

Appendix E

(Mail-back Hunting Survey)

2006 Coopers Rock Recreation Study of Hunters
West Virginia University

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources at West Virginia University is conducting a survey of hunters at Coopers Rock State Forest. Sharing your opinions and details relating to your hunting experience could help shape and improve hunting management here at the state forest. Your participation in this study is optional and your answers will be strictly confidential.

1. How many years have you been hunting at the Coopers Rock State Forest?

_____ years

2. During the past year, how many days would you say you spent hunting at the Coopers Rock State Forest?

_____ days

3. Are you a resident license holder?

___ Yes ___ No

4. If you are not a resident of West Virginia, where do you reside?

5. Are/Did you hunt on the northern (north of I-68) or southern (south of I-68) part of Coopers Rock?

___ North Side (WVU Research Forest) ___ South Side ___ Both Sides

6. What access point/parking area did you on your most recent hunting trip at Coopers Rock?

7. What suggestions do you have regarding access points/parking areas at Coopers Rock?

8. What type of hunting do you prefer?

___ I prefer gun hunting ___ I prefer bow hunting ___ I like gun and bow hunting equally

9. During the past 12 months, how many days would you say you spent hunting on other public lands in West Virginia?

_____ days

10. What kind of game have you hunted at Coopers Rock in the past twelve months? (Check all that apply)

___ Deer

___ Squirrels

___ Bears

___ Turkey

___ Birds

___ Rabbits

_____ Other (Specify)

11. On a scale of 1-10, how satisfied Are/Were you with your hunting experience at Coopers Rock over the past twelve months? (circle one number)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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10. The following are some statements describing possible reasons for hunting at Coopers Rock State Forest. For each statement, please select the response that best describes your feelings about your visit. If the statement does not apply, do not answer the question.

I chose to hunt at Coopers Rock because:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is a short drive from my home	1	2	3	4	5
It is a family tradition	1	2	3	4	5
It offers a great area to find quality game	1	2	3	4	5
I don't really know any other better areas to hunt that are better	1	2	3	4	5
A friend/friends introduced it to me as a good place to hunt	1	2	3	4	5
It offers a great challenge to the hunter	1	2	3	4	5
I think it is the best place to hunt that I am aware of	1	2	3	4	5
It offers quality spots that give me a feeling of being one with nature	1	2	3	4	5
I know hunting is looked at as a socially acceptable recreation activity by other Coopers Rock recreationists	1	2	3	4	5

11. How did the number of people you saw hunting this year compare with what you expected to see?

- A lot less than expected
- A little less than expected
- About what you expected
- A little more than you expected
- A lot more than you expected
- You didn't have any expectations

12. On a scale of 1-9, how crowded did you feel while hunting at Coopers Rock State Forest during this past year? (Circle One Number)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Not at all crowded		Slightly Crowded		Moderately Crowded			Extremely Crowded	

13. During your time hunting at Coopers Rock over the past twelve months, have you ever had any conflicts with others?

____ Yes ____ No

13a. If you experienced conflict, please identify who, besides yourself, was involved:

Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hikers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain Bikers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dogs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjacent property owner(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horseback riders
<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Illegal ATV users
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Hunters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bird Watchers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other-(identify)

13b. If you experienced conflict, please describe the nature of the conflict.

14. Please share any areas you believe Coopers Rock Management should focus on to improve your overall recreational experience.

15. Other Comments:

16. What is your age? _____ years

17. 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)	

18. 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	

19. 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	

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

Urban Suburban Rural

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY!!!!

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