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**NATIONAL SURVEY ON RECREATION
AND THE ENVIRONMENT (NSRE 2000)
(Versions 1 to 5 with Sample Frequencies
and Weighted Population Estimates)**

**USES AND VALUES OF WILDLIFE
AND WILDERNESS IN THE UNITED STATES**

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INTRODUCTION

This summary is the second in a series that provides sample frequencies and weighted population estimates from the 1999-2000 National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (*NSRE 2000*). The *NSRE 2000*, in general, was conducted to discover and describe: (1) participation by Americans in outdoor recreation activities, (2) opinions concerning management of both public and private forests and grasslands, (3) the importance and value of our natural environment, (3) uses and values of wildlife and wilderness, (4) people's lifestyles, and (5) recreational trips people take away from home. The *NSRE 2000* data will be used by a variety of public and private organizations for both management and research purposes.

This summary, specifically, provides sample frequencies and weighted estimates from versions two, four, and six of the *NSRE 2000* regarding American's beliefs and opinions concerning the uses and values of wildlife and wilderness in the United States. Data from just two versions of the *NSRE 2000* are used because the wildlife and wilderness modules have only been included in these versions to date. Therefore the frequencies and percentages presented in this summary are based upon a total of 15, 064 completed interviews.

Data from versions one to five of the *NSRE 2000* were examined for differences in demographic profiles between those surveyed and the overall population of the country. Differences were found to warrant weighting the data. The weighting strategy used a combination of multi-variate and multiplicative weights accounting for age, race, sex, education, and urban/rural differences. This weighting adjustment assures better estimates of recreation participation and trends across the general population. Subsequently, the population estimates provided in this report are from weighted sample frequencies and percentages. Furthermore, the population estimates are based upon the noninstitutionalized civilian population. Estimates of the noninstitutionalized civilian population (207.3 million) differ from the civilian population estimates (212.4 million) in that they exclude persons residing in institutions, such as nursing homes, prisons, mental hospitals or correctional facilities. People residing in such institutions are not part of the *NSRE*'s telephone sample, hence they are not contacted for interviews or used in the generation of population estimates.

Another source of bias comes from language barriers and the exclusion of non-English speaking US residents. According to the 1990 Census, 10.3% of the U.S. population is Hispanic. For the non-English speaking segment of the Hispanic population, the *NSRE 2000* is being conducted in Spanish. The most difficult part of this process is getting the translation generic enough for overall comprehension by all the various Hispanic dialects. Please note that other non-English speaking U.S. residents are excluded from the *NSRE 2000* survey. The complexity of translation and interviewing process make it cost prohibitive to conduct multi-lingual interviews.

AMERICAN'S USES AND VALUES OF WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS NSRE 2000 Summary (Versions 1 to 5)

(With Sample Frequencies and Weighted Population Estimates)

The emphasis of this summary is on the beliefs and opinions of a sample of American's regarding the uses and values of wildlife and wilderness in the United States. Versions two and four of the **NSRE 2000** contained more than 50 questions pertaining to wildlife and wilderness issues. In this summary, weighted sample frequencies and percentages for each wildlife and wilderness question incorporated in the **NSRE 2000** to date are provided. (*Please note population percentages and numbers in all tables were generated from weighted data, and rounded to the nearest decimal point).

NSRE 2000 Survey

Uses and Values of Wildlife and Wilderness

The Wilderness Act of 1964 allows Congress to preserve certain federal lands in their wild condition. These lands cannot be used for purposes such as timber harvesting, developing ski resorts, or highways. To date, the Congress has added 625 areas to this National Wilderness Preservation System to protect wildlife, scenery, water, and recreation opportunities, and to keep these areas wild and natural.

WILD279 Were you aware that the Congress established this National Wilderness Preservation System?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Yes	5054	48.3	100.1
2. No	5281	50.5	104.7
3. Don't know	121	1.2	2.5

WILD280 Have you ever taken a trip to visit an area you knew for sure was one of the 625 designated Wilderness Areas?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Yes	1656	31.6	65.5
2. No	3288	62.8	130.2
3. Don't know	292	5.6	11.6

WILD280a Did you visit one of these designated Wilderness Areas in the last 12 months?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Yes	866	52.3	108.4
2. No	762	46.0	95.4
3. Don't know	27	1.7	3.5

WILD282 Do you think the amount of land the Congress has designated as wilderness is not enough, about the right amount, or too much.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Not enough	7687	49.2	101.9
2. About right	4616	29.6	61.4
3. Too much	926	5.9	12.2
4. Don't know	2300	14.7	30.5

Interviewer read—Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following three statements:

WILD282c It has been documented that air pollution from power plants and industry obstructs views of wilderness scenery. Companies should be required to clean up their air pollution, even if it meant you might pay more for electricity or consumer products.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	2874	54.4	112.8
2. Agree	1630	31.1	64.5
3. Neither	134	2.6	5.4
4. Disagree	266	5.1	10.6
5. Strongly disagree	224	4.3	8.9
6. Don't know	121	2.5	5.2

WILD282d

The agencies which manage wilderness should limit the number of visitors if a wilderness area frequently gets crowded with people.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	2163	41.3	85.6
2. Agree	1785	34.1	70.7
3. Neither	190	3.6	7.5
4. Disagree	505	9.7	20.1
5. Strongly disagree	367	7.0	14.5
6. Don't know	215	4.3	8.9

WILD282e

The agencies which manage wilderness should limit the number of visitors if the area's natural resources such as streams, wildlife or vegetation are being harmed.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	3545	67.7	140.3
2. Agree	1094	20.9	43.3
3. Neither	67	1.3	2.7
4. Disagree	194	3.7	7.8
5. Strongly disagree	199	3.8	7.9
6. Don't know	126	2.6	5.4

Interviewer Read--Wilderness areas provide a variety of benefits for different people. For each benefit I read, please tell me whether it is extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not important at all to you.

WILD283 Protecting water quality

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	2874	54.9	113.8
2. Very important	1911	36.5	75.7
3. Moderately important	309	5.9	12.2
4. Slightly important	77	1.5	3.1
5. Not important at all	46	0.9	1.9
6. Don't know	15	0.3	0.6

WILD284 Knowing that future generations will have wilderness areas

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	2411	46.0	95.4
2. Very important	2045	39.0	80.9
3. Moderately important	504	9.7	20.1
4. Slightly important	136	2.6	5.4
5. Not important at all	63	1.2	2.5
6. Don't know	72	1.5	3.1

WILD285 Providing recreation opportunities

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1556	29.7	61.6
2. Very important	1930	36.9	76.5
3. Moderately important	1261	24.1	49.9
4. Slightly important	253	4.8	9.9
5. Not important at all	117	2.2	4.6
6. Don't know	112	2.3	4.8

WILD286

Protecting wildlife habitat

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	2698	51.2	106.1
2. Very important	1862	35.6	73.8
3. Moderately important	495	9.5	19.7
4. Slightly important	89	1.7	3.5
5. Not important at all	24	0.5	1.0
6. Don't know	61	1.2	2.5

WILD287

Providing spiritual inspiration

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1435	27.4	56.8
2. Very important	1602	30.6	63.4
3. Moderately important	1232	23.5	48.7
4. Slightly important	373	7.1	14.7
5. Not important at all	391	7.5	15.6
6. Don't know	182	3.9	8.1

WILD288

Preserving natural areas for scientific study

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1295	24.7	51.2
2. Very important	1698	32.4	67.2
3. Moderately important	1478	28.2	58.5
4. Slightly important	379	7.2	14.9
5. Not important at all	223	4.3	8.9
6. Don't know	145	3.2	6.6

WILD289 Preserving unique wild plants and animals

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	2287	43.7	90.6
2. Very important	1883	36.0	74.6
3. Moderately important	703	13.4	27.8
4. Slightly important	196	3.8	7.9
5. Not important at all	103	2.0	4.2
6. Don't know	57	1.1	2.3

WILD290 Knowing that in the future I will have the option to visit a Wilderness area or primitive area of my choice

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1880	35.9	74.4
2. Very important	1949	37.2	77.1
3. Moderately important	892	17.1	35.5
4. Slightly important	247	4.7	9.7
5. Not important at all	166	3.2	6.6
6. Don't know	94	1.9	3.9

WILD291 Protecting air quality

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	3086	58.9	122.1
2. Very important	1717	32.8	67.9
3. Moderately important	290	5.5	11.4
4. Slightly important	72	1.4	2.9
5. Not important at all	33	0.6	1.2
6. Don't know	34	0.8	1.7

WILD292

Providing income for the tourist industry

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	612	11.7	24.3
2. Very important	1123	21.4	44.4
3. Moderately important	1766	33.7	69.9
4. Slightly important	753	14.4	29.9
5. Not important at all	793	15.2	31.5
6. Don't know	168	3.6	7.5

WILD293

Protecting rare and endangered species

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	2608	49.8	103.2
2. Very important	1726	32.9	68.2
3. Moderately important	587	11.2	23.2
4. Slightly important	158	3.0	6.2
5. Not important at all	93	1.8	3.7
6. Don't know	57	1.1	2.3

WILD294

Providing scenic beauty

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1866	35.6	73.8
2. Very important	2018	38.5	79.8
3. Moderately important	965	18.4	38.1
4. Slightly important	217	4.2	8.7
5. Not important at all	96	1.9	3.9
6. Don't know	64	1.4	2.9

WILD295

Just knowing that Wilderness and primitive areas exist

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	1888	36.1	74.8
2. Very important	1988	37.9	78.6
3. Moderately important	924	17.7	36.7
4. Slightly important	234	4.5	9.3
5. Not important at all	104	2.0	4.2
6. Don't know	90	1.8	3.7

WILD1

We would now like to ask you some questions about wilderness areas. The following list will help us understand how familiar people are with wilderness. Please tell me if you think each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE, or if you don't know.

Wild280e1

Wilderness areas are established by Congress

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1189	45.7	94.7
2. False	493	18.9	39.2
3. Don't know	917	35.4	73.4

Wild280e2

Motor vehicles are allowed in wilderness areas

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1136	43.6	90.4
2. False	1039	39.9	82.7
3. Don't know	421	16.5	34.2

Wild280e3

Wilderness areas are managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service and the National Park Service.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	2040	78.4	162.5
2. False	112	4.3	8.9
3. Don't know	448	17.3	35.9

Wild280e4

Hunting is not allowed in wilderness areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1046	40.2	83.3
2. False	1030	39.6	82.1
3. Don't know	523	20.2	41.9

Wild280e5

Designated wilderness areas exist in almost every state in the country.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1882	72.3	149.8
2. False	283	10.9	22.5
3. Don't know	434	16.8	34.8

Wild280e6

Wilderness areas are managed primarily to protect natural conditions, but also may be used for growing timber.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1778	68.3	141.6
2. False	390	14.9	30.9
3. Don't know	431	16.9	35.0

Wild280e7 All National Park lands are part of the United States wilderness system.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1398	53.7	111.3
2. False	546	20.9	43.3
3. Don't know	656	25.3	52.5

Wild280e8 Fishing is allowed in wilderness areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1668	64.1	132.8
2. False	442	117.0	242.5
3. Don't know	488	18.9	39.2

Wild280e9 Wilderness areas were established to help handle the growing need for recreation areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1128	43.4	89.9
2. False	977	37.6	77.9
3. Don't know	493	19.0	39.4

Wild280e10 Bicycles are not allowed in wilderness areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	458	17.6	36.5
2. False	1598	61.4	127.3
3. Don't know	542	21.0	43.5

Wild280e11 Roads are developed in wilderness for fire protection and recreational access.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1884	72.4	150.1
2. False	286	11.0	22.8
3. Don't know	424	16.3	33.8

Wild280e12 Small cabins are allowed in wilderness for overnight visitors.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. True	1488	57.2	118.6
2. False	524	20.1	41.7
3. Don't know	589	22.7	47.1

Wild280f How do you feel about designating more of the federal lands in your state as wilderness? Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this idea?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly favor	4411	42.5	88.1
2. Somewhat favor	2833	27.3	56.6
3. Neither	1262	12.2	25.3
4. Somewhat oppose	666	6.4	13.3
5. Strongly oppose	620	5.9	12.2
6. Don't know	537	5.5	11.4

Wild280i1 Please tell me whether you always, usually, sometimes, seldom, or never trust the accuracy of each of the following sources of information.

State natural resources agencies

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	491	19.3	40.0
2. Usually	761	29.9	61.9
3. Sometimes	662	26.0	53.9
4. Seldom	138	5.4	11.1
5. Never	253	9.9	20.5
6. Don't know	226	9.5	19.7

Wild280i2 Bureau of Land Management

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	333	13.1	27.2
2. Usually	519	20.4	42.3
3. Sometimes	639	25.1	52.0
4. Seldom	176	6.9	14.3
5. Never	349	13.7	28.4
6. Don't know	510	20.8	43.1

Wild280i3 Fish and Wildlife Service

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	577	22.7	47.1
2. Usually	786	30.9	64.1
3. Sometimes	577	22.7	47.1
4. Seldom	101	3.9	8.1
5. Never	215	8.5	17.6
6. Don't know	275	11.3	23.4

Wild280i4 Forest Service

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	624	24.5	50.8
2. Usually	817	32.1	66.5
3. Sometimes	519	20.4	42.3
4. Seldom	97	3.8	7.9
5. Never	200	7.9	16.4
6. Don't know	282	11.4	23.6

Wild280i5 National Park Service

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	697	27.4	56.8
2. Usually	858	33.7	69.9
3. Sometimes	512	20.1	41.7
4. Seldom	90	3.6	7.5
5. Never	177	6.9	14.3
6. Don't know	196	8.3	17.2

Wild280i6 University sources

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	484	19.0	39.4
2. Usually	823	32.3	66.9
3. Sometimes	693	27.2	56.4
4. Seldom	111	4.4	9.1
5. Never	196	7.7	15.9
6. Don't know	224	9.4	19.5

Wild280i7

Environmental organizations

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	381	14.9	30.9
2. Usually	601	23.6	48.9
3. Sometimes	875	34.4	71.3
4. Seldom	237	9.3	19.3
5. Never	281	11.1	23.0
6. Don't know	160	6.7	13.9

Wild280i8

Fellow outdoor enthusiasts

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	382	15.0	31.1
2. Usually	735	28.9	59.9
3. Sometimes	841	33.0	68.4
4. Seldom	197	7.8	16.2
5. Never	186	7.3	15.1
6. Don't know	204	8.0	16.6

Wild280i9

Television

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	278	10.9	22.6
2. Usually	455	17.9	37.1
3. Sometimes	1192	46.8	97.0
4. Seldom	375	14.7	30.5
5. Never	207	8.1	16.8
6. Don't know	36	1.6	3.3

Wild280i10

Radio

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	320	12.6	26.1
2. Usually	523	20.6	42.7
3. Sometimes	1159	45.5	94.3
4. Seldom	306	12.0	24.9
5. Never	176	6.9	14.3
6. Don't know	58	2.4	4.9

Wild280i11

Newspapers

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	330	13.0	26.9
2. Usually	623	24.5	50.8
3. Sometimes	1058	41.5	86.0
4. Seldom	296	11.6	24.0
5. Never	188	7.4	15.3
6. Don't know	46	2.0	4.2

Wild280i12

Magazines

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	203	8.0	16.6
2. Usually	531	20.9	43.3
3. Sometimes	1184	46.5	96.4
4. Seldom	301	11.8	24.5
5. Never	225	8.9	18.5
6. Don't know	87	3.9	8.1

Wild280i13

Internet

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	183	7.2	14.9
2. Usually	289	11.4	23.6
3. Sometimes	824	32.4	67.2
4. Seldom	299	11.7	24.3
5. Never	474	18.6	38.6
6. Don't know	446	17.7	36.7

Wild280i14

Friends and acquaintances

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Always	479	18.8	38.9
2. Usually	811	31.8	65.9
3. Sometimes	943	37.0	76.7
4. Seldom	160	6.3	13.1
5. Never	112	4.4	9.1
6. Don't know	39	1.7	3.5

The 625 legally designated wilderness areas that make up the National Wilderness Preservation System contain over 4 percent of the United States total land area, including Alaska. Each of these designated areas is protected to keep it as wild and natural as possible.

Wild282b At some wilderness areas, companies offer airplane or helicopter sightseeing trips. Sometimes there are also low flying military aircraft. Some feel such flights are needed to see the scenery and that military flights should never be restricted. Others feel low altitude flights should be banned because they disturb wilderness hikers and disrupt wildlife. Which of the following is the closest to your position?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Should be allowed	566	11.0	22.8
2. Should be limited	3289	63.9	132.5
3. Should be banned	1078	20.9	43.3
6. Don't know	201	4.2	8.7

Wild282f If you were to visit a wilderness area, how important would it be to not hear or see other people? Would you say it was extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not important at all?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Extremely important	353	6.9	14.3
2. Very important	759	14.7	30.5
3. Moderately important	1426	27.7	57.4
4. Slightly important	880	17.1	35.5
5. Not important at all	1579	30.7	63.6
6. Don't know	143	2.9	6.0

Wild282g If you were to visit a wilderness area, would seeing a wilderness ranger, an administrative cabin or other structure detract from your experience? Would it detract very much, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Very much	243	4.7	9.7
2. Somewhat	769	14.9	30.9
3. A little	787	15.3	31.7
4. Not at all	3187	61.9	128.3
6. Don't know	154	3.2	6.6

Wild295a Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements about wilderness.

I enjoy reading about and viewing pictures, videos, TV shows and movies featuring wilderness areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	6173	59.5	123.3
2. Somewhat agree	3157	30.4	63.0
3. Neither	337	3.3	6.8
4. Somewhat disagree	344	3.3	6.8
5. Strongly disagree	194	1.9	3.9
6. Don't know	146	1.6	3.3

Wild295b I enjoy knowing that other people are currently able to visit wilderness.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	7354	70.8	146.8
2. Somewhat agree	2375	22.9	47.5
3. Neither	213	2.1	4.4
4. Somewhat disagree	151	1.4	2.9
5. Strongly disagree	99	1.0	2.1
6. Don't know	154	1.8	3.7

Wild295c I enjoy knowing that future generations will be able to visit and experience wilderness areas.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	8723	84.0	174.1
2. Somewhat agree	1310	12.6	26.1
3. Neither	65	0.6	1.2
4. Somewhat disagree	79	0.8	1.7
5. Strongly disagree	62	0.6	1.2
6. Don't know	111	1.4	2.9

Wild295d Wilderness areas are important to protect because they contribute to better local, national, and global air and water quality.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	8266	79.6	165.0
2. Somewhat agree	1468	14.1	29.2
3. Neither	144	1.4	2.9
4. Somewhat disagree	134	1.3	2.7
5. Strongly disagree	122	1.2	2.5
6. Don't know	219	2.4	4.9

Wild295e Wilderness areas are important because they help to preserve plant and animal species that could have important scientific or human health value, such as sources of new medicines.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	8041	77.5	160.7
2. Somewhat agree	1707	16.5	34.2
3. Neither	139	1.4	2.9
4. Somewhat disagree	146	1.4	2.9
5. Strongly disagree	129	1.2	2.5
6. Don't know	188	2.0	4.2

Wild295f I support protecting wilderness areas just so they will always exist in their natural condition, even if no one were to ever visit or otherwise benefit from them.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	7044	67.9	140.8
2. Somewhat agree	2204	21.2	43.9
3. Neither	227	2.2	4.6
4. Somewhat disagree	378	3.7	7.7
5. Strongly disagree	312	3.0	6.2
6. Don't know	184	2.0	4.2

Wild295g I believe the trees, wildlife, free flowing water, rock formations, and meadows that wilderness protects have value themselves whether or not humans benefit from them.

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Strongly agree	7560	72.8	150.9
2. Somewhat agree	2102	20.3	42.1
3. Neither	156	1.5	3.1
4. Somewhat disagree	200	1.9	3.9
5. Strongly disagree	154	1.5	3.1
6. Don't know	180	2.0	4.2

Wild295h Are you a member of an environmental or conservation group?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>*Percent</u>	<u>*Number in Millions</u>
1. Yes	389	7.6	15.8
2. No	4719	91.6	189.9
3. Don't know	42	0.8	1.7