

# ***NSRE UPDATE***

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

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To date Versions one to seven of the NSRE have been completed. Version VI's data were collected from the middle of September, 2000 through January, 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 5,007 interviews were collected for Version VI.

Version VII's data were collected from early October, 2000 through March, 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, national forest values and opinions, use of bicycling helmets (by adults and children), and demographics. A total of 5,002 interviews were collected for Version VII.

Version VIII of the NSRE was started in early March, 2001 and is expected to be completed by the end of May, 2001. To date, Version VIII has just over 700 completed interviews. Version VIII contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, leisure lifestyles, wilderness values and opinions, national forest values and opinions, and demographics.

Version IX of the NSRE was started in late February, 2001 and is expected to finish by late May, 2001. To date, version IX has almost 1300 completed interviews. This version contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to fresh and saltwater activities, agricultural and farm related activities), sightseeing, use of bicycling helmets (by adults and children), and demographics.

Since September 1999, when the first completed interviews for the NSRE were collected and analyzed, over 50 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, use of bicycling helmets, and people's lifestyles. 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, 47,000 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/>