

# ***NSRE UPDATE***

## **NATIONAL SURVEY ON RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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To date Versions one to nine of the **NSRE** have been completed. Version VIII's data were collected from early March, 2000 through June, 2001. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, leisure lifestyles, wilderness values and opinions, national forest values and opinions, and demographics. A total of 5,013 interviews were collected for Version VIII.

Version IX's data were collected from late February, 2000 through July, 2001. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, and demographics. A total of 5,001 interviews were collected for Version IX.

Version X of the **NSRE** was started in middle of July, 2001 and is expected to be completed by the middle of October, 2001. Version X contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, leisure lifestyles, forest setting trip destination, wildland urban interface, congressionally designated areas, and demographics.

Version XI of the **NSRE** was started in late July, 2001 and is expected to finish by late October, 2001. This version contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, private land ownership, wilderness constraints, and demographics.

Since September 1999, when the first completed interviews for the **NSRE** were collected and analyzed, over 60 presentations and several preliminary reports and summaries have been completed. Some of the topics presented covered issues such as outdoor recreation participation trends, wilderness values, changing public environmental concerns and opinions, public land management and practices, agricultural and farm related activities, sightseeing, and people's lifestyles. A book summarizing the **NSRE's** findings called "Outdoor Recreation: 21<sup>st</sup> Century America" is currently being written and is expected to be published early in 2002. As progress on **NSRE** continues and more interviews are completed, more presentations, reports and publications will be forthcoming. Please check our web-site for these presentations and materials.

**NSRE** is being administered through three survey centers: the Human Dimensions Research Laboratory and the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the Center for Applied Social Research at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. To date, 62,000 hours of interviewing have been spent on data collection alone. For further information regarding the content, progress and results of the **NSRE** survey, contact Gary T. Green on (706)-559-4269 or [gtgreen/srs\\_athens@fs.fed.us](mailto:gtgreen/srs_athens@fs.fed.us). Information may also be obtained at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/trends/>