

Appendix D
(E-mail Rock Climbing Survey)
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2006 Coopers Rock Recreation Study
West Virginia University

Dear Recreationist: The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources at West Virginia University is conducting a survey of visitors who recreate at Coopers Rock State Forest. The information you provide us will be used to help forest managers better serve the visiting public and protect the area's natural and cultural resources. Participation is voluntary and if you choose to participate in the following 20 questions, everything you tell us will be kept strictly confidential.

1. Have you recreated at Coopers Rock State Forest in the past twelve months? Yes No

IF you have visited in the last 12 months, continue with the survey:

2. During the last twelve months, how many days have you spent recreating at the CRSF? _____

3. During the last twelve months, how many days have you spent recreating at other outdoor recreation areas within a two hour drive of your home? _____

4. What year did you first start recreating at the CRSF? _____ (year)

5. Do you recreate at the CRSF as often as you like? Yes No

IF NO, what constrains you most from recreating at CRSF? _____

Questions 6 and 7. These questions pertain to a typical visit for you at Coopers Rock State Forest:

6. In what activities on this list do you participate in while at Coopers Rock? (Place an X in the box to the left for all that apply)		7. Which of your activities would you consider to be your primary recreation activity while at Coopers Rock? (X only ONE Box)
Question 6		Question 7
	Bird Watching	
	Camping	
	Cross Country Skiing	
	Educational – Field Trip	
	Fishing	
	Hiking	
	Horseback Riding	
	Hunting	
	Mountain Biking	
	Nature Study or Observation	
	Photography	
	Picnicking	
	Sight Seeing	
	Scouting areas for hunting	
	Snow shoeing	
	Technical rock climbing/rappelling	
	Trail running	
	Wildlife Observation	
	Walking/exercising your dog	
	Geo-caching	
	Mushroom/berry gathering	
	US military activities	
	Trail Blazing	
	Other-(Please Describe)	

8. Which trails or other areas do you utilize? If a regular user, indicate most frequently used trails/area.

Trails/areas _____

Most frequently used _____

9. Below is a list of possible reasons why people recreate at Coopers Rock. Place an X in the box next to EACH reason that shows the importance of each item as to why you recreate at Coopers Rock State Forest.

Reason	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important
To be outdoors					
For relaxation					
To get away from the regular routine					
For challenge or sport					
For family recreation					
For physical exercise					
To be with my friends					
To experience natural surroundings					
To develop my skills					

10. Please list below those features that particularly CONTRIBUTED to your enjoyment at Coopers Rock (wildflowers, views, wildlife, etc.) as well as any aspects of the forest that DETRACTED from your enjoyment:

FEATURES WHICH:

CONTRIBUTED

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

DETRACTED

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

11. While recreating during the last twelve months, did you have any conflicts with others? ____ Yes ____ No

11a. If you experienced conflict, please identify who, besides yourself, was involved:

Place an X next to all that apply	
	Hikers
	Mountain bikers
	Vehicles
	Forest staff
	Dogs
	Adjacent property owner(s)
	Horseback riders
	Educational groups
	Illegal ATV users
	Climbers
	Hunters
	Bird watchers
	Other-(identify):

11b. If you experienced conflict, please describe the nature of the conflict.

12. Does Coopers Rock State Forest meet your expectations when it comes to available recreational opportunities?

____ Yes ____ No

13. Please tell us what areas you believe Coopers Rock management should focus on to improve your overall recreational experience.

14. Other Comments:

15. What is your age? _____ years

16. What racial/ethnic group(s) do you identify with? Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native
<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)	

17. Which of the following reflects your total household income before taxes, for the last year? (Circle One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-70,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110,001-130,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$170,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-30,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001-90,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130,001-150,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90,001-110,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150,001-170,000	

18. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed? (Circle One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 9 th grade	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 th grade to 12 th grade, no diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree
<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree	

19. Do you consider yourself to be currently living in an urban, suburban, or rural area?

Urban Suburban Rural

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY!!!!

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