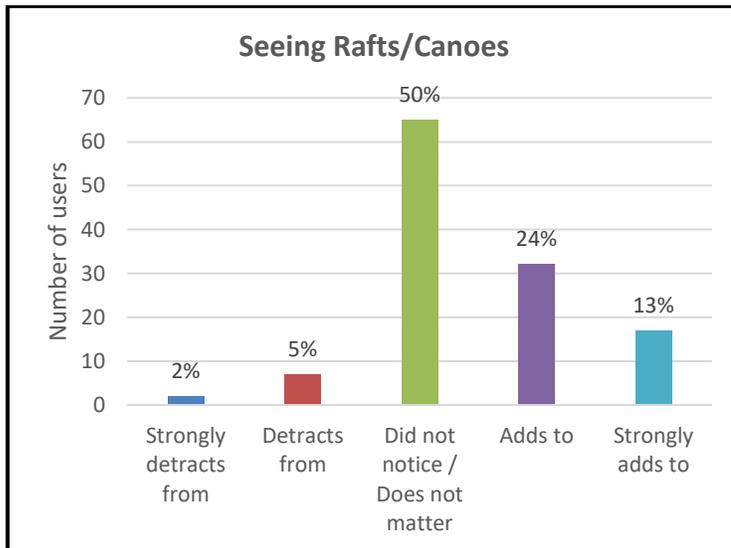


### Seeing/hearing off-road-vehicles



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 36    |
| Detracts from                    | 32    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 51    |
| Adds to                          | 4     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 2     |

### Seeing rafts/canoes



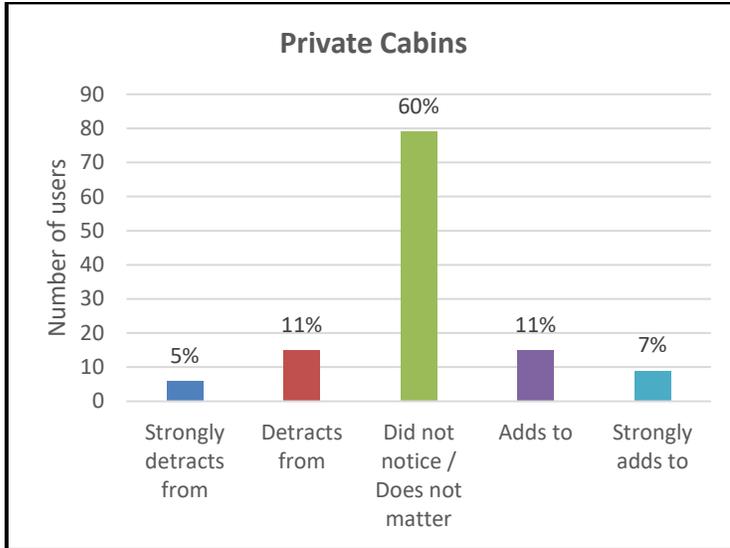
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 2     |
| Detracts from                    | 7     |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 65    |
| Adds to                          | 32    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 17    |

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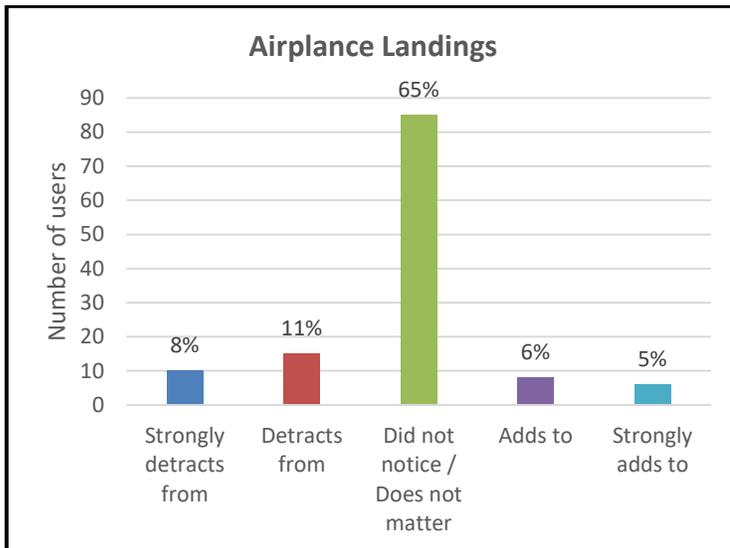


### Private cabins



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 6     |
| Detracts from                    | 15    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 79    |
| Adds to                          | 15    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 9     |

### Airplane landings



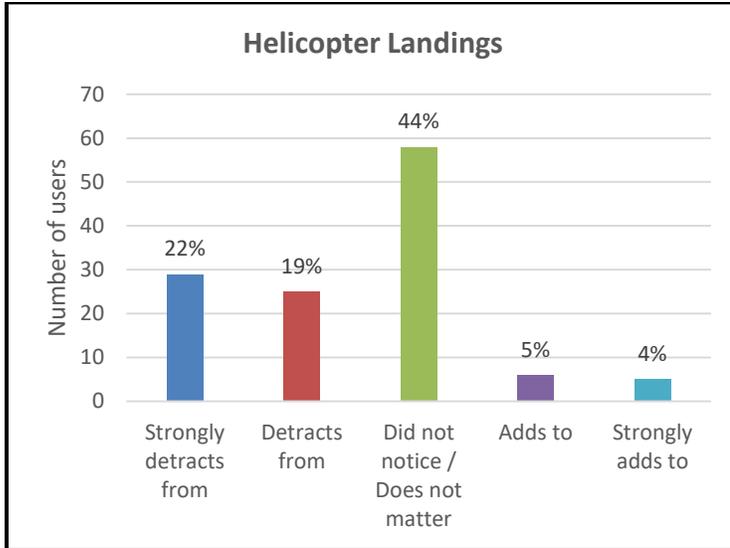
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 10    |
| Detracts from                    | 15    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 85    |
| Adds to                          | 8     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 6     |

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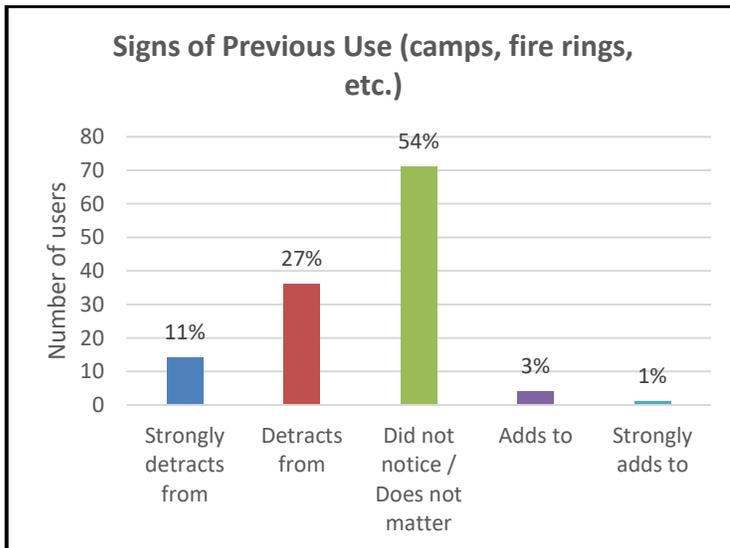


### Helicopter landings



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 29    |
| Detracts from                    | 25    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 58    |
| Adds to                          | 6     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 5     |

### Signs of previous use (camps, fire rings, etc.)



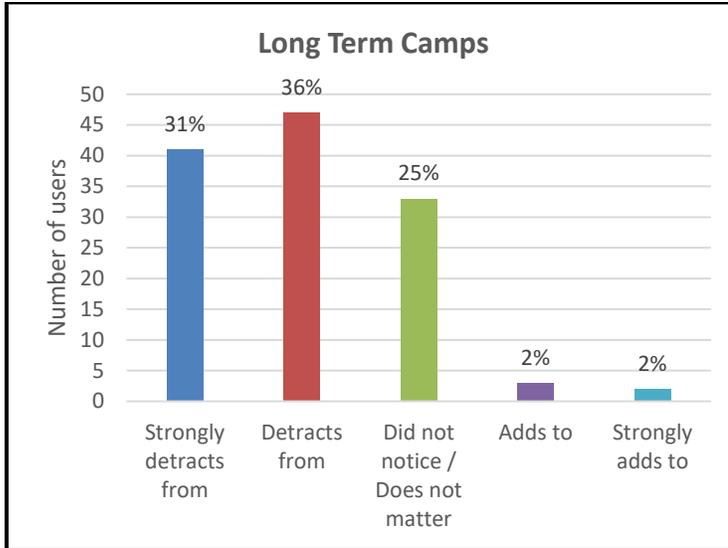
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 14    |
| Detracts from                    | 36    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 71    |
| Adds to                          | 4     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 1     |

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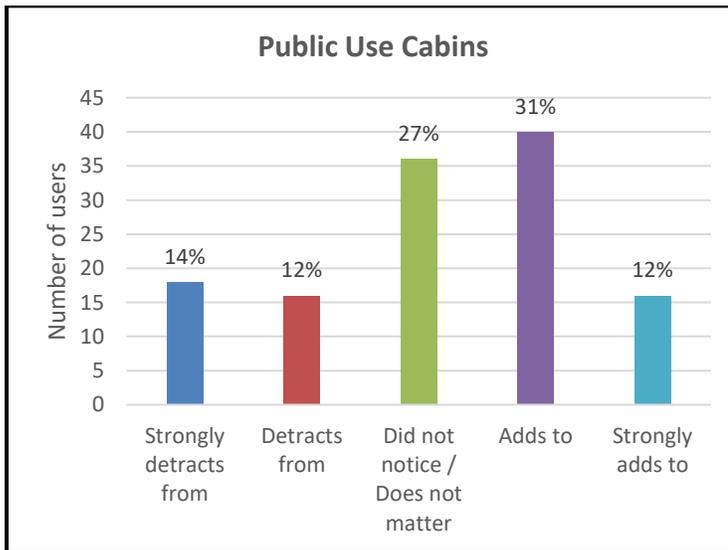
### Long term camps



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 41    |
| Detracts from                    | 47    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 33    |
| Adds to                          | 3     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 2     |

13. The following are things which could be allowed in the Recreation River corridors. Please tell us how they would affect your trips.

### Public use cabins (cabins rented to the public)



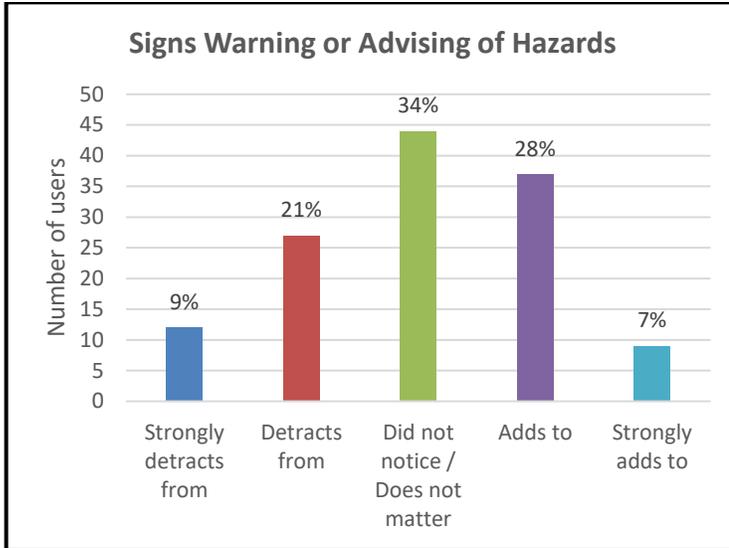
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 18    |
| Detracts from                    | 16    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 36    |
| Adds to                          | 40    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 16    |

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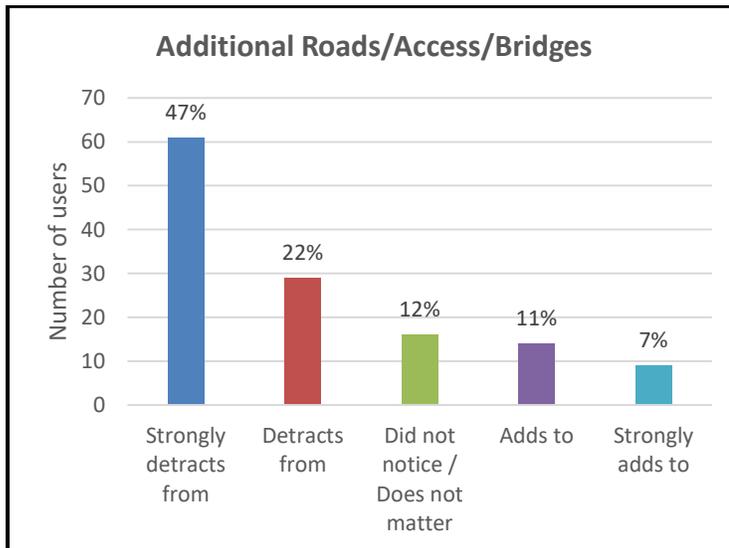


### Signs warning or advising of hazards



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 12    |
| Detracts from                    | 27    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 44    |
| Adds to                          | 37    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 9     |

### Additional roads/access/bridges



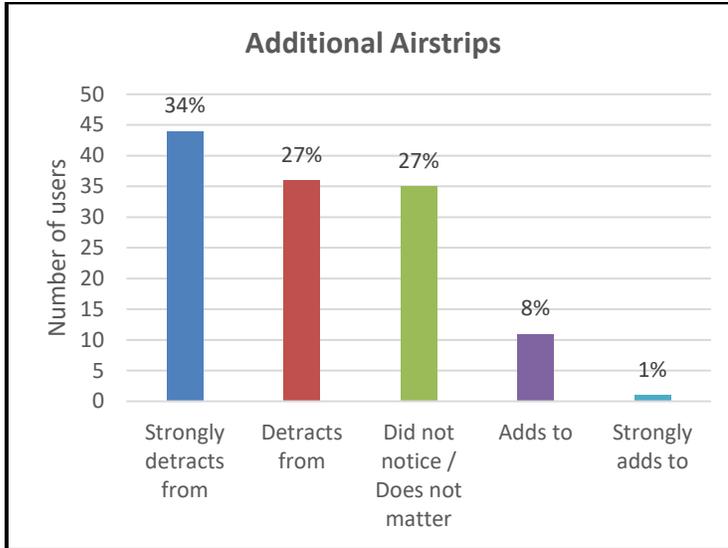
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 61    |
| Detracts from                    | 29    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 16    |
| Adds to                          | 14    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 9     |

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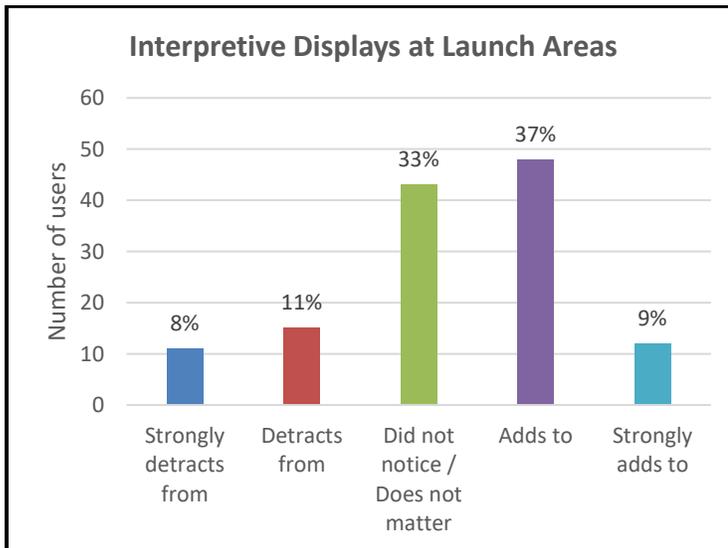


### Additional airstrips



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 44    |
| Detracts from                    | 36    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 35    |
| Adds to                          | 11    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 1     |

### Interpretive displays at launch areas



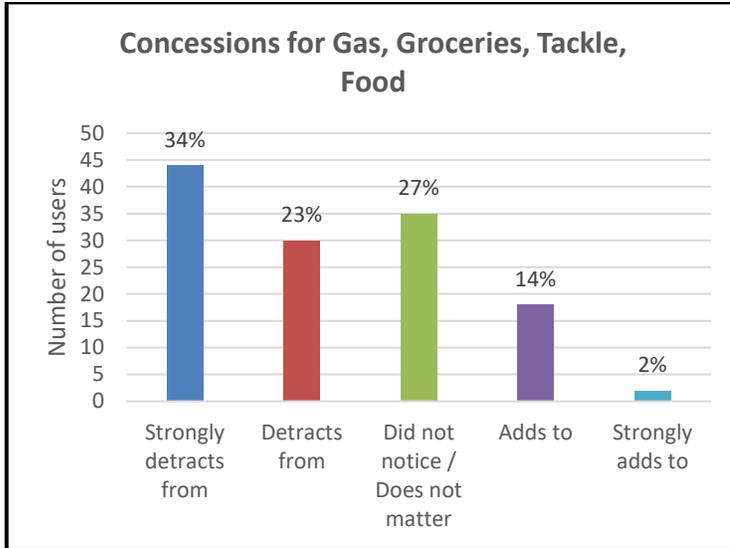
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 11    |
| Detracts from                    | 15    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 43    |
| Adds to                          | 48    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 12    |

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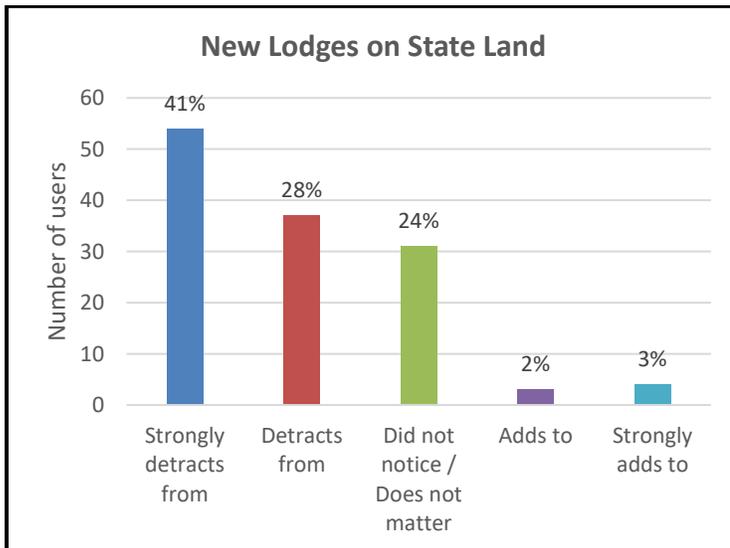


### Concessions for gas, groceries, tackle, food



| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 44    |
| Detracts from                    | 30    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 35    |
| Adds to                          | 18    |
| Strongly adds to                 | 2     |

### New lodges on state land



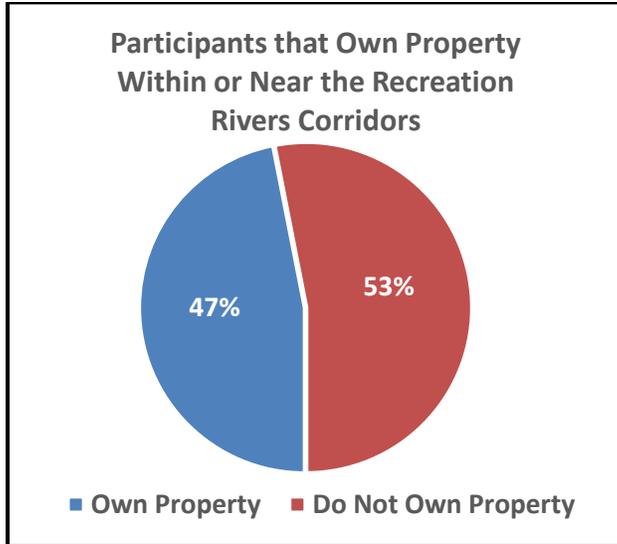
| Answers                          | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Strongly detracts from           | 54    |
| Detracts from                    | 37    |
| Did not notice / Does not matter | 31    |
| Adds to                          | 3     |
| Strongly adds to                 | 4     |

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### 14. Do you own property within the Recreation Rivers corridors or the surrounding area?



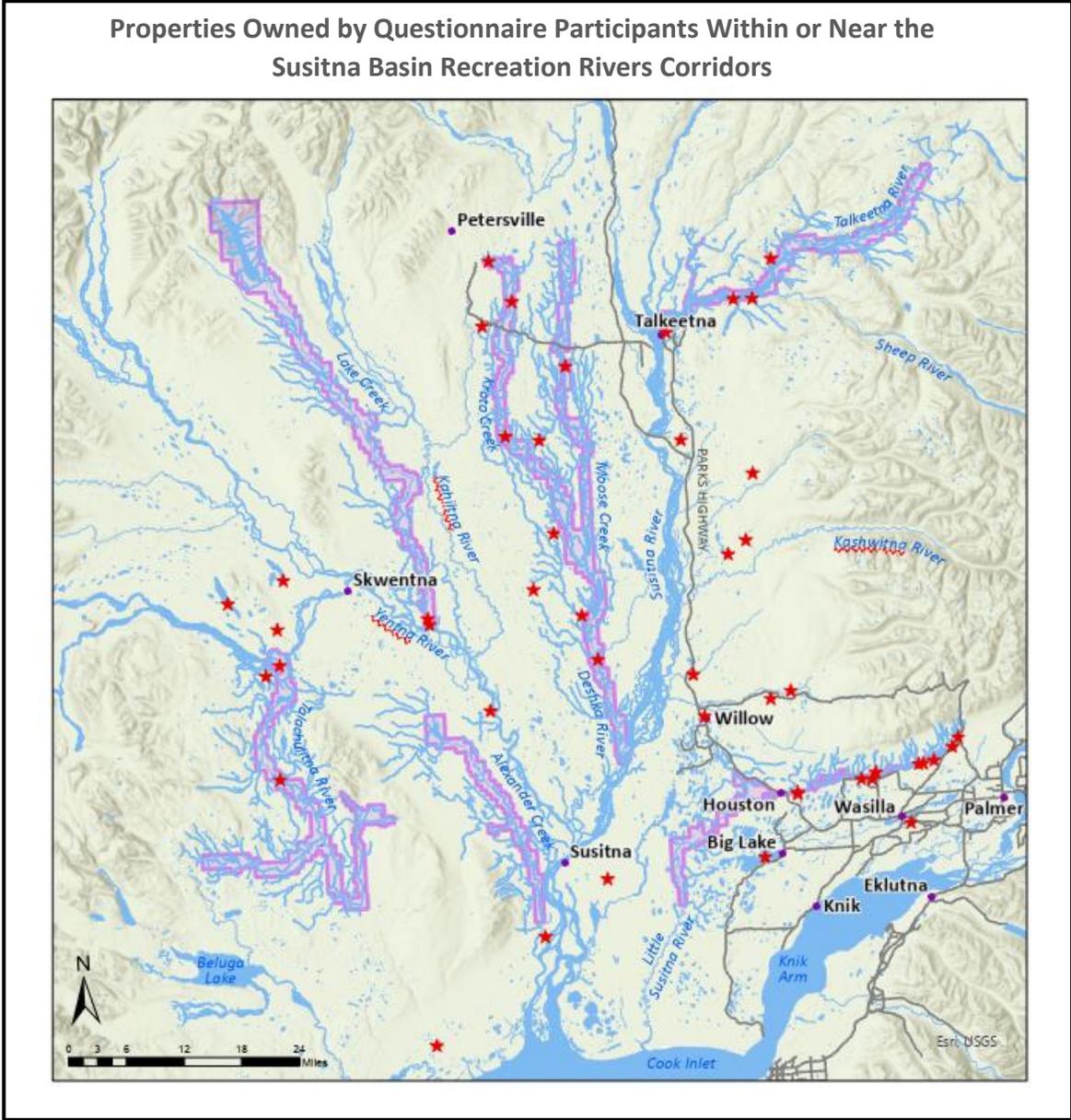
| Answer              | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Own Property        | 61    |
| Do Not Own Property | 69    |

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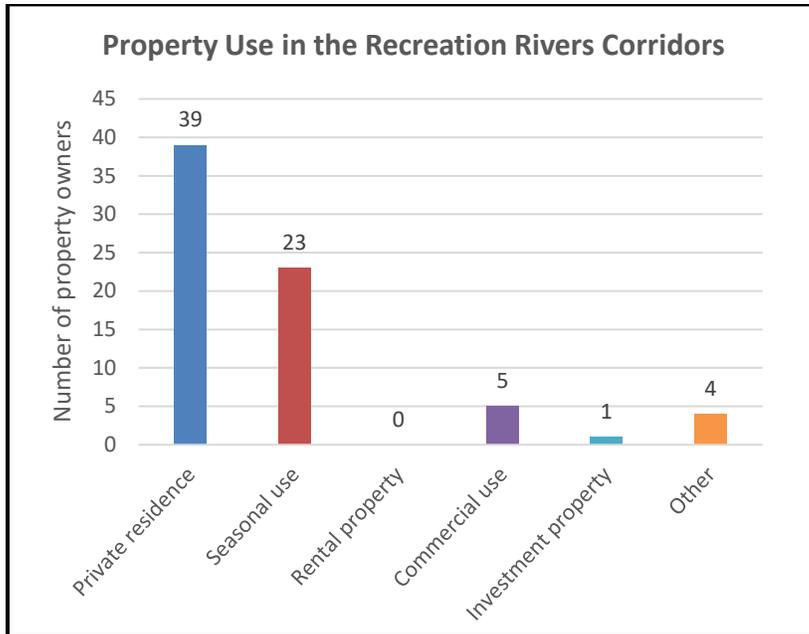
### 15. In what area is your property located?



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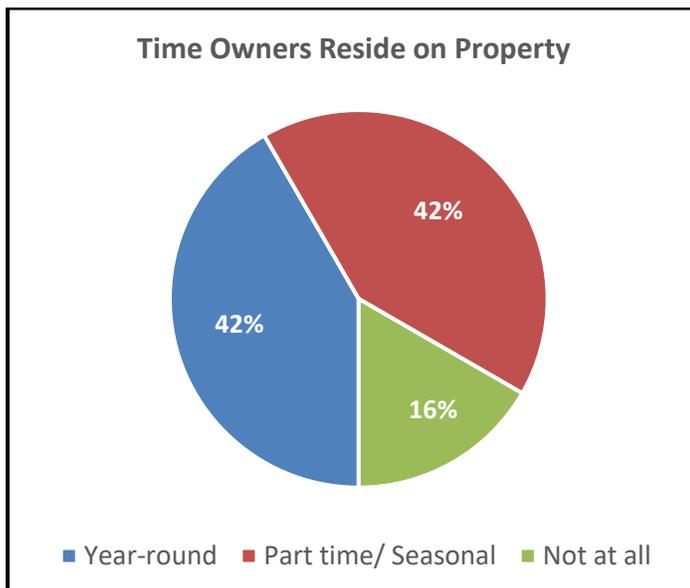


## 16. How do you currently use the property?



| "Other" Responses           |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Year round Lodging business |  |
| X-C skiing                  |  |
| All seasons cabin           |  |
| 2nd home                    |  |

## 17. Do you live on the property?



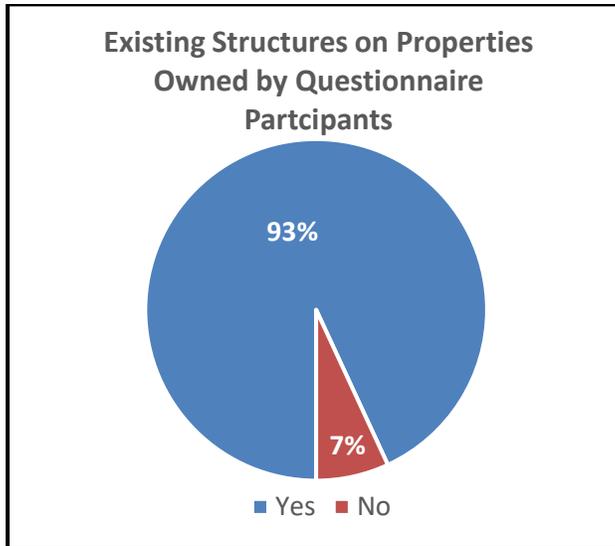
| Answer              | Count |
|---------------------|-------|
| Year-round          | 25    |
| Part time/ Seasonal | 25    |
| Not at all          | 10    |

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### 18. Are there any existing structures on the property?



| Answer | Count |
|--------|-------|
| Yes    | 54    |
| No     | 4     |

### 19. (If answered “Yes” on 18) Please list what types of structures are on the property.

| Responses to Type of Structures on Property  |
|--|
| Home, boat house, saw shed, Quonset hut, log outhouse, fastener shed, airplane hanger and several moose stands |
| Sheds & shop   |
| Home   |
| House and garage   |
| Small cabin and an outhouse  |
| 2 cabins, one shed   |
| Cabins   |
| Cabin, two outhouses, two sheds  |
| Cabin, storage sheds, wood shed  |
| Cabin, tree fort, shed   |
| House, gen shed, green house, guest house, wood shed, shop.  |
| Log House, storage shed and chicken coop   |
| Cabin  |
| Lodges and employees   |
| Cabin  |
| Home, wood shed, chicken coop, pavillion   |
| Home, animal housing, sheds, guest cabin   |
| Home & shop  |
| Large cabins, outhouse, walkways, dock   |
| Not disclosed  |
| House, barn, shed, cabin near river  |
| Home, Shop, Green house, Chicken Coop, Storage shed, Equipment shed, Outhouse, Sauna, Boat dock                |
| 3 cabins, shop/bathroom / outhouse   |
| Cabin and main residence - house   |

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|   |
|---|
| Cabins  |
| House and shope   |
| Cabin   |
| Two homes a garage and a kennel   |
| Home  |
| Cabin   |
| House, cabin, docks   |
| None of your business !!!!! These questions on my property are way too invasive! Refuse to answer correctly on my property info!!!! |
| House and she'd, animal pens  |
| Cabin/shed/   |
| Cabins and equipment sheds  |
| Home  |
| House, Greenhouse, Generator shed, Guest house, Woodshed  |
| Cabin, storage shed, bath house, woodshed   |
| Home & shop   |
| cabin   |
| Lodge, guest cabins, shop, Barn, sauna, generator shed  |
| Cabin, sheds  |
| Cabin   |
| House, barn, connex.  |
| Shec  |
| Cabin   |
| Cabins  |
| Cabin   |
| Cabins  |
| Lodge   |
| Lodge   |
| Cabins  |
| House, barn, greenhouse, woodshed, storage shed   |

**19. (If answered “No” on 18) Do you plan on adding any structures on the property, and if so, what kind of structure?**

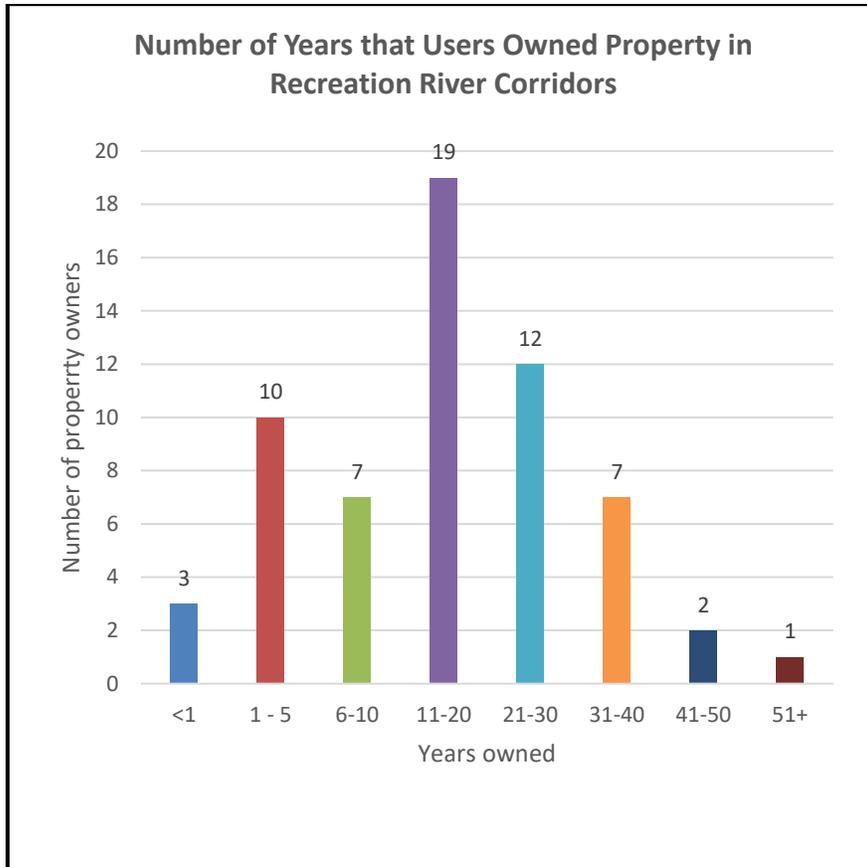
| Responses to the Addition of Structures |
|---|
| Small cabin                             |
| One                                     |
| Yes, Cabin                              |
| Yes small cabin                         |

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### 20. How many years have you owned this property?



### 21. How do you access your property?

| Responses to Property Access   |
|--|
| Boat, airboat, jet ski, snowmachine, doser, tractor, pickup, walking, atv and airplane |
| Boat, airplane, snowmachine  |
| Existing road  |
| Road   |
| Airboat or Jet boat  |
| Boat, snowmachine, skis, bike, walk  |
| Snow, airplane   |
| Walk, snowmobile., ATV   |
| Boat, snowmachine  |
| Road access  |
| Existing road in summer, snowmachine in winter   |
| ATV, snowmachine   |
| Via airplane   |
| Private plane, snowmachine, boat, and atv.   |
| Existing City of Houston roads   |
| Car  |

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|  |
|--|
| Plane and helicopter   |
| Airplane   |
| Existing road.   |
| Existing road  |
| Private vehicle  |
| Float plane, on foot   |
| Trail  |
| Schrock Rd   |
| Boat, ATV, Snowmachine   |
| Schrock Road crosses the River there on the Manville Olson Bridge. We sold 50' of our property to the State of Alaska to help build the current bridge in 1991-2.  |
| Airplane   |
| Foot, atv trail  |
| Plane  |
| Existing non-egress road   |
| Boat, snowmachine  |
| Trucks   |
| I depend on the salmon and Burbot I catch in the main stem susitna and Talkeetna. Subsistence is not mentioned in this survey but should be. Corridors to subsistence hi ring opportunities is also not mentioned. Recreation should not override subsistenc |
| On foot from Petersville road  |
| Road   |
| FU   |
| Road   |
| Boat, plane, snowmachine   |
| Boar or airplane   |
| Road   |
| Road   |
| Snowmachine, Private plane, Jetboat  |
| Plane, snow machine, boat  |
| Vehicle  |
| Road   |
| Car  |
| Summer by boat or airplane or helicopter and winter by snowmachine or airplane or helicopter   |
| Boat   |
| Trail  |
| Boat and snow machine  |
| Existing road.   |
| Road   |
| Atv/airplane   |
| Airplane, boat, snowmachine  |
| Sled or boat   |
| Boat, float plane  |
| Airplane, snow machine.  |
| Plane  |
| Float plane, boat  |
| Existing road  |