



CAP Western States Survey *Interview Schedule*

Field Dates: September 10-14
Public Opinion Strategies/FM3
Margin of Error: +2.54% overall

N=200 per state: NM, CO, MT,
UT, ID, NV, WY and OR

* Denotes result less than 0.5%.

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

A. Are you registered to vote in **(INSERT STATE)**?

100% YES **(CONTINUE)**

I'd like to read you some different individuals and agencies which deal with issues in your state. For each one, please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing at this time.

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	NEUTRAL (DNR)	DK (DNR)	REF (DNR)
(ROTATE Q1 AND Q2) ALWAYS ASK THESE TWO FIRST					
1. The federal government	27%	68%	3%	1%	1%
2. Your state government	61%	32%	5%	2%	1%
(RANDOMIZE)					
3. ASKED OF SAMPLE A U.S. Forest Service	73%	16%	5%	6%	*
4. ASKED OF SAMPLE B National Park Service	76%	15%	4%	5%	*
5. ASKED OF SAMPLE A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	73%	15%	5%	7%	*
6. ASKED OF SAMPLE B Bureau of Land Management	48%	34%	5%	12%	1%

Summary of Approval Ratings - Ranked by % Approve

Agency	% Approve	% Disapprove
National Park Service	75%	15%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	73%	15%
U.S. Forest Service	73%	16%
Your state government	61%	32%
Bureau of Land Management	48%	34%
The federal government	27%	68%

7. And over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited public lands managed by one of the national agencies I mentioned before, such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or other national public lands?

(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

21% Once or twice
25% 3-5 times
18% 6-10 times
12% 11-20 times
17% More than 20 times
7% NEVER (DNR)
* UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)

(Q8 ASKED IF PUNCHES 1-5 IN Q7/VISITED)(ASKED OF N=1,483 RESPONDENTS)

8. And thinking about the last time you visited these public lands, such as a national forest, national park, national wildlife refuge, or other area – was your experience there –

58% Very positive
36% Somewhat positive
4% Somewhat negative
1% Very negative
* DO NOT RECALL/ REFUSED (DNR)

94% TOTAL POSITIVE
5% TOTAL NEGATIVE

9. And do you think of these public lands more as – **(ROTATE)** American places that belong to everyone in our country, OR STATE places that belong more to the people of **INSERT STATE**?
IF RESPONSE, THEN ASK: And do you feel strongly about this?

62% STRONGLY AMERICAN
10% NOT STRONGLY AMERICAN
6% NOT STRONGLY STATE
17% STRONGLY STATE
4% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)**

72% TOTAL AMERICAN
23% TOTAL STATE

10. And SHOULD these public lands – **(ROTATE)** belong to everyone in our country, OR belong to the people of **INSERT STATE**?

IF RESPONSE, THEN ASK: And do you feel strongly about this?

59% STRONGLY EVERYONE IN COUNTRY
11% NOT STRONGLY EVERYONE IN COUNTRY
5% NOT STRONGLY PEOPLE OF STATE
19% STRONGLY PEOPLE OF STATE
5% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)**

71%^ TOTAL EVERYONE
24% TOTAL PEOPLE OF STATE

11. And over the past year, have you visited public lands managed by the state of **(INSERT STATE)**, such as a state park?

79% YES
20% NO
1% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

(Q12 ASKED IF VISITED BOTH - Q7:1-5 & Q11:1)(ASKED OF N=1,235 RESPONDENTS)

12. And is your experience **(ROTATE 1 & 2)** better, worse or about the same at public lands managed by state government as it is in national parks, national forests, national monuments, or other public lands managed by national agencies?

- 17% Better
- 7% Worse
- 74% About the same
- 2% Don't Know/Unsure **(DO NOT READ)**
- * Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

I'm going to mention a few priorities that some people have for national forests, national monuments, wildlife refuges, and other national public lands. Please tell me how important each one is to you personally. Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important as a priority for public lands? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	TOTAL	TOTAL	VERY	SMWT	NOT VERY	NOT AT ALL	DK	REF
	IMPT	NOT	IMPT	IMPT	IMPT	IMPT	(DNR)	(DNR)
13. Protecting and conserving them for future generations	97%[^]	2%	86%	12%	2%	*	*	*
14. Ensuring access for recreational activities such as hiking, biking, hunting and fishing	98%	2%	78%	20%	1%	1%	*	*
15. Making them available for livestock grazing	71%[^]	27%	31%	41%	19%	8%	1%	*
16. Making sure resources such as oil and gas, minerals or timber are available for development, mining and logging	72%	26%	41%	31%	15%	11%	1%	1%
17. Making sure that rangers have the resources they need to take care of public lands and provide services to visitors	96%	4%	73%	23%	3%	1%	*	*

Summary of Funding Priorities - Ranked by % Very Important

Funding Priorities	% Very Important	% Total Important
Protecting and conserving them for future generations	86%	97%
Ensuring access for recreational activities such as hiking, biking, hunting and fishing	78%	98%
Making sure that rangers have the resources they need to take care of public lands and provide services to visitors	73%	96%
Making sure resources such as oil and gas, minerals or timber are available for development, mining and logging	41%	72%
Making them available for livestock grazing	31%	71%

Thinking about one idea related to national forests, national parks, wildlife refuges, and other national public lands in your state, would you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose

18. Having your state government and **(INSERT STATE)** taxpayers assume full control of managing these public lands, including paying for all related costs, including the cost of preventing and fighting wildfires?

(IF CHOICE) Do you strongly or not so strongly favor/oppose this proposal?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

19%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
23%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
21%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
31%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
5%	NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

42% TOTAL SUPPORT

52% TOTAL OPPOSE

ASKED IF SAMPLE A AND PUNCHES 1-4 IN Q18 ON FIRST NIGHT ONLY

19. And what are the two or three reasons you **(INSERT CHOICE)** having your state government assume full control of, and all costs associated with, managing these public lands?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES

Thinking some more about this --

20. Please listen to two different viewpoints and tell me which one comes closer to your own even if neither matches what you think exactly... **(ROTATE)**

35% People who support having state government and **(INSERT STATE)** taxpayers assume full control of managing these public lands, including paying for all related costs, say that historically these lands were never meant to be held by the U.S. government forever. Besides, the states will manage these lands better than national agencies like the U.S. Forest Service, as they can allow more logging, mining and other resource extraction on these lands to help raise revenues to fund needs in our states.

59% People who oppose having state government and **(INSERT STATE)** taxpayers assume full control of managing these public lands, including paying for all related costs, say it wouldn't be fair to make **(INSERT STATE)** taxpayers pay the full cost of managing lands that rightly belong to all Americans. A single wildfire can cost one hundred million dollars to fight. Our state requires a balanced budget, so we will be forced to raise taxes or sell off lands to the highest bidder to cover these expenses. As a result, we will lose access to places **(INSERT STATE)** families have visited for decades and that we want future generations to enjoy.

1% BOTH

2% NEITHER

3% UNSURE/REFUSED

And for statistical purposes only...

D1. To ensure we have a representative sample of voters in your state, please tell me in what year you were born.

14%	18 - 34
28%	35 - 44
15%	45 - 54
22%	55 - 64
20%	65 AND ABOVE
*	REFUSED

D7. And, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

2%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
81%	WHITE
12%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	NATIVE AMERICAN
1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
*	OTHER/MIX (DO NOT READ)
2%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D2. How would you describe the area where you currently live? **(READ AND ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)**

21%	A big city
26%	A suburban area
29%	A small town
23%	A rural area
1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
47%	TOTAL CITY/SUBURBS
52%	TOTAL SMALL TOWN/RURAL

D3. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

6% HUNTER ONLY
13% ANGLER ONLY
28% BOTH
54% NO/NEITHER
* UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

46%^ TOTAL YES

D4. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party?

29% Yes
64% No
7% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D5. **IN VOTER REGISTRATION STATES: COLORADO, NEVADA, WYOMING, OREGON AND NEW MEXICO**

No matter how you feel today, are you registered to vote as(**ROTATE**)

___ a Republican,
___ a Democrat,
Independent, or something else?

IN PARTY ID STATES: MONTANA, IDAHO, AND UTAH

And, in politics today, do you consider yourself to be(**ROTATE**)

___ a Republican,
___ a Democrat,
An Independent, or something else?

38% REPUBLICAN
29% DEMOCRAT
30% INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE
3% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D6. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

44%	CONSERVATIVE
33%	MODERATE
20%	LIBERAL
2%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D8. Gender **(BY OBSERVATION)**

48%	MALE
52%	FEMALE
