# Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Visitor Survey 

## Introduction

In order for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), and better meet the needs of the public; a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at 23 BLM recreation sites in 11 states during fiscal year 2009 (FY09). The survey was developed to measure each site's performance related to BLM GPRA Goal 3.1 - Provide for a quality recreation experience, including access, and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources on DOI managed and partnered lands and waters; and Goal 3.2 - Provide for and receive fair value in recreation. The information collected during the survey will also help the BLM better serve the public. The survey collected visitor satisfaction data regarding visitor information (i.e., use of maps, signs, brochures), developed facilities, managing recreation use, resource management, BLM staff and customer service, and educational and interpretive materials.

The results of the visitor satisfaction survey conducted at Five Mile Pass Recreation Area are summarized in this data report. A description of the research methods and limitations can be found on the next page. Below (left) is a graph summarizing visitor opinions of the "overall quality of recreation experience." The satisfaction measure next to this graph is a combined percentage of "good" and "very good" responses. This is the primary performance measure for GPRA Goal 3.1 and should be used for reporting performance for this goal (NOTE: the satisfaction measure may not equal the sum of "very good" and "good" percentages due to rounding).

The response rate for this site survey was $86 \%$. The graph and satisfaction measure summarizing visitor opinions of the "value for fee paid", which is the primary performance measure for GPRA Goal 3.2, can be found on page 9 .


## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area <br> Research Methods

## Understanding the Results

Inside this report are graphs that illustrate the survey results. The report contains 8 categories of data regarding BLM amenities, staff, and services plus selected demographics. Within these categories are graphs for each indicator evaluated by site visitors. For example, the Visitor Information category includes indicators such as "providing useful maps and brochures," "adequate signs on site for direction," and so forth. In each category there is a graph entitled "Everything Considered" this graph is the basis for determining visitor satisfaction for each category and GPRA reporting numbers.

Each graph includes the following information:

- The number of visitor responses for the indicator;
- The percentage of responses which were "very good," "good," "average," "poor," and "very poor;"
- A "satisfaction measure" that combines the percentage of total responses which were "very good" or "good;", and
- An average evaluation score (mean score) based on the following values: very poor= 1 , poor $=2$, average $=3$, good $=4$, very good $=5$.

- The higher the average evaluation score, the more positive the visitor response
- Graph percentages may not equal $100 \%$ due to rounding


## Research Methods

Surveys were distributed to a random sample of visitors at this site during a selected period in FY09, The survey response rate is described on the first page of this report, meaning that $86 \%$ of those randomly sampled responded to the survey.The data reflect visitor opinions about this site's facilities, management, services, educational opportunities, and fees during the survey period. Visitor activities and selected demographics were also captured. A representative sample of the general visitor population were surveyed at selected locations. The results do not necessarily apply to visitors during other times of the year, or visitors who did not visit the survey locations on site.

Returned surveys were electronically scanned and the data analyzed. Frequency distributions were calculated for each indicator and category.

All percentage calculations were rounded to the nearest percent.

The survey response rate is described on the first page of this report. The sample size ( n ) varies from figure to figure, depending on the number of responses.

Caution is advised when interpreting any data with a sample size of less than 30 . In such cases, the word "CAUTION!" is included in the graph. This report excludes any indicator with less than 10 responses.

For most indicators, the survey data are expected to be accurate with in $\pm 6 \%$ with $95 \%$ confidence. This means that if different samples had been drawn, the results would have been similar ( $\pm 6 \%$ ) 95 out of 100 times.


## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Visitor Information



FY09
Satisfaction measure: 77\%
Average evaluation score: 3.8
FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 65\% Average evaluation score: 3.5

Ensuring public awareness of rules and regulations

FY09: 39 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 79\%
Average evaluation score: 4.1
Providing adequate signs on site for direction and orientation


FY09: Satisfaction measure: 65\% Average evaluation score: 3.9

Everything considered: quality of
BLM visitor information


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 77\%
Average evaluation score: 4

# Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Developed Facilities 




Maintaining trails for non-motorized use

FY09: 35 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 69\%
Average evaluation score: 3.9

Maintaining cleanliness of restrooms and other physical facilities


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 85\%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

## Everything considered: overall condition of developed facilities



FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 85\%
Average evaluation score: 4.2


Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Managing Visitor and Recreation Use

Managing the appropriate
use of vehicles
FY09: 42 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 83\%
Average evaluation score: 4.1

## Keeping noise at appropriate levels

FY09: 41 respondents


FY09

Satisfaction measure: 83\%
Average evaluation score: 4.2


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 80\% Average evaluation score: 4.1

Providing sufficient law enforcement presence to prevent crime

FY09: 35 respondents


FY09: Satisfaction measure: 74\% Average evaluation score: 4.1

## Everything considered: visitor and

recreation management


FY09: Satisfaction measure: 78\%
Average evaluation score: 4

## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Resource Management

Adequately protecting the natural resources

FY09: 41 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 78\% Average evaluation score: 4.1

Ensuring that visitor activities do not infringe on resource protection

FY09: 40 respondents


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 80\% Average evaluation score: 4.1

## Everything considered: BLM protection

 of natural and cultural resources

FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 80\% Average evaluation score: 4.1

## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area BLM Staff and Service



FY09
Satisfaction measure: 90\% Average evaluation score: 4.7

Staff demonstrated knowledge about recreational opportunities in the area

FY09: 36 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 89\%
Average evaluation score: 4.6

Staff demonstrated knowledge about the natural and cultural resources in the area

FY09: 36 respondents


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 89\% Average evaluation score: 4.5

Everything considered: performance of BLM staff


FY09: Satisfaction measure: 87\%
Average evaluation score: 4.6

# Five Mile Pass Recreation Area Providing Educational and Interpretive Material 

Providing quality educational and interpretive material about the resources at this site

FY09: 28 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 71\%
Average evaluation score: 4

Providing a sufficient quantity of educational and interpretive materials about the resources at this site FY09: 27 respondents


FY09
Satisfaction measure: 63\%
Average evaluation score: 3.7

Providing stewardship information on how to protect the cultural and natural resources

FY09: 27 respondents


FY09: Satisfaction measure: 81\% Average evaluation score: 3.9

Everything considered: interpretive and educational program


FY09:
Satisfaction measure: 66\% Average evaluation score: 3.8



How appropriate was the fee charged for this site/area?

The chart for this question has been excluded because there were fewer than 10 responses. See page 2 for discussion regarding the required minimum response count.

FY09: 6 respondents

The value of the recreation opportunity was at least equal to the fee asked to pay.

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Quality of Commercial Services
FY09: 13 respondents


## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area <br> Primary Activities at this Site/Area

Primary $\underset{\text { FYo9: }}{36}$ respondents***

** Percentages do not equal 100 because visitors could choose more than one activity.

## Programs (interpretive, walk, tour, exhibit, presentations, etc.)




## Five Mile Pass Recreation Area <br> Demographics



Number of teenagers
(13-17) in group



Number of adults (18 and over) in group


Number of children
(under 12) in group



# Five Mile Pass Recreation Area <br> Accessibility to Visitors with Disabilities 

Ability to adequately use the facilities<br>FY09: 7 respondents

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FY09
Satisfaction measure: 71\%
Average evaluation score: 4.3

## Ability to understand the

messages
FY09: 5 respondents

The chart for this question required minimum response count.

## Ability to access exhibits, waysides, etc. <br> FY09: 5 respondents

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response count.

Satisfaction measure: $60 \%$ Average evaluation score: 4

Ability to use the services in this area
FY09: 7 respondents

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