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.

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<td>76%</td>
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<td>5. ASKED OF SAMPLE A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</td>
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<td>48%</td>
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Summary of Approval Ratings - Ranked by % Approve

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(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)

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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/OPOPOSE, 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