

# ***NSRE 2000 UPDATE***

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

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To date Versions I, II, III, IV, and V of the **NSRE 2000** have been completed. Version V's data were collected from late July, 2000 through October, 2000. 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. A total of 5,009 interviews were collected for Version V.

Version VI of the **NSRE 2000** was started in September, 2000 and is now expected to be completed by the middle of January, 2001. The reason for this later completion date is that the survey centers will be closed from November 22, 2000 to November 26, 2000 for Thanksgiving Break. The survey centers will also be closed from December 16, 2000 to January 8, 2001 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. To date, Version VI has just over 3100 completed interviews. Version VI contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, leisure lifestyles, wilderness values and opinions, national forest values and opinions, and demographics.

Version VII of the **NSRE 2000** was started in early October, 2000 and is now expected to finish by early March, 2001. To date, version VII has almost 700 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 2000 were collected and analyzed, over 40 presentations and several preliminary reports 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, and people's lifestyles. Forums where presentations have been delivered include the World Travel and Ecotourism Convention in Alaska, the International Recreation and Tourism Symposium in Lansing Michigan, and the National Wilderness Stewardship Workshop at Mt. Ranier Washington. As progress on NSRE 2000 continues and more interviews are completed, more presentations, reports and publications will be forthcoming. Please check our web-site for these materials.

The **NSRE 2000** recently applied to the Office of Management and budgets for their continued approval to operated the NSRE 2000 Survey. On November 7, 2000 official approval was received from the Office of Management and Budgets (OMB) for the continued operation of the **NSRE 2000** survey until October 31, 2003.

**NSRE 2000** is being administered through two survey centers: the Human Dimensions Research Laboratory and the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. To date, 40,000 hours of interviewing have been spent on data collection alone. For further information regarding the content, progress and results of the NSRE 2000 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/>