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WILDERNESS MODULE (from Version 2)

Interviewer Read--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 wilderness 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?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

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

- 1. Not enough
- 2. About the right amount
- 3. Too much
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

WLD282_1 If there are others in your household, Do you think they feel that the amount of land designated as wilderness is not enough, about the right amount, or too much.

- 1. Not enough
- 2. About the right amount
- 3. Too much
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

WLD282_2 How about your friends, would you guess that they would say the amount of land designated as wilderness is not enough, about the right amount, or too much.

- 1. Not enough
- 2. About the right amount
- 3. Too much
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

WLD282_3 If you work outside the home, would you guess your coworkers feel the amount of land designated as wilderness is not enough, about the right amount, or too much.

1. Not enough
2. About the right amount
3. Too much
6. Don't have coworkers
7. Retired/don't work outside the home
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

WLD282_4 Do you feel that the federal government is not involved enough, is involved about the right amount, or is involved too much in protecting the environment?

1. Not involved enough
2. About the right amount
3. Too much
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

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?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Neither favor nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

WILD280c Do you plan to visit a wilderness area within the next year?

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| 1. Yes <go to WILD295a> | 8. Don't Know |
| 2. No | 9. Refused |

WILD280d Even if you do not plan on visiting a wilderness area within the next year, Would you want to visit one sometime in the future?

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| 1. Yes | 8. Don't Know |
| 2. No | 9. Refused |

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

- WILD295a I enjoy reading about and viewing pictures, videos, TV shows and movies featuring wilderness areas.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- WILD295b I enjoy knowing that other people are currently able to visit wilderness.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- WILD295c I enjoy knowing that future generations will be able to visit and experience wilderness areas.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- WILD295d Wilderness areas are important to protect because they contribute to better local, national, and global air and water quality.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- 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.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- 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.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |
- 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.
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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |