Imperial Dam LTVA Visitor Survey

Introduction

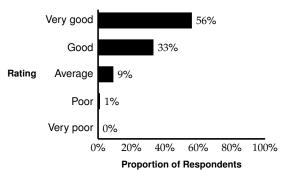
In order for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and better meet the needs of the public, a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at Imperial Dam LTVA, AZ, during fiscal year 2020. The survey was developed to measure a site's performance related to Mission Area 3, Goal 2, Strategy 1 (as specified in the DOI 2019/2020 Annual Performance Plan & 2018 Report) - Enhance Public Satisfaction at DOI Sites by enhancing the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage; and Mission Area 2, Goal 3, Strategy 2: Ensure Public Receives Fair Market Value for Resources by ensuring effective collection and application of recreation fees. 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, recreation use management, resource management, BLM staff and service, programs, commercial recreation operations, educational and interpretive materials, fees, accessibility for visitors with disabilities, activities, and demographics.

The results of the visitor satisfaction survey conducted at Imperial Dam LTVA are summarized in this data report. A description of the research methods and limitations can be found on page two. Below (left) is a graph summarizing visitor opinions regarding the overall quality of their experience at this site. The satisfaction measure below (right) is a combined proportion of "good" and "very good" responses. This is the primary performance measure for GPRA Mission Area 3, Goal 2.1 and should be used when reporting performance for this goal. (NOTE: the satisfaction measure may not equal the sum of "very good" and "good" proportions due to rounding.)

The response rate for this survey site was 64%. This indicates that 64% of those randomly sampled completed the survey. The graph summarizing visitor opinions of the "value for fee paid," which is the primary performance measure for GPRA Mission Area 2, Goal 3.2, can be found on page 9.

Overall quality of experience

FY20: 314 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 89%

Mean score: 4.4

FY20 GPRA Satisfaction Measure

Proportion of site visitors satisfied overall with visitor information, facilities, management, interpretation/education, staff services, and programs:

89%

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Imperial Dam LTVA Research Methods

Understanding the Results

Inside this report are graphs that illustrate the survey results. The report contains ten 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," "providing useful information on the internet," 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.

All graphs include the following information:

- The number of visitor responses for the indicator;
- The proportion of responses for each answer choice;

Graphs for quality indicators also include:

- A "satisfaction measure" that combines the proportion of total responses which were "Very good" or "Good;"
- An average (mean) evaluation score where a number closer to five reflects a more positive visitor response;
- Quality indicators are based on the following scale:

NOTE: Graph proportions may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Procedure

Surveys were distributed to a random sample of visitors at this site between January 11 and February 29, 2020. 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.

The survey response rate is described on page one of this report. The number of respondents for each indicator is reported at the top of each figure. All proportions are reported as whole percentages while averages are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Caution is advised when interpreting any data with fewer than 30 responses. When this occurs, the word "CAUTION!" is included above the graph. This report excludes any graphs or calculations for questions with fewer than 10 responses. "NA" has been inserted in place of excluded satisfaction and evaluation calculations.

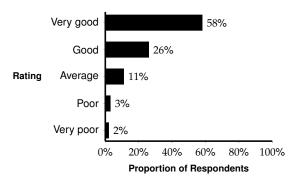
For most indicators, the survey data are expected to be accurate within $\pm 6\%$ of the population with 95% confidence. This means that if different samples had been drawn, the results would have been similar ($\pm 6\%$) 95 out of 100 times.

Imperial Dam LTVA Visitor Information



Providing useful maps and brochures

FY20: 314 Respondents

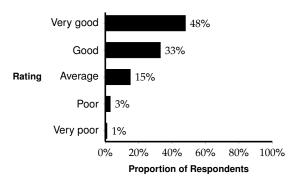


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 84%

Mean score: 4.4

Ensuring public awareness of rules and regulations

FY20: 316 Respondents

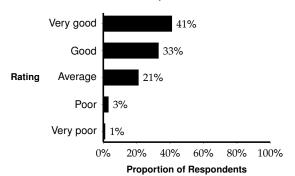


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 81%

Mean score: 4.2

Providing useful information on the Internet

FY20: 217 Respondents

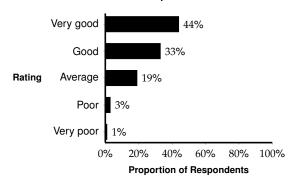


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 74%

Mean score: 4.1

Providing adequate signs on-site for direction and orientation

FY20: 324 Respondents

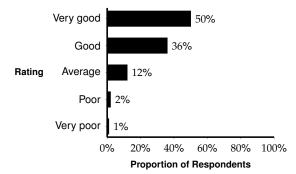


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 77%

Mean score: 4.2

Everything considered: Quality of BLM visitor information

FY20: 327 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 86%

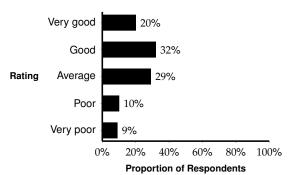
Mean score: 4.3



Imperial Dam LTVA Developed Facilities

Condition of roads for motorized vehicles

FY20: 330 Respondents

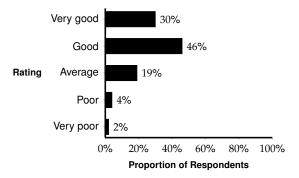


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 52%

Mean score: 3.4

Condition of trails for non-motorized use

FY20: 257 Respondents

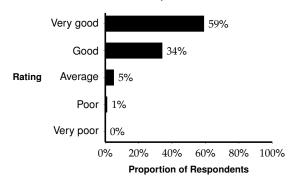


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 76%

Mean score: 4

Cleanliness of site

FY20: 331 Respondents

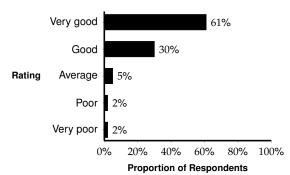


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 93%

Mean score: 4.5

Cleanliness of restrooms and other physical facilities

FY20: 280 Respondents

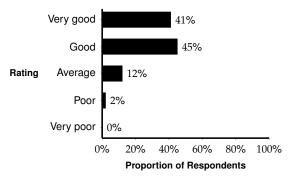


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 91%

Mean score: 4.5

Everything considered: Overall condition of developed facilities

FY20: 333 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 86%

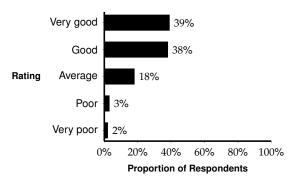
Mean score: 4.2

Imperial Dam LTVA Recreation Use Management



Managing the appropriate use of vehicles

FY20: 316 Respondents

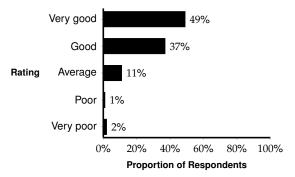


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 78%

Mean score: 4.1

Keeping noise at appropriate levels

FY20: 323 Respondents

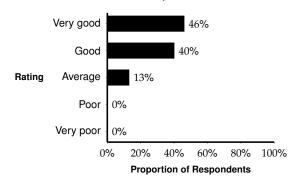


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 86%

Mean score: 4.3

Managing the number of people

FY20: 312 Respondents

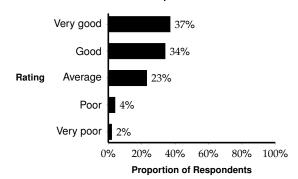


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 87%

Mean score: 4.3

Providing a sufficient law enforcement presence to prevent crime

FY20: 279 Respondents

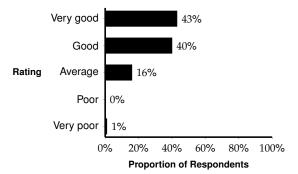


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 71%

Mean score: 4

Everything considered: Visitor and recreation management

FY20: 329 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 83%

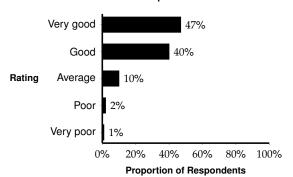
Mean score: 4.2



Imperial Dam LTVA Resource Management

Adequately protecting the natural resources

FY20: 310 Respondents

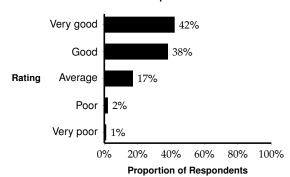


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 87%

Mean score: 4.3

Ensuring that visitor activities do not interfere with resource protection

FY20: 295 Respondents

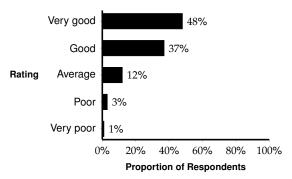


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 80%

Mean score: 4.2

Adequately protecting the cultural resources

FY20: 275 Respondents

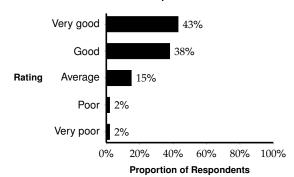


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 85%

Mean score: 4.3

Everything considered: BLM Protection of natural and cultural resources

FY20: 309 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 81%

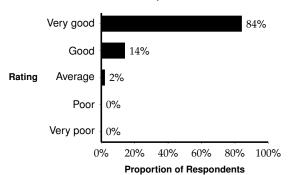
Mean score: 4.2

Imperial Dam LTVA BLM Staff and Service



Staff treated me courteously

FY20: 291 Respondents

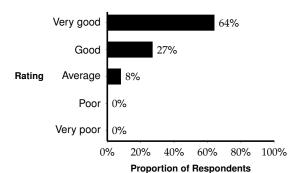


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 97%

Mean score: 4.8

Staff demonstrated knowledge about natural and cultural resources

FY20: 248 Respondents

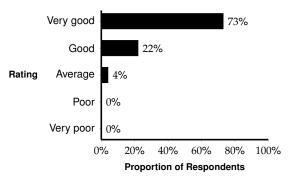


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 92%

Mean score: 4.5

Staff demonstrated knowledge about recreational opportunities

FY20: 269 Respondents

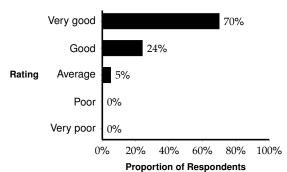


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 95%

Mean score: 4.7

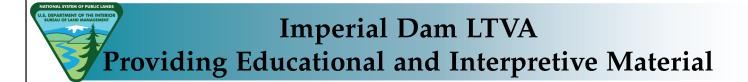
Everything considered: Performance of BLM staff

FY20: 289 Respondents



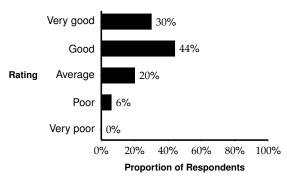
FY20 Satisfaction measure: 94%

Mean score: 4.6



Providing quality educational and interpretive material about the resources

FY20: 226 Respondents

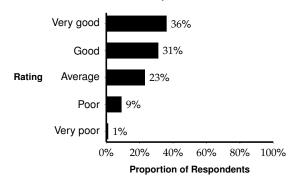


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 73%

Mean score: 4

Providing stewardship information on protecting cultural and natural resources

FY20: 242 Respondents

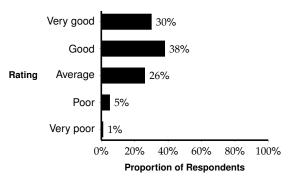


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 67%

Mean score: 3.9

Providing sufficient quantity of educational and interpretive materials about the resources

FY20: 223 Respondents

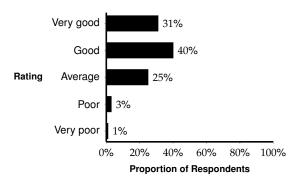


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 67%

Mean score: 3.9

Everything considered: BLM interpretive and educational program

FY20: 243 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 71%

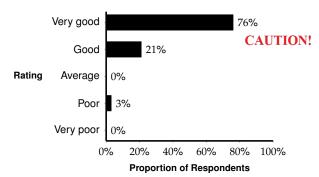
Mean score: 4

Imperial Dam LTVA Programs & Fees



Quality of program(s) attended

FY20: 29 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 97%

Mean score: 4.7

Total fees paid

FY20: 327 Respondents

No fee 2%
Under \$25 0%

Fee \$25-\$50 12%

>\$50 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Proportion of Respondents

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

FY20: 314 Respondents

Far too low 1%

Too low 6%

Rating About right

Too high 1%

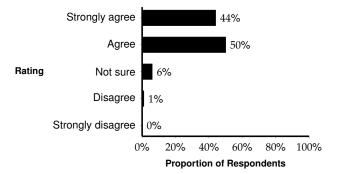
Far too high 0%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Proportion of Respondents

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

FY20: 292 Respondents

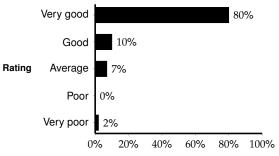




Imperial Dam LTVA Commercial Recreation Operations & Activities

Quality of Commercial Services

FY20: 41 Responses*



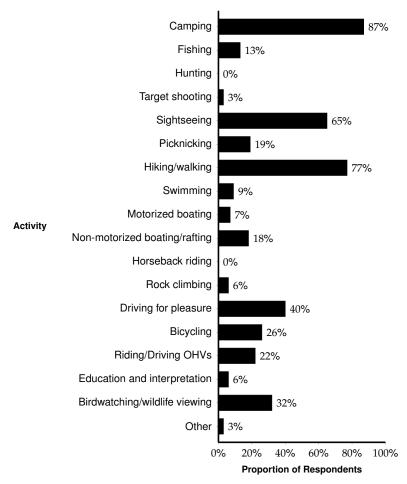
Proportion of Responses

FY20 Satisfaction measure: 90%

Mean score: 4.6

Activities

FY20: 324 Respondents**



^{*}Each respondent could rate up to three services.
**Percentages do not sum to 100 because respondents could select more than one activity.

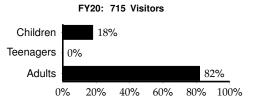
Imperial Dam LTVA Demographics



Visitor age groups

Age

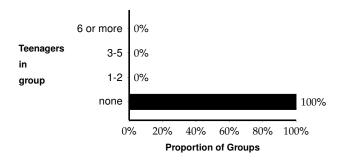
group



Proportion of Visitors

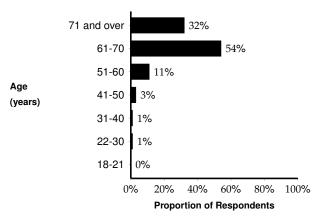
Number of teenagers (13-17) in group

FY20: 324 Groups



Respondent age

FY20: 323 Respondents



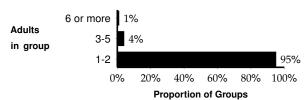
Arizona visitors came from 9 different counties.

FY20: 26 Respondents

County	Count
Yuma County	8
Maricopa County	4
Mohave County	4
Yavapai County	3
Apache County	2
Pima County	2
Other counties	3

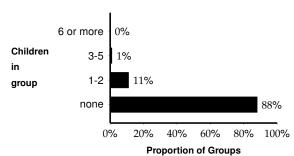
Number of Adults (18 and over) in group

FY20: 324 Groups



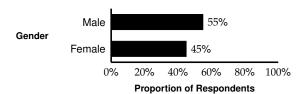
Number of children (under 12) in group

FY20: 324 Groups



Respondent gender

FY20: 311 Respondents



Visitors came from 29 states across the country

FY20: 308 Respondents

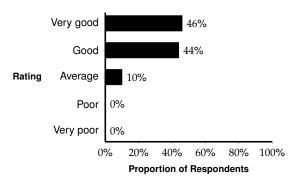
State	Count
SD	40
WA	30
AZ	26
CA	24
OR	24
MI	22
MT	14
IA	12
MN	12
Other states	104



Imperial Dam LTVA Accessibility for Visitors with Disabilities

Ability to adequately use facilities

FY20: 48 Respondents

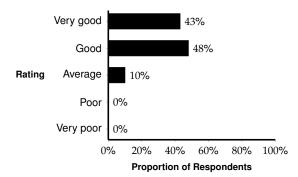


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 90%

Mean score: 4.4

Ability to access exhibits, waysides, etc.

FY20: 42 Respondents

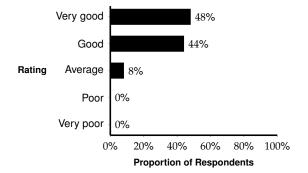


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 90%

Mean score: 4.3

Ability to understand messages

FY20: 48 Respondents

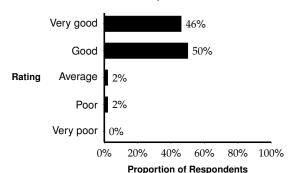


FY20 Satisfaction measure: 92%

Mean score: 4.4

Ability to use services

FY20: 50 Respondents



FY20 Satisfaction measure: 96%

Mean score: 4.4

