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PRIVATE LAND OWNERSHIP

Interviewer read: The following few questions ask about ownership of rural land outside town or city limits.

1. Do you or anyone else living in your household own any parcels of land in rural areas, outside town or city limits, including your current residence, that are 5 or more acres in size? (Y/N)

(If no, skip module.)

2. Who currently living in your household owns rural property? (Answer Yes to all that apply.)

___ Yourself, individually or jointly with someone else (If self is identified, complete this module. If self is not identified, complete Q's 2 and 3, then end this module).

___ Your spouse individually, you are not a co-owner

___ Mother

___ Father

___ Other household members (related or not) (If yes go to Q 3, if no end module)

3. Besides you, your spouse, or your parents, how many others living in your household own rural property? ___ No. (Qs 1-3 will enable us to estimate number of owners)

4. How many parcels of rural land of 5 or more acres do you own or co-own anywhere in the country? ___ No. (If one, ask Q 5a. If more than one, ask Q5b.) (Qs 1-4 will enable us to estimate number of parcels)

5a. How many acres are there in that parcel you own? ___ No.

5b. Thinking about those "no." parcels, how many acres are in the parcel you (most recently acquired)[alternate with] (have owned the longest)? ___ Acres (Qs 1-5 will enable us to estimate total acres)

The rest of my questions about your rural land will concern only that parcel of "XX" acres you (most recently acquired)[alternate with] (have owned the longest). (Interviewer, don't say this IF the answer to Q 4 is one.)

6. Do you currently live on this parcel 9 or more months of the year? (Y/N)

7. How many years have you owned this "XX-acre" parcel? ___ Years

8. Which is more important to you in the way you use your “XX-acre” parcel? [Read both statements before eliciting a response]

Improving natural conditions of the land, such as wildlife, water or natural beauty?(if checked, go to Q. 9) OR

Making money (if checked, go to Q 10)

9. In addition to improving the natural conditions of your land, do you also use and manage your land to make money? (Y/N)

10. In addition to using your land to make money, do you also work to improve its natural conditions, such as water, natural beauty, and wildlife? (Y/N)

11. Including yourself or anyone else, how many acres of your “XX-acre” parcel is available for recreational uses (like camping, hiking or hunting)? Acres (If 0, skip to Q 19.)

12. How many acres of your land is available for recreational use only by you or your household? Acres

13. How many acres your land do you lease to other people? Acres

18. On average, during a year, how many times do you estimate your land is used for recreation, including yourself? No. per year (looking here for visits or occasions, not people)

14. How many miles of maintained roads (to the nearest mile) are there within that part of your land available for recreation? Miles

15. Approximately how many miles of maintained trails are there within that part of your land available for recreation? Miles

16. Do you have a cabin, campsite or other developed site for staying overnight on that part of your land available for recreation? (Y/N)

17. Besides a site for staying overnight, do you have any other sites or facilities for recreation, such as a picnic site, swimming place, boat launch? (Y/N)

23. Have you officially designated any portion of your “XX” acres for protection, such as a conservation easement through local or state government or through a private organization? (Y/N) (If no, end this module)

24. How many acres your “XX acres” have you officially designated for protection through a local or state government agency? Acres

25. How many acres of your "XX acres" have you designated for protection through a private organization or association? ___ Acres

20. How many acres of your XX acres parcel is cultivated for crops, including hay? ___ Acres

21. How many acres is open, unforested range land, both grazed and ungrazed? ___ Acres

19. How many acres is forest or woodland? ___ Acres (If the answer to is zero, skip Q 22)

22. Now thinking only about that portion of your "XX-acre" parcel that is forest, How many acres is available for recreational uses? ___ Acres (If the answer to Q 11 is zero, skip this question)