

Creating a Prescott Landscape Vision - Survey for Community Feedback

Survey Results

Total number of participants: 392

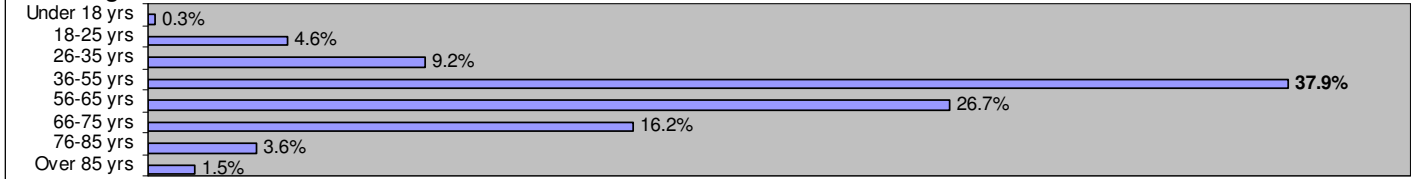
Combined survey responses from Online (310) and Hardcopy (82)

1. Where do you reside?



(Answered question: 390)

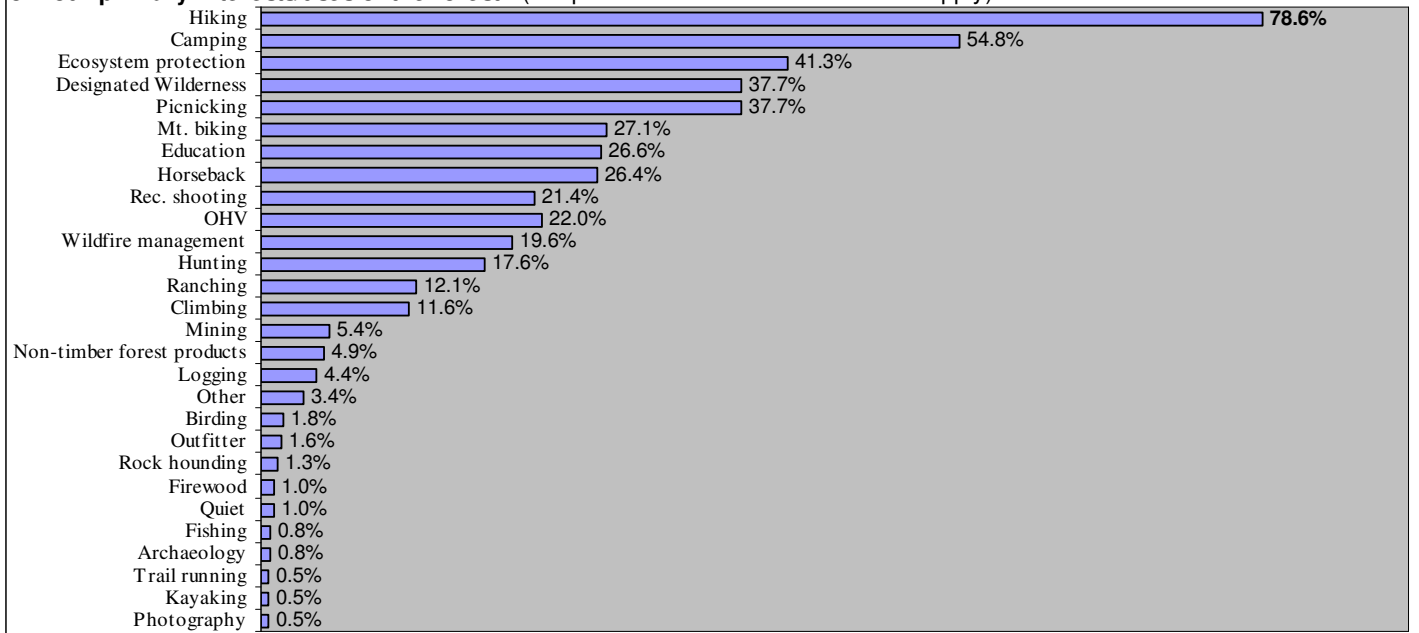
2. Your age?



(Answered question: 390)

(Other: Rimrock, Vernon, Carefree, Sierra Vista, Payson, Perkinsville, Seligman, Long Beach CA)

3. Your primary interests/uses of the forest? (Respondents asked to check all that apply)



(Answered question: 387)

(Other: Watershed protection, Volunteer Trail Work, Volunteer hiking guide, Weed control, Visiting old mines, Identifying & collecting mushrooms, Handicap access)

Draft Vision Statements – Level of Agreement RESULTS

Answer Options (Strongly Agree - Strongly Disagree)	SA	A	N	D	SD	Resp. Count
4. Draft Vision -- Overall, Forest Health, and Fire						
a) The Prescott community values the Prescott National Forest (PNF) for the many recreational, economic and ecological services that it provides. The natural beauty and rural character of the surrounding public lands are a vital part of this community.	79.9%	17.4%	1.9%	0.3%	0.5%	373
b) Our vision of those lands 50 years from now is that they remain in the public domain, a resource shared across generations.	85.3%	12.3%	1.9%	0.3%	0.3%	373
c) We envision a forest with diverse, primarily native vegetation that protects soil from erosion, both in upland and riparian areas. Healthy wildlife populations play an integral role in these ecosystems.	79.9%	14.2%	3.2%	1.3%	1.3%	374
d) The risk of forest fires is reduced in the urban-wildland interface where the Forest and community partners actively work to reduce hazardous fuel loads. Ecologically, socially and economically sustainable uses of forest products support these projects.	58.6%	29.3%	9.7%	1.3%	1.1%	372
e) Active forest management, with an emphasis on restoration of natural ecological processes, developed through agency-community collaborative efforts, help maintain forest health and reduce the risk of stand-replacing wildfires forest wide. All of this, in turn, promotes healthy watersheds where storage of water in the soil, stream courses and local aquifers is maximized.	61.6%	29.3%	6.7%	0.8%	1.6%	372
f) The healthy forest contributes to global sustainability and is a natural, trash-free place with quiet settings.	72.2%	18.9%	5.1%	3.2%	0.5%	371
5. Draft Vision -- Recreation						
a) In our vision, a comprehensive recreational travel plan region-wide protects forest health and promotes robust economies in our cities and towns.	43.7%	34.8%	14.1%	6.0%	1.4%	348
b) The Prescott National Forest maintains a comprehensive system of meaningful and sustainable trails, trailheads and dispersed campsites.	43.5%	42.7%	9.9%	2.8%	1.1%	354
c) Through ongoing dialogue with the community, a thoughtful balance is achieved between the need for access and the protection of forest resources and aesthetics.	44.7%	38.1%	10.6%	4.9%	1.7%	349
d) Low maintenance facilities built collaboratively among citizens and agencies are valued by all.	46.1%	35.7%	13.9%	2.9%	1.4%	345
e) The trails are enjoyed by hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, motorized vehicle operators and hunters, with a reasonable amount of access to all user groups.	36.6%	35.4%	13.1%	10.3%	4.6%	350
f) The PNF, with user participation, minimizes user conflict through enhanced separation between non-motorized and multi-use trails.	39.3%	32.4%	16.6%	9.2%	2.6%	349
g) Trails systems have areas of interconnecting loops accessible via corridors of motorized and non-motorized trails to other loop areas.	30.5%	34.3%	25.3%	7.8%	2.0%	344
h) Cross-country (i.e., off trail) vehicle travel is not allowed.	67.9%	17.5%	6.9%	4.9%	2.9%	349
6. Draft Vision -- Traditional/Other Economic Activities						
a) The PNF continues to support a range of activities beyond recreation that directly contribute to local economies.	23.3%	43.1%	25.6%	5.2%	2.9%	348
b) Grazing allotments are managed in a progressive and adaptive manner that promotes healthy and productive grasslands and watersheds and supports ranch families who are stewards of the land, representing an important part of our local history and culture.	34.6%	32.3%	20.0%	8.6%	4.6%	350
c) All other economic activities are managed to minimize forest damage while promoting healthy ecosystems and public safety.	36.1%	32.4%	20.6%	7.7%	3.2%	349
7. Draft Vision -- Community Involvement and Partnerships						
a) We envision a forest where adequate law enforcement is complemented by scores of community volunteers involved in stewardship of its resources and users.	48.0%	37.7%	6.9%	4.9%	2.6%	350
b) Vibrant partnerships with emerging or established community groups enhance the Forest Service's ability to provide services, enabling a large group of citizen volunteers to respond to the needs of the forest, including trail maintenance, user education and fire prevention.	52.9%	37.4%	6.6%	2.0%	1.1%	350
c) Citizens widely hold a land ethic supported by all and taught to all newcomers to the area.	38.6%	31.4%	15.0%	12.7%	2.3%	347
d) This educated, engaged citizenry – through a multi-interest non-profit and/or stewardship group - actively participates in ongoing collaborative processes of forest planning that ensures that the Prescott National Forest will be enjoyed by more generations to come.	43.9%	35.8%	13.1%	5.8%	1.5%	344

Sponsors: Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Coalition; Arizona Wilderness Coalition; Back Country Horsemen; City of Prescott Parks and Recreation Trails Program; Hyde Mountain Vista Group; Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County; Prescott Open Trails Association; Prescott Area Wildland/Urban Interface Commission; Yavapai Cattle Growers Association, Arizona Trail Riders