

Appendix B

(Open-Ended Responses)

Recreation at Coopers Rock State Forest

Open-ended Responses to Recreation Experience Questions

What constrains you the most from recreating at CRSF as much as you would like?

Constraints	Freq
Lack of Time	37
Work	18
Distance from Home	16
Family Obligations	6
Gas Prices	3
Age	2
Laziness	1
Other Hobbies	1
Other Tourists	1
Health	1
Climbing Schools	1
I Own Outdoor Property	1
Lack of Winter Access	1
No Car	1
Total	90

What is your most frequently used trail or area at CRSF?

Trails/Areas	Freq
Rock City	16
Overlook	11
Rattlesnake Trail	9
Henry Clay Iron Furnace Trail	7
Roadside Trail	7
Scott's Run Trail	6
Ravens Rock Trail	6
Hemlock Trail	5
Campground	4
Sunset Rocks	3
Tilted Tree	2
Picnic Areas	2
Quarry run	1
Mont Chateaux	1
Rhododendron Trail	1
Snake Hill Area	1
Total	82

Which trails or areas did you feel crowded at CRSF?

Trails/Areas	Freq
Overlook	19
Concession Stand	2
Campground	2
Picnic Area	2
Scott's Run Parking Lot	1
Rock City	1
Rattlesnake Trail	1
Total	28

What features at CRSF contributed the most to your enjoyment?

Features	Freq
Views/Scenery	71
Wildlife	37
Trails	33
Trees	29
Nature	22
Serenity/Quiet	15
Weather	13
Rocks/Boulders	12
Wildflowers	8
Remoteness	6
Mountains	5
Friends/Family	4
Historical Landmarks	4
Sunset	3
Picnic Accommodations	2
Fishing	2
Smells	2
Other People	1
River	1
Total	270

What features at CRSF detracted the most to your enjoyment?

Features	Freq
Litter	14
Crowding	8
Poor Trail Quality	7
Noise	5
Dogs Off Leash	5
Lack of Signs	4
Lack of Parking	4
Power Lines	3
Illegal ATV	2
Flies	2
Hunting	2
Bees	2
Cops	1
Mountain Bikers	1
Broken Glass	1
Closed Gate	1
Total	62

If you've experienced conflict, what was the nature of your conflict?

Nature of Conflict	Freq
Dogs off Leash	4
Trail Use Disputes	3
Hunting Disputes	3
Illegal ATV Use	3
Boundary Disputes	2
Parking Lot Accidents	1
Littering	1
Total	17

What do you believe CRSF management should focus on to improve your overall recreation experience.

Categories of Suggestions	Freq
Hunting	58
Good Work/Appreciation	33
Trails	32
General Comments	18
Signs	17
Facilities/Services	15
Access	8
Restrooms/Toilets	7
Campsites/Campgrounds	6
Conflicts	6
Littering	4
Rock Climbing	4
Fishing	2
Total	210

Access

Suggestions	Freq
Open more roads and parking areas	3
Allow all season access	2
Don't allow doe hunters to park beyond the main gate	1
Keep road closed to vehicles during the winter months	1
Better accessibility to trails	1
Total	8

Restrooms/Toilets

Suggestions	Freq
Cleaner restroom facilities	3
Put soap in bathrooms	1
Improve the quality of restroom facilities	1
More restrooms	1
Put TP in bathrooms at all times	1
Total	7

Campsites/Campgrounds

Suggestions	Freq
More showers at campground	1
Provide more water fountains	1
Plant more trees to give more privacy	1
Make campground larger	1
Provide better restroom facilities at campground	1
Institute some primitive camping areas along the trails	1
Total	6

Conflict

Suggestions	Freq
Close forest during rifle season to all other forms of recreation	3
Close trails during first week of rifle season	2
Regulate groups that utilize the state park for business	1
Total	6

Facilities/Services

Suggestions	Freq
Make a better map available	4
Need more visible staff	2
Visitor center staff should be more knowledgeable	1
Open up a nature wildlife expo facility	1
Provide better informational brochures	1
Provide more water fountains	1
Improve appearance of overlook facilities	1
Better parking lots	1
Control gypsy moth infestations	1
Put in a watering hole	1
Make a waterfall	1
Total	15

General Comments

Suggestions	Freq
Install more playgrounds	4
Create a form of swimming recreation	3
Have dog-off-leash areas	2
Build cabins	2
Provide more horseback and birding areas	1
Food, cafeteria, snack area	1
Get rid of power lines	1
Provide more planned community activities	1
Better internet information	1
Build a gun range	1
Have an overlook bike rental during the summer months	1
Total	18

Rock Climbing

Suggestions	Freq
Work on a climbing etiquette plan that's accepted by the climbing community	1
Make climbing areas more known	1
Provide rappelling areas	1
Bolts are needed at climbing spots	1
Total	4

Signs

Suggestions	Freq
More informational signs	10
More interpretive signs	4
Fix current signs throughout forest	2
Replace sign at Henry Clay Iron Furnace	1
Total	17

Trails

Suggestions	Freq
Expand trail system	16
Provide maps at trail heads	7
Better overall trail maintenance	4
Improve trail to Henry Clay Iron Furnace	2
Make plan to control erosion on trails while allowing mountain biking	1
Install mile markers on trails	1
Open up an ATV trail in the forest	1
Total	32

Good Work/Appreciation

Suggestions	Freq
CRSF is a great place	7
Everything is nice, maintain as is	7
Management is doing a great job	5
Beautiful place to be outside	4
Lovely place to camp	2
I've been very fortunate during buck season	1
Nice bathrooms	1
Nice picnicking accommodations	1
Nice benches	1
Close to Morgantown	1
Overall positive experience	1
Very helpful rangers	1
CR foundation doing well on trails	1
Total	33

Fishing

Suggestions	Freq
Put bass in the trout pond	1
Create more fishing opportunities	1
Total	2

Hunting

Suggestions	Freq
Reconsider the antler spread restriction	26
Sustain the antler restrictions	7
Go to a point restriction on deer heard instead of spread	6
Provide sustainable timber harvests for a better wildlife habitat	5
Enable the proper nutrition of game animals	3
Minimize timber harvesting	3
Improve the quality and quantity of deer and turkey	1
Stop all timber harvesting	2
Stop hunting at CRSF until deer herd is replenished	2
Reduce the doe hunting or stop it all together	1
Plant feed plots	1
Don't log timber during rifle season	1
Total	58

Littering

Suggestions	Freq
Improve litter clean up	3
Provide trash cans at trail heads	1
Total	4