

**Appendix G:  
Telephone Survey Results of Residents' Attitudes Toward Recreation Trails  
in the Southwestern Planning District**

## Summary of Southwestern Planning District Results

- Slightly over half of the respondents in the Southwestern Planning District are Trail Users (50.8%), the third highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts, and consequently, slightly over the state result of slightly less than 50%. Slightly over 49% of respondents are Non-Users of Trails.
- For Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, there is a much greater proportion of females, at 60.1%, compared to males at 39.9%, unlike the statewide results where the proportions are more similar. For Non-Users of Trails, there are more than twice as many females, at 67%, compared to males at 33%, which is more similar to the statewide results.
- The average age of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District is almost 46 years old, well above the statewide average of almost 40 years old, and the oldest average of all the Planning Districts. The average age of Non-Users of Trails is slightly over 52 years old, about four years older than the statewide average of almost 48 years old, and the second oldest average of all the Planning Districts.
- The highest percentages in all of the Planning Districts of Trail Users in the two age categories of 60-69 years old and 70 years old and greater occur in the Southwestern Planning District.
- Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District used trails in Utah, on average, slightly over 26 times in the past 12 months, the second highest average use of all the Planning Districts and about six times more than the statewide average
- Use of trails in the Southwestern Planning District is a family affair, with almost 74% of Trail Users indicating there were other household members who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months, with an average of slightly over three other household members using trails. However, this is the lowest percentage reported among all the Planning Districts. For Non-Users of Trails, slightly over 24% indicated there were other household members who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months, with an average of three other household members using trails.
- Hiking was the most mentioned trail activity, mentioned by 59% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, but at less than the statewide result of 71%. Walking was the second most mentioned trail activity at 25%, and at the highest percentage of all the Planning Districts. Biking/Mountain Biking was the third most mentioned trail activity, at 16%, followed by All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Driving at slightly over 14%. The fifth most mentioned trail activity was Horseback Riding at slightly over 10%.

- There is a very high level of awareness of trails in Utah among Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, with 92% indicating they knew of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace, the highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts. Only 8% of Trail Users said there was not a trail within 15 minutes for their home or workplace or didn't know.
- Among Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District, slightly over 68% indicated they knew of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace, again, the highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts. Yet a substantial proportion of Non-Users of Trails, almost 32%, indicated there was not a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace or didn't know.
- Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District who indicated they were aware of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace also gave a wide range of responses regarding the use of this trail, ranging from never to 365 times a year, with average use of this trail at slightly over 59 times a year, the second highest percentage of all the Planning Districts. Slightly over 30% of Trail Users used this trail from once a week to once a day, the second highest percentage of all the Planning Districts.
- The use of trails appears to be a significant part of Southwestern Trail Users' recreational activity and lifestyle.
- Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated their favorite trail was, on average, 32 minutes from home, fifteen minutes less than the statewide average of 47 minutes and the smallest average of all the Planning Districts. Unlike the other Planning Districts, there were no Trail Users indicating their favorite trail as being more than three hours from home.
- A good proportion of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, slightly over 19%, use their favorite trail from once a week to once a day, the second highest percentage of all the Planning Districts and well over the statewide result of almost 16%.
- Almost 75% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated they would like to use trails in Utah more than they did in the past 12 months, somewhat less than the statewide result of almost 81%. The main reason given by over two-thirds of these Trail Users for not using trails as much as they would have liked was not enough time and/or too busy with other activities.
- Slightly more than 54% of Non-Users of Trails indicated they would like to use trails in Utah more, and slightly over 52% of these said the main reason they did not use trails more was not enough time and/or too busy with other activities. However, almost 23% of these respondents indicated their main reason as personal health concerns, age, and/or disability.

- Slightly over 52% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated they would support the use of additional public funds for motorized trails, the third highest percentage in all the Planning Districts. A larger percentage, slightly over 78%, indicated their support for the use of additional public funds for non-motorized trails, less than the statewide result of almost 86%. Slightly over 46%, indicated they would support a tax increase if the additional money would be used to enhance their use and enjoyment of trails, somewhat lower than the statewide result of almost 51%.
- Support from Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District is somewhat different, with almost 55% supporting the use of additional public funds for motorized trails, and almost 60% supporting the use of additional public funds for non-motorized trails. However, a majority of almost 52%, would not support a tax increase to enhance their use and enjoyment of trails.
- Slightly over 89% of Trail Users and almost 66% of Non-Users of Trails strongly agree or agree that having quality trails in Utah is personally important to them.
- A large majority of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District imply they personally receive benefits from trails in Utah. However, a slight majority of Non-Users of Trails do not perceive personally receiving benefits from trails in Utah.
- A clear majority of both Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails strongly agree or agree that trails in their area result in economic benefit for local communities.
- Some 91% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District strongly agree or agree that preservation of historic trails in Utah is important, similar to the statewide result of slightly over 90%. Almost 79% of Non-Users of Trails also strongly agree or agree.
- Slightly over 89% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District strongly agree or agree that trails in their area allow them to be physically active and lead a healthy lifestyle, somewhat less than the statewide result of slightly over 92%. Slightly more than 68% of Non-Users of Trails also strongly agree or agree.
- Having trails in or near a community in the Southwestern Planning District is perceived as doing much for the quality of life of both Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails.

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### Sampling

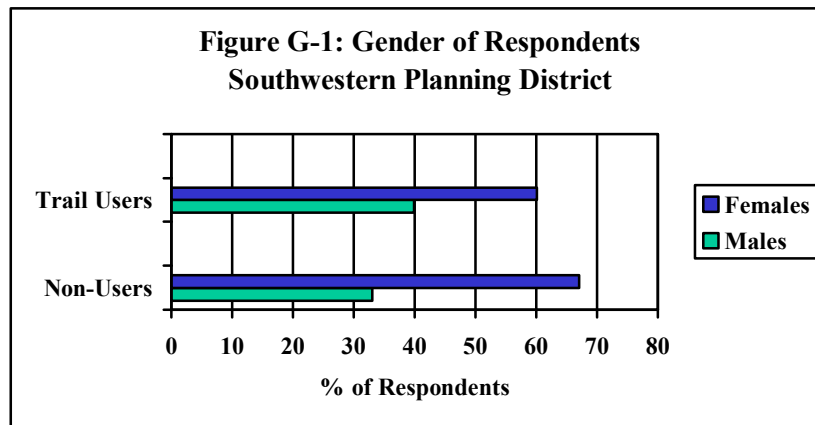
In the Southwestern Planning District, as in every Planning District in the state, a random sample of household telephone numbers was selected for the telephone survey. A total of 370 telephone interviews were completed from September 6-17, 2001, proportionately divided based on the percentage population of Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Kane, and Washington Counties in the Southwestern Planning District. See [Table G-1](#) for Southwestern Planning District county populations and number of interviews completed in each county.

**Table G-1: Southwestern Planning District, Counties, Populations, and Number of Telephone Interviews Completed**

Planning Districts	Total Population <sup>1</sup> (% of Statewide Population)	County Population <sup>1</sup> (% of District)	Interviews Completed (% of Total for District)
<b>Southwestern District</b>	129,600 (100%)		370 (100%)
Beaver County		5,900 (4.5%)	17 (4.5%)
Iron County		31,300 (24%)	89 (24%)
Garfield County		4,700 (3.5%)	13 (3.5%)
Kane County		6,200 (5%)	18 (5%)
Washington County		81,500 (63%)	233 (63%)

### Characteristics of Southwestern Planning District Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails

For Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, there is a much greater proportion of females, at 60.1%, compared to males at 39.9%, unlike the statewide results where the proportions are more similar. For Non-Users of Trails, there are more than twice as many females, at 67%, compared to males at 33% ([Figure G-1](#)), which is more similar to the statewide results.



The average age of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District is almost 46 years old, well above the statewide average of almost 40 years old, and the oldest average of all the Planning Districts. The average age of Non-Users of Trails is slightly over 52 years old, about four years older than the statewide average of almost 48 years old, and the second oldest average of all the Planning Districts (Table G-2). Somewhat over one-fifth of Trail Users are 18-29 years old, slightly over 14% are 30-39 years old, and almost 22% are 40-49 years old. Thus, about one-fifth of adult Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District are under 30 years old, slightly over one-third are under 40 years old, and well over half (57%) are under 50 years old. Some 41% of Trail Users are 50 years and older and somewhat less than one-quarter are 60 years and older. The highest percentages in all of the Planning Districts of Trail Users in the two age categories of 60-

**Table G-2: Age of Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails**

		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean years	Trail User	36.4	39.5	37.8	42.1	43.3	45.2	<b>45.6</b>	39.7
	Non-User	45.7	48.6	44.1	45.1	50.3	52.9	<b>52.2</b>	47.9
Median years	Trail User	33.0	38.5	38.0	42.0	43.0	45.5	<b>45.0</b>	39.0
	Non-User	42.5	48.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	54.0	<b>53.0</b>	48.0
18-29 years old	Trail User	42.2%	25.5%	33.2%	19.3%	23.8%	15.5%	<b>22.5%</b>	27.4%
	Non-User	29.1%	19.5%	34.4%	26.2%	16.9%	11.2%	<b>19.0%</b>	22.6%
30-39 years old	Trail User	19.1%	27.2%	22.1%	22.9%	17.1%	19.6%	<b>14.4%</b>	24.4%
	Non-User	15.3%	14.1%	15.0%	11.8%	13.6%	10.2%	<b>11.2%</b>	14.0%
40-49 years old	Trail User	19.7%	25.5%	27.4%	28.6%	24.4%	25.0%	<b>21.9%</b>	25.3%
	Non-User	14.8%	17.8%	8.3%	21.0%	18.1%	21.9%	<b>16.8%</b>	16.1%
50-59 years old	Trail User	12.1%	12.5%	9.5%	19.3%	18.7%	22.6%	<b>17.6%</b>	12.7%
	Non-User	12.2%	22.7%	14.4%	19.7%	19.8%	17.9%	<b>10.6%</b>	19.5%
60-69 years old	Trail User	5.2%	6.0%	6.3%	7.1%	10.9%	11.3%	<b>14.4%</b>	6.8%
	Non-User	14.3%	9.2%	13.9%	10.5%	9.6%	16.3%	<b>17.9%</b>	11.1%
70 years and greater	Trail User	1.7%	3.3%	1.6%	2.9%	5.2%	6.0%	<b>9.1%</b>	3.3%
	Non-User	14.3%	16.8%	13.9%	10.9%	22.0%	22.4%	<b>24.6%</b>	16.7%

69 years old and 70 years old and greater occur in the Southwestern Planning District. The greatest percentage of Non-Users of Trails in the 60-69 years old and 70 years and older age categories in all the Planning Districts also occurs in the Southwestern Planning District.

**Use of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District**

Slightly over half of the respondents in the Southwestern Planning District are Trail Users (50.8%), the third highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts, and consequently, slightly over the state result of slightly less than 50%. Slightly over 49% of respondents are Non-Users of Trails (Table G-3).

**Table G-3: Have you used any trails in Utah in the past 12 months?**

Response	<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Utah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Yes Trail Users	46.8% (173)	49.7% (184)	51.4% (190)	37.8% (140)	52.2% (193)	45.9% (170)	<b>50.8%</b> <b>(188)</b>	49.7% (2978) <sup>1</sup>
No Non-Users of Trails	53.2% (197)	50.3% (186)	48.6% (180)	62.2% (230)	47.8% (177)	54.1% (200)	<b>49.2%</b> <b>(182)</b>	50.3% (3017) <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>These figures represent statewide “weighted” numbers of Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails, figured by taking the number of respondents in each Planning District and multiplying each by its respective weighting factor (1.0 for Bear River, 10.0 for Wasatch Front, 3.0 for Mountainland, 0.3 for Uintah Basin, 0.5 for Central, 0.4 for Southeastern, 1.0 for Southwestern), and then summing the results.

Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District used trails in Utah, on average, slightly over 26 times in the past 12 months, the second highest average use of all the Planning Districts and about six times more than the statewide average (Table G-4). The median use was 5 times, among the lowest of the Planning Districts and one time less than the statewide result. Noticeable is that almost 39% of Southwestern Trail Users mentioned trail use between 2-4 times in the past 12 months, the highest percentage in this category of any of the Planning Districts. Another one-quarter of Trails Users indicated their use of trails at 5-10 times in the past 12 months. One fifth of Trail Users used trails from once a month to 2-4 times a month. Some 9% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated their use of trails from once a week to more than once a day.

**Table G-4: How Many Times Respondents Used Trails in Utah in the Past 12 Months<sup>1</sup>**

Statement	<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean <sup>2</sup>	19.3	20.4	18.5	13.5	23.0	31.2	<b>26.1</b>	20.57
Median <sup>2</sup>	6.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	10.0	<b>5.0</b>	6.0
Range <sup>2</sup>	1-300	1-400	1-300	1-100	1-500	1-365	<b>1-600</b>	1-600 <sup>3</sup>
Once	9.8%	9.2%	8.4%	10.1%	7.3%	4.2%	<b>4.8%</b>	8.7%
2-4 times	26.0%	34.2%	30.5%	30.9%	27.7%	26.2%	<b>38.5%</b>	32.9%
5-10 times	30.6%	25.0%	26.3%	24.5%	23.0%	23.8%	<b>25.7%</b>	25.6%
Once a month	9.8%	10.3%	11.1%	12.9%	8.9%	14.3%	<b>8.6%</b>	10.4%
2-4 times a month	14.5%	10.9%	17.4%	12.9%	18.3%	14.3%	<b>11.8%</b>	12.8%
Once a week	4.6%	3.3%	1.1%	6.5%	7.9%	8.3%	<b>3.7%</b>	3.3%
Twice a week	1.2%	2.7%	2.1%	2.2%	4.2%	4.2%	<b>0.5%</b>	2.6%
3-5 times a week	3.5%	3.8%	3.2%	0.0%	2.1%	2.4%	<b>3.2%</b>	3.5%
Once a day	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	<b>1.1%</b>	0.1%
More than once a day	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	<b>0.5%</b>	0.4%

<sup>1</sup>Figures shown are those of Trail Users who indicated that they had used a Utah trail in the previous 12 months (Bear River n=173; Wasatch Front n=184; Mountainland n=190; Uintah Basin n=139; Central n=191; Southeastern n=168; Southwestern n=187).

<sup>2</sup>Values shown are mean, median, and range of trail use in the past 12 months.

<sup>3</sup>The range of values for frequency of trail use statewide is not weighted here.

Use of trails by other household members of Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District is somewhat similar to the statewide results, with almost 74% of Trail Users indicating there were other household members who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months, with an average of slightly over three other household members using trails (**Tables G-5 and G-6**). This is the lowest percentage reported among all the Planning Districts. For Non-Users of Trails, slightly over 24% indicated there were other household members who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months, with an average of three other household members using trails.



**Table G-5:  
Are there other members of your household  
who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months?**

		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Yes	Trail User	78.0%	75.0%	80.0%	85.7%	82.9%	76.5%	<b>73.9%</b>	76.5%
	Non-User	18.8%	16.7%	22.2%	16.5%	23.2%	14.5%	<b>21.4%</b>	18.2%
No	Trail User	19.7%	22.3%	17.9%	12.9%	14.5%	18.2%	<b>21.3%</b>	20.7%
	Non-User	72.6%	76.3%	72.8%	73.9%	68.9%	68.0%	<b>69.2%</b>	74.5%
Don't Know	Trail User	1.2%	2.2%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	2.4%	<b>2.1%</b>	1.8%
	Non-User	5.1%	4.3%	5.0%	7.4%	4.5%	7.0%	<b>5.5%</b>	4.7%
Single Person Household <sup>1</sup>	Trail User	1.2%	0.5%	1.1%	0.7%	1.6%	2.9%	<b>2.7%</b>	0.9%
	Non-User	3.6%	2.7%	0.0%	2.2%	3.4%	10.5%	<b>3.8%</b>	2.5%

<sup>1</sup>There were a number of Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails who lived alone, and therefore did not have other household members.

**Table G-6: If Yes, how many other members of your household have used trails?**

		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean	Trail User	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	3.0
	Non-User	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	<b>3.0</b>	2.2
Median	Trail User	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.4	2.5	<b>2.8</b>	3.0
	Non-User	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	<b>2.0</b>	2.0

### **Different Kinds of Activities on Trails in Utah for the Southwestern Planning District**

As in all but one other Planning District, the activity of Hiking, mentioned by 59% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District (**Table G-7**), but at less than the statewide result of 71% (**Table 8**), is clearly the most popular activity occurring on trails in Utah in the past 12 months. Walking was the second most mentioned trail activity in the Southwestern Planning District at 25%, and at the highest percentage of all the Planning Districts. Biking/Mountain Biking was the third most mentioned trail activity, at 16%, followed by All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Driving at slightly over 14%. The fifth most mentioned trail activity was Horseback Riding at slightly over 10%. All other trail activities were mentioned by 4% and less of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District.

For Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District, who indicated there were other household members who have used trails in Utah in the past 12 months, Hiking was the most mentioned trail activity, mentioned by slightly over 56% as being an activity these other household members participated in on trails (**Table G-8**). The second most mentioned trail activity was Biking/Mountain Biking at almost 18%. ATV Driving and Walking as trail activities followed, each at slightly over 10%, followed by Camping at almost 8%. The trail activities of Motorcycle/Dirt Biking, Horseback Riding, Skating/Skateboarding, and Birdwatching/Wildlife Viewing were each mentioned by slightly over 5% of respondents. All other trail activities of other household members were mentioned by about 3% of Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District.

**Table G-7:  
Activities of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Respondents (n)</i> <i>(Total n=188)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>PEDESTRIAN</b>			
	Hiking	111	59.0%
	Walking	47	25.0%
	Jogging/Running	6	3.2%
	Backpacking	3	1.6%
<b>MOTORIZED CONVEYANCE</b>			
	ATV driving	27	14.4%
	Motorcycle/Dirt biking	6	3.2%
	OHV driving	3	1.6%
	Snowmobiling	1	0.5%
	Auto touring	1	0.5%
<b>NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCE</b>			
	Biking/Mountain biking	30	16.0%
	Horseback riding	19	10.1%
	Canoeing/Kayaking	2	1.1%
	Skating/Skateboarding	2	1.1%
	Cross-country skiing	1	0.5%
<b>EDUCATION/CULTURAL</b>			
	Birdwatching/Wildlife viewing	4	2.1%
	Sightseeing	3	1.6%
	Archeological	1	0.5%
<b>RECREATION ACTIVITY ACCESS</b>			
	Camping	7	3.7%
	Hunting	4	2.1%
	Fishing	4	2.1%
	Rockclimbing	3	1.6%
	Photography	2	1.1%
	Sports	1	0.5%
	Fishing and exploring	1	0.5%
	Ranching	1	0.5%

**Table G-8:  
Trail Activities of Other Household Members of Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Respondents (n) (Total n=39)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>PEDESTRIAN</b>			
	Hiking	22	56.4%
	Walking	4	10.3%
	Backpacking	1	2.6%
<b>MOTORIZED CONVEYANCE</b>			
	ATV driving	4	10.3%
	Motorcycle/Dirt biking	2	5.1%
	OHV driving	1	2.6%
<b>NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCE</b>			
	Biking/Mountain biking	7	17.9%
	Horseback riding	2	5.1%
	Skating/Skateboarding	2	5.1%
<b>EDUCATION/CULTURAL</b>			
	Birdwatching/Wildlife viewing	2	5.1%
<b>RECREATION ACTIVITY ACCESS</b>			
	Camping	3	7.8%
	Hunting	1	2.6%
	Scouting	1	2.6%

<sup>1</sup>The number of respondents that didn't know what trail activities their household member(s) participated in was 3 or 7.8%.

**Awareness of Trails in Utah in the Southwestern Planning District**

There is a very high level of awareness of trails in Utah among Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, with 92% indicating they knew of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace (Table G-9), the highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts, and consequently higher than the statewide result of slightly over 86%. Only 8% of Trail Users said there was not a trail within 15 minutes for their home or workplace or didn't know. Among Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District, slightly over 68% indicated they knew of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace, again, the highest percentage of any of the Planning Districts and well over the statewide result of almost 56%. Yet a substantial proportion of Non-Users of Trails, almost 32%, indicated there was not a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace or didn't know, somewhat more than the statewide result.

Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District who indicated they were aware of a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace also gave a wide range of responses regarding the use of this trail, ranging from never to 365 times a year, with average use of this trail at slightly over 59 times a year, the second highest average use of all the Planning Districts and consequently, much more than the statewide average of slightly over 42 times a year (**Table G-10**). The median use of 12 times a year is more than the statewide median of 8 times a year, and the same as three other Planning Districts. Slightly over 44% of Trail Users used this trail from once a year to 5-10 times a year, somewhat less than the statewide result of slightly over 51%. About one-quarter used this trail from once a month to 2-4 times a month, somewhat higher than the statewide result. Finally, slightly over 30% used this trail from once a week to once a day, the second highest percentage of all the Planning Districts and more than the statewide result of almost 27%.

**Table G-9:**

**Do you know if there is a trail within 15 minutes of your home or workplace?**

Response		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Utah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Trail Users	Yes	89.0%	84.8%	89.5%	67.1%	85.5%	82.9%	<b>92.0%</b>	86.1%
	No	6.4%	10.3%	7.4%	27.9%	11.4%	11.8%	<b>6.4%</b>	9.6%
	DK	4.6%	4.9%	3.2%	5.0%	3.1%	5.3%	<b>1.6%</b>	4.3%
Non-Users	Yes	56.3%	53.8%	62.8%	40.4%	53.1%	45.5%	<b>68.1%</b>	55.9%
	No	19.8%	26.9%	20.6%	30.4%	24.3%	32.0%	<b>15.4%</b>	24.7%
	DK	23.9%	19.4%	16.7%	29.1%	22.6%	22.5%	<b>16.5%</b>	19.4%

**Table G-10: How Often Trail Users Used the Trail Within 15 Minutes of Home or Workplace<sup>1</sup>**

	<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean <sup>2</sup>	38.1	35.8	52.4	25.8	51.3	66.8	<b>59.3</b>	42.1
Median <sup>2</sup>	12.0	5.5	12.0	6.0	12.0	20.0	<b>12.0</b>	8.0
Range <sup>2</sup>	0-728	0-365	0-432	0-260	0-1040	0-600	<b>0-365</b>	0-1040
Never	9.7%	16.0%	18.8%	12.8%	8.5%	8.5%	<b>16.2%</b>	15.8%
Less than once a year	6.5%	8.3%	3.5%	14.9%	3.6%	7.8%	<b>5.8%</b>	7.0%
Once a year	14.0%	17.8%	9.1%	13.2%	6.9%	7.6%	<b>8.1%</b>	14.5%
2-4 times a year	23.3%	28.8%	23.5%	27.9%	23.4%	16.1%	<b>22.2%</b>	26.4%
5-10 times a year	12.4%	10.9%	6.1%	16.1%	11.7%	5.9%	<b>14.0%</b>	10.3%
Once a month	15.5%	10.1%	17.4%	8.8%	13.1%	21.1%	<b>14.8%</b>	12.6%
2-4 times a month	13.8%	6.7%	14.5%	13.3%	15.9%	13.5%	<b>10.3%</b>	9.6%
Once a week	10.9%	11.8%	11.4%	11.8%	15.2%	11.0%	<b>8.8%</b>	11.7%
Twice a week	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	2.1%	2.5%	<b>0.7%</b>	0.9%
3-5 times a week	7.8%	10.9%	12.9%	8.8%	6.2%	13.5%	<b>14.1%</b>	11.2%
Once a day	2.3%	1.7%	3.9%	0.0%	4.8%	7.6%	<b>6.6%</b>	2.8%
More than once a day	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	<b>0.0%</b>	0.3%

<sup>1</sup>Figures shown are those of respondents who indicated that they had used a Utah trail in the past 12 months and were aware that there was a trail within 15 minutes of their home or workplace (Bear River n=154; Wasatch Front n=156; Mountainland n=170; Uintah Basin n=94; Central n=165; Southeastern n=141; Southwestern n=173).

<sup>2</sup>Values shown are mean, median, and range of trail use in the past 12 months.

### **Favorite Trails in Utah for Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District**

Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated their favorite trail was, on average, 32 minutes from home, fifteen minutes less than the statewide average of 47 minutes and the smallest average of all the Planning Districts (Table G-11). The median response was 20 minutes from home, five minutes less than the statewide result. Slightly over 49% of Trails Users indicated their favorite trail was within 15 minutes of home, less than the statewide result of almost 38%, while over two-thirds (67.6%) indicated their favorite trail was within 30 minutes of home, about the same as the statewide result of 65%. Slightly over 21% indicated their favorite trail was from 31 minutes to one hour from home, while slightly over 11% indicated from one hour to more than three hours. Unlike the other Planning Districts, there were no Trail Users indicating their favorite trail as being more than three hours from home. Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated a wide range of use of their favorite trail from less than once a year to once a day (Table G-12), with 9% indicating use as less than once a year,

**Table G-11: Length of Time for Trail Users to Get From Home to Their Favorite Trail<sup>1</sup>**

	<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean <sup>2</sup>	59.4	50.7	37.4	51.4	44.4	37.6	<b>32.0</b>	47.0
Median <sup>2</sup>	25.0	30.0	20.0	40.0	20.0	25.0	<b>20.0</b>	25.0
Range <sup>2</sup>	3-540	1-360	1-300	2-360	1-1140	1-360	<b>1-180</b>	1-1140
5 minutes or less	8.3%	11.5%	12.7%	5.0%	18.7%	21.3%	<b>24.3%</b>	12.8%
6 to 15 minutes	28.6%	22.5%	32.8%	15.7%	24.1%	19.5%	<b>24.9%</b>	24.9%
16 to 30 minutes	26.2%	27.5%	30.2%	25.0%	27.3%	28.0%	<b>18.4%</b>	27.3%
31 to 45 minutes	11.3%	12.1%	6.9%	23.6%	6.7%	11.6%	<b>11.9%</b>	11.0%
46 minutes to 1 hour	7.7%	6.6%	4.8%	14.3%	8.2%	9.8%	<b>9.2%</b>	6.7%
1 hour to 2 hours	3.0%	4.9%	3.7%	5.7%	5.3%	3.7%	<b>6.5%</b>	4.7%
2 to 3 hours	7.1%	10.4%	5.3%	8.6%	7.5%	3.7%	<b>4.9%</b>	8.6%
4 to 6 hours	6.5%	4.4%	3.7%	2.1%	1.6%	2.4%	<b>0.0%</b>	3.9%
More than 6 hours	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	<b>0.0%</b>	0.1%

<sup>1</sup>Figures shown are for those respondents who indicated that they had used a Utah trail in the past 12 months (Bear River n=168; Wasatch Front n=182; Mountainland n=189; Uintah Basin n=140; Central n=187; Southeastern n=164; Southwestern n=185).

<sup>2</sup>Values shown are mean, median, and range of minutes to get to trail from home.

somewhat more than the statewide result of almost 7%. Almost 55% of Trail Users indicated use of their favorite trail from once a year to 5-10 times a year, and 17% indicated use from once a month to 2-4 times a month. A good proportion of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, slightly over 19%, use their favorite trail from once a week to once a day, the second highest percentage of all the Planning Districts and well over the statewide result of almost 16%.

### **Intent to Use Trails in Utah More in the Southwestern Planning District**

Almost 75% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated they would like to use trails in Utah more than they did in the past 12 months, somewhat less than the statewide result of almost 81% (Table G-13). Responses from Non-Users of Trails are also somewhat less than the statewide result, with slightly more than 54% indicating they would like to use trails in Utah more, slightly over 44% indicating they would not like to use trails in Utah more, and only slightly over 1% indicating they didn't know. When Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District were asked, "What is the main reason you did not use trails as much as you would have liked?", the main reason given by over two-thirds of the respondents was not enough time and/or too busy with other activities (Table G-14). Slightly over 10% said they didn't use trails more because of personal

**Table G-12: How Often Trail Users Used Their Favorite Trail.<sup>1</sup>**

Statement	<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Mean <sup>2</sup>	30.0	29.2	30.3	16.6	35.1	36.8	<b>45.7</b>	30.7
Median <sup>2</sup>	5.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	9.5	<b>5.0</b>	4.0
Range <sup>2</sup>	1-365	1-365	1-365	1-365	1-1040	1-365	<b>1-365</b>	1-1040
Less than once a year	12.7%	6.5%	4.7%	5.7%	9.8%	8.2%	<b>9.0%</b>	6.9%
Once a year	16.2%	17.9%	15.8%	16.4%	8.8%	8.2%	<b>8.5%</b>	16.3%
2-4 times a year	26.6%	34.2%	28.9%	32.9%	26.4%	28.2%	<b>32.4%</b>	32.3%
5-10 times a year	9.2%	14.1%	8.9%	13.6%	14.5%	11.8%	<b>13.8%</b>	12.8%
Once a month	11.0%	3.8%	14.7%	10.7%	9.8%	15.3%	<b>11.7%</b>	7.4%
2-4 times a month	10.4%	8.2%	8.9%	11.4%	14.0%	8.2%	<b>5.3%</b>	8.5%
Once a week	5.2%	5.4%	9.5%	5.7%	8.3%	7.1%	<b>5.9%</b>	6.3%
Twice a week	4.6%	2.2%	3.2%	1.4%	3.1%	5.3%	<b>2.1%</b>	2.6%
3-5 times a week	2.3%	6.0%	2.6%	1.4%	2.6%	4.7%	<b>5.3%</b>	4.9%
Once a day	2.3%	1.6%	2.6%	0.7%	2.1%	2.9%	<b>5.9%</b>	2.1%
More than once a day	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	<b>0.0%</b>	0.03%

<sup>1</sup>Figures shown are those of respondents who indicated that they had used a Utah trail in the past 12 months and used their favorite trail at least once a year (Bear River n=173; Wasatch Front n=184; Mountainland n=190; Uintah Basin n=140; Central n=193; Southeastern n=170; Southwestern n=188).

<sup>2</sup>Values shown are mean, median, and range of trail use per year. Responses of less than one year not calculated in means and medians.

health concerns, age, and/or disability. Slightly over 4% said they didn't use trails more because no trails were convenient or no trails were close to home, and another 3% said they didn't use trails more because they were new to the area. All other responses represented 2% and less of the main reasons given by these respondents.

Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District were also asked if they would like to use trails in Utah more than they did in the past 12 months. For those indicating Yes, slightly over 52% said the main reason they did not use trails more was not enough time and/or too busy with other activities (Table G-15). However, almost 23% of these respondents indicated their main reason as personal health concerns, age, and/or disability. All other responses represented about 5% and less of the main reasons given by these respondents. For Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District who would not have liked to use trails more, slightly over 55% indicated the main reason as personal health concerns, age, and/or disability (Table G-16). Almost 16% indicated not enough time and/or too busy with other activities, and 12% indicated the main reason as



little or no interest/do not care for the outdoors. All other responses represented about 2% or less of the main reasons.

**Table G-13:**

**Would you like to use trails in Utah more than you did in the past 12 months?**

		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Trail Users	Yes	83.2%	81.5%	82.1%	78.6%	77.7%	72.9%	<b>74.5%</b>	80.9%
	No	15.6%	16.8%	15.8%	15.0%	20.7%	22.9%	<b>22.3%</b>	17.2%
	DK <sup>1</sup>	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%	6.4%	1.6%	4.1%	<b>3.2%</b>	1.9%
Non-Users	Yes	57.4%	60.2%	58.3%	46.1%	53.1%	47.5%	<b>54.4%</b>	58.5%
	No	37.1%	36.6%	37.2%	46.5%	44.1%	44.5%	<b>44.5%</b>	37.8%
	DK <sup>1</sup>	5.6%	3.2%	4.4%	7.4%	2.8%	8.0%	<b>1.1%</b>	3.7%

<sup>1</sup>DK means "Don't Know."

**Table G-14:**

**Main Reason Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District Did Not Use Trails As Much As They Would Have Liked**

Reasons	n	%
Not enough time/too busy with other activities	95	67.4
Personal health concerns/Age/Disability	15	10.6
None convenient/No trails close to home	6	4.3
New to area	4	2.8
Not enough money	3	2.1
Family/Little children	3	2.1
Not enough information about trails	2	1.4
Don't know where trails are located	1	0.7
Little or no interest/Do not care for outdoors	1	0.7
Too crowded	1	0.7
Too difficult to get to	1	0.7
Other	9	6.4

n= 141

**Table G-15:  
Main Reason Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern  
Planning District, Who Would Have Liked to Use Trails  
More, Did Not Use Trails**

Reasons	n	%
Not enough time/too busy with other activities	49	52.7
Personal health concerns/Age/Disability	21	22.6
New to area	5	5.4
None convenient/No trails close to home	4	4.3
Family/Little children	4	4.3
Don't know where trails are located	2	2.2
Not enough money	1	1.1
Poorly maintained	1	1.1
Too crowded	1	1.1
Too difficult to get to	1	1.1
Traveling out-of-state in the past 12 months	1	1.1
Work	1	1.1
Other	2	2.2

n= 93

**Table G-16:  
Main Reason Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern  
Planning District, Who Would Not Have Liked to Use  
Trails More, Did Not Want To Use Trails**

Reasons	n	%
Personal health concerns/Age/Disability	46	55.4%
Not enough time/too busy with other activities	13	15.7%
Little or no interest/Do not care for outdoors	10	12.0%
None convenient/No trails close to home	2	2.4%
Family/Little children	2	2.4%
Don't have equipment needed	2	2.4%
Don't like trails with non-motorized use	1	1.2%
Not safe	1	1.2%
Too crowded	1	1.2%
Walk other places	1	1.2%
Other	4	4.8%

n= 83

**Support of the Use of Additional Public Funds for Trails  
in the Southwestern Planning District**

Slightly over 52% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District indicated they would support the use of additional public funds for motorized trails, the third highest percentage in all the Planning Districts and somewhat higher than the statewide result of almost 48% (Table G-17). A larger percentage, slightly over 78%, indicated their support for the use of additional public funds for non-motorized trails, less than the statewide result of almost 86%. Slightly over 46% indicated they would support a tax increase if the additional money would be used to enhance their use and enjoyment of trails, somewhat lower than the statewide result of almost 51%. Support from Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District is somewhat different, with almost 55% supporting the use of additional public funds for motorized trails, and almost 60% supporting the use of additional public funds for non-motorized trails. However, a

**Table G-17: Support for the Use of Additional Public Funds for Trails**

			<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Utah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Motorized Trails	Trail Users	Yes	52.0%	46.2%	45.3%	47.1%	69.4%	57.1%	<b>52.1%</b>	47.7%
		No	43.9%	49.5%	47.4%	43.6%	26.4%	29.4%	<b>38.3%</b>	46.7%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	4.0%	4.3%	7.4%	9.3%	4.1%	13.5%	<b>9.6%</b>	5.5%
	Non-Users	Yes	44.7%	40.3%	45.0%	47.0%	55.9%	54.0%	<b>54.9%</b>	43.3%
		No	44.7%	55.4%	44.4%	38.3%	34.5%	32.5%	<b>30.2%</b>	49.6%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	10.7%	4.3%	10.6%	14.8%	9.6%	13.5%	<b>14.8%</b>	7.1%
Non-Motorized Trails	Trail Users	Yes	81.5%	89.7%	81.6%	79.3%	68.9%	68.8%	<b>78.2%</b>	85.6%
		No	17.3%	9.8%	12.1%	15.7%	25.4%	21.8%	<b>14.9%</b>	11.9%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	1.2%	0.5%	6.3%	5.0%	5.7%	9.4%	<b>6.9%</b>	2.5%
	Non-Users	Yes	67.5%	66.1%	72.8%	63.9%	57.1%	60.0%	<b>59.9%</b>	66.6%
		No	21.8%	29.0%	21.1%	24.3%	35.0%	26.5%	<b>29.7%</b>	27.2%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	10.7%	4.8%	6.1%	11.7%	7.9%	13.5%	<b>10.4%</b>	6.3%
Tax Increase	Trail Users	Yes	59.0%	52.2%	46.8%	47.1%	48.7%	46.5%	<b>46.3%</b>	50.9%
		No	32.4%	42.4%	45.3%	40.0%	41.5%	40.0%	<b>41.5%</b>	42.2%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	8.7%	5.4%	7.9%	12.9%	9.8%	13.5%	<b>12.2%</b>	7.0%
	Non-users	Yes	33.0%	32.3%	33.9%	31.7%	35.0%	32.5%	<b>34.6%</b>	32.8%
		No	57.4%	62.4%	59.4%	50.0%	58.8%	53.5%	<b>51.6%</b>	60.2%
		DK <sup>1</sup>	9.6%	5.4%	6.7%	18.3%	6.2%	14.0%	<b>13.7%</b>	6.9%

<sup>1</sup>DK means “Don’t Know.”

majority of almost 52% would not support a tax increase to enhance their use and enjoyment of trails.

**Values of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District:  
Benefits, Importance, Healthy Lifestyles, and Quality of Life**

A number of statements were read to both Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails in the Southwestern Planning District in order to find out about their perceptions of the values, benefits, and importance of trails (Table G-18). Overall, responses are somewhat similar to the statewide results. Slightly over 89% of Trail Users and almost 66% of Non-Users of Trails strongly agreed or agreed that having quality trails in Utah was personally important to them. Some 11% of Trail Users and almost 51% of Non-Users of Trails strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, “I personally receive little or no benefit from trails in Utah,” very similar to the statewide results. Clearly, a large majority of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District strongly disagree or disagree with this statement and imply they personally receive benefits from trails in Utah. However, a slight majority of Non-Users of Trails do not perceive personally receiving benefits from trails in Utah. A clear majority of both Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, “Trails in my area result in economic benefit for local communities,” with both being quite a bit higher than the statewide results. A greater percentage of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District, 91%, strongly agreed or agreed that preservation of historic trails in Utah is important, similar to the statewide result of slightly over 90%. A higher percentage of Non-Users of Trails also strongly agreed or agreed with this statement, almost 79%, somewhat higher than the statewide result of slightly over 77%. Slightly over 89% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District strongly agreed or agreed that trails in their area allow them to be physically active and lead a healthy lifestyle, somewhat less than the statewide result of slightly over 92%. Slightly more than 68% of Non-Users of Trails also strongly agreed or agreed with this statement. Almost 11% of Trail Users in the Southwestern Planning District strongly agreed or agreed that trails in their area do little for their quality of life, as did almost 37% of Non-Users of Trails. Clearly, having trails in or near a community in the Southwestern Planning District is perceived as doing much for the quality of life of both Trail Users and Non-Users of Trails.

**Table G-18: Agreement With Statements Regarding the Value of Trails**

Statements <sup>1</sup>		<i>Bear River</i>	<i>Wasatch Front</i>	<i>Mountainland</i>	<i>Uintah Basin</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Southeastern</i>	<i>Southwestern</i>	<i>Statewide Weighted</i>
Having quality trails in Utah is important to me.	Trail Users	95.4%	96.2%	93.2%	85.7%	89.1%	87.1%	<b>89.4%</b>	94.5%
	Non-Users	65.5%	66.1%	66.1%	62.2%	59.3%	71.5%	<b>65.9%</b>	65.9%
I personally receive little or no benefit from trails in Utah.	Trail Users	6.4%	10.9%	11.1%	14.3%	14.0%	21.8%	<b>11.2%</b>	11.1%
	Non-Users	41.6%	46.8%	45.0%	50.4%	36.7%	49.0%	<b>50.5%</b>	46.2%
Trails in my area result in economic benefit for local communities.	Trail Users	63.0%	66.8%	53.2%	77.1%	76.7%	82.9%	<b>70.2%</b>	65.0%
	Non-Users	53.8%	43.0%	52.2%	56.5%	65.0%	65.5%	<b>65.9%</b>	48.3%
Preservation of historic trails in Utah is important.	Trail Users	92.5%	89.7%	91.1%	92.9%	88.6%	91.8%	<b>91.0%</b>	90.2%
	Non-Users	80.7%	75.8%	80.6%	79.1%	78.5%	79.5%	<b>78.6%</b>	77.4%
Trails in my area allow me to be physically active and lead a healthy lifestyle.	Trail Users	88.4%	93.5%	91.6%	86.4%	88.1%	91.2%	<b>89.4%</b>	92.2%
	Non-Users	66.0%	67.2%	67.8%	62.2%	58.2%	60.5%	<b>68.1%</b>	66.7%
Trails in my area do little for my quality of life.	Trail Users	5.2%	3.8%	5.8%	12.9%	13.5%	14.1%	<b>10.6%</b>	5.4%
	Non-Users	28.4%	28.5%	32.2%	35.2%	33.9%	41.5%	<b>36.8%</b>	30.3%

<sup>1</sup>After each statement was read, the respondent was asked to indicate his or her level of agreement by using strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, or strongly disagree.