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## ABSTRACT

This report investigated the characteristics of summertime recreationists in northeastern New Mexico. A description of the area was given including the physical and economic characteristics. Data were gathered through a modified random sampling procedure. A prepared questionnaire was distributed to recreationists at 13 sites in New Mexico. The results were classified according to geographic origins, distance traveled, travel time, areas visited, recreation activities, party size, frequency of visits, length of stay, income of recreationists, changes in activities with changes in income, and essential facilities or resources. The appendix included the sample questionnaire. (BRB)



## Summary

A majority of recreation parties visiting Colfax County recreation areas and other sites in northeastern New Mexico are from the neighboring states of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Arizona. Residents of Colfax County and neighboring counties made up the bulk of in-state recreationists. Cimarron Canyon and Red River are major attractions for out-of-state visitors, while Maloya and Maxwell lakes are popular with Colfax County residents.

The largest group of recreationists ( 20 percent) travelled from 151 to 250 miles to the area. Although local recreationists were able to travel to the recreational area of their choice within one hour, a substantial group of recreationists ( 20 percent) required from 11 to 20 hours. Many of the Red River visitors ( 26 percent) travelled 501 to 750 miles and required 11 to 20 hours ( 49 percent) to make the trip.

Fishing was the most popular recreation activity for adults. Fifty-one percent selected fishing as their major activity. Camping was second in importance, with 15 percent, and sightseeing was third.

Two-person parties were most numerous in the sample ( 36 percent), followed by four-person parties ( 19 percent). A one-half to one day stay was the most popular length of stay ( 39 percent).

The largest group of recreationists reported family incomes of $\$ 10,001$ to $\$ 11,000$. Only 37 parties, or seven percent of those interviewed, had incomes of $\$ 3,000$ or less. The more wealthy recreationists visited Red River, Upper Cimmaron, and Capulin Mountain. A ten percent increase in income would not have changed this time spent on recreation, according to 63 percent of the respondents. A half or more of the recreationists at

Capulin Mountain and Conchas Lake felt they would have spent more time sightseeing and fishing if incomes were increased ten percent. Four out of five recreationists indicated that even a 25 percent increase in income would not have influenced them to change to another type of recreation activity.

Water and sanitary facilities were thought to be most essential at most recreation sites. Natural facilities or resources such as trees, mountains, lakes, and streams were highly rated.

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# CHAR ACTERISTICS OF RECREATIONISTS IN NORTHEASTERN NE W MEXICO 

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Tourism is a major industry in New Mexico. State and local government units are actively promoting this industry, particularly along the two major interstate routes that criss-cross the state. This promotional effort has teen handicapped by a lack of information about recreationists--where they are from. what they do while in the state. how long they stay. and what they desire in terms of facilities.

This preliminary report mainly deals with characteristics of recreationists. A part of the report deals with facilities or resources that are considered abjolutely essential by recreationists. Information of these types can be used to plan promotional programs. The information can also be used as guides for further development of recreational resources.

## Description of Area

## Location of Area

The areas studied are in Colfax County and five adjacent areas (figure 1) in northeastern New Mexico. Red River is a major recreation area adjacent to the western boundary of Colfax County. Storrie Lake. lying 55 miles to the southwest. and Conchas Lake, 132 miles to the southeast, were studied because they compete for recreationists using facilities in Colfax County. Capulin National Monument and Charette Lake, just to the east and
south of the county, were also studied because they can be considered as a part of the recreational facilities of the county.

## Physical Characteristics

The southeastern half of Colfax County extends into an undulating plains area, while the nortliwestern half encompasses the foothill and mountain area of the Rocky Mountain front. An interstate highway separates the two areas. Recreation sites are scattered mainly in the foothill and mountain areas of the north and west. These portions of the county include natural resources that lend themselves well toward increased recreational development. Besides the mourtain and canyon topography that appeals to recreationists, several creeks and one river flow through the area.

## Economic Characteristics

Land ownership consists of a large national forest, large tracts of privately-owned lands based on original Spanish land-grant boundaries, and small, scattered sections of state-owned lands.

Colfax County can be characterized as economically depressed. The county does not have the socio-economic problems found in the tri-ethnic counties to the west and south. The county had a population of 11.670 in 1970. Over the previous
decade (1960-1970), the county lost more than 15 percent of its population. Its labor force of about 4,900 persons in 1969 was 5.0 percent unemployed, or slightly above the national average. The economy has been largely agriculturally oriented; cattle ranching and forest product industries are the major resource-based industries in the county.

## Methods Used

A modified, stratified random-sampling procedure was used for gathering information. The strata were the 13 recreation sites selected for study. Data were gathered by means of personal interviews with a prepared questionnaire (Appendix). The sites were selected at random without replacement, stratified by weekend days and weekdays (table 1). The more popular sites (major areas in or near county). based on information from local community leaders, pre-survey observations, and data accumulated by state and federal recreation agencies, were sampled twice as heavily as the less popular sites (minor areas). Areas more than 50 miles from the county boundaries were sampled once on a weekend and once on a weekday. Single visits were made also to areas in which recreationists spent long periods of time. An attempt was made to interview all persons visiting the recreation site on the days selected for interviews at that site. Since it was impossible to interview all persons attending the racetrack, individuals were inter-
viewed at the track before and after the races on an informal contact basis.

Interviewing took place from Juse through August in 1969. As a result, the data are representative of summer-time recreational activities.

## Results

## Geographic Origins

A majority of recreation parties are from the neighboring states of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Arizona (table 2). Residents of Colfax County and neighboring counties made up the bulk ( 32 percent) of the in-state recreationists. A large number of recreation parties from neighboring states ( 102 parties) visited the Lower Cimarron and Red River areas. Maloya and Maxwell lakes were popular with Colfax County residents.

The 13 areas selected for study were grouped into three major types of areas-camping and reiated activities, lake fisting, and sightseeing. Areas in the camping category, including picnicking, were Lower Cimarron, the Port of Entry picnic area, and Upper Cimarron. Areas in the lake fishing category were Charette Lake, Conchas Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Lake Maioya, Maxwell Lakes, Miami Lake, and Storrie Lake. Areas in the sightseeing category, which included a wide range of activities, were Capulin Mountain, La Mesa Racetrack, and Red River.

Table 1. Results of random sampling scheme by area and major type of activity, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Days of Sampling |  | Completed Questionnalres | Major Types of Activitier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weokdays | Weekend days |  |  |
|  | --- number - - - |  |  |  |
| Major Areas |  |  |  |  |
| Lower Clmarron | 5 | 1 | 77 | Camplag, plenicking, fishing |
| Upper Clmarron | 4 | 2 | 67 | Camping, plenicking, fishing |
| Red Rlver | 4 | 2 | 55 | Camping, picnicking, fishing |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 6 | 1 | 28 | Flahing, boating |
| Lake Maloya | 4 | 2 | 71 | Flahing, plenicking |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 0 | 4 | 35 | Horseracing |
| Minor Areas |  |  |  |  |
| Charette Lake | 2 | 2 | 27 | Fiahing, campling |
| Maxwell Lakes | 2 | 2 | 34 | Flshing, boatling |
| Miaml Lake | 2 | 2 | 22 | Flishing, plenicking |
| Capulin Mountain | 2 | 2 | 36 | Slghtseoing |
| Port of Entry picnic area | 2 | 2 | 36 | Plonicking, touring |
| Single Vialts |  |  |  |  |
| Storrie Lake | 1 | 1 | 22 | Fiahing, boating, picnicking |
| Cunchas Lake | $\frac{1}{35}$ | $\frac{1}{21}$ | $\frac{20}{530}$ | Flohing, boatling, camping |
| Totals | 35 | 24 | 530 |  |

Table 2. Geographic origin of recreational parties in 1509 by area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Numbers of Parties from-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { parties } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New Mexico |  |  |  |  | Other states |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Other |  |  |  |  |
|  | Colfax County | Nelghboring countles | Northwestern counties | Northeastern countles | Southern counties | Neighbering states | southwestern states | Northwestern states | Other plain states | Eastern otates |  |
|  | $\cdots$ |  | --. | $\ldots$ |  | umber | -..- | $\cdots$ | ... | --- |  |
| Capulin Mountain | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 2 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya | 43 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| Lower Cimarron | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 77 |
| 'Maxwell Lakes | 21 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Mlami Lake | 4 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{22}$ |
| Port of Entry plcnic area | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 36* |
| Red Piver | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 55 |
| Storile Leke | 0 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 |
| Upper Cimarron | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 67 |
| Total | 96 | 76 | $\overline{2}$ | 21 | 4 | 277 | 12 | 1 | 13 | $\frac{1}{27}$ | 530 |
| Percent of Total | 18 | 14 | ** | 4 | 1 | 53 | 2 | ** | 2 | 6 | 100 |

*Includes one party from Europe
${ }^{*}$ Less than 0.5 percent

Colfax County and other in-state recreationists most frequently visited areas with lake fishing (table 3). Recreationists from neighboring states visited the major camping areas. while visitors from other states visited camping and sightseeing areas equally.

## Distance Travelled

The one-way distance travelled varied from 0 to over 1,501 miles (table 4). The largest group trav-
elled from 151 to 250 miles. Five percent of the parties travelled over 1,500 miles. Recreationists visiting the Capulin Monument, the Port of Entry picnic area. and Red River travelled the largest distances. Lake Maloya visitors tended to travel the smallest distances.

Recreationists visiting lake areas travelled the least. while the largest number of parties engaged in sightseeing activities travelled from 501 to 1.000 miles (table 5). Most recreationists visiting camping sites travelled from 101 to 500 miles.

Table 3. Geographic origin of recreational parties in 1969 by types of areas, Colfax County and vicinity

| Major Types of Areas | Number of Parties from-- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Colfax County | Other counties <br> In New Mexico | Netghboring states | Other states |
|  | number | number | number | number |
| Camping ${ }^{1}$ | 8 | 17 | 194 | $20^{2}$ |
| Lake fiehing ${ }^{3}$ | 74 | 80 | 56 | 14 |
| Sightseeing ${ }^{4}$ | 13 | 6 | 87 | $\underline{20}$ |
| Total | 96 | 103 | 277 | 54 |
| Percent of total | 18 | 20 | 52 | 10 |

[^0]Table 4. Distances travelled one way by recreationists in 1989 by area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Number of Parties by Distonces Travelled One Way |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All <br> Recreatlonists |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \text { to } \\ & 10 \\ & \text { miles } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \text { to } \\ & 25 \\ & \text { miles } \end{aligned}$ | 26 to 50 miles | 51 to 100 miles | 101 to 150 miles | 151 to 250 miles | 251 to 350 miles | 351 to 500 milez | 501 to 750 miles | 751 to <br> 1,000 <br> miles | $\begin{aligned} & 1,001 \text { to } \\ & 1,500 \\ & \text { miles } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1,501 miles } \\ & \text { and over } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | - | $\cdots$ | - - | - - - | - - | -- | - - mum | umber | - - - | - - - | - - - | $\cdots \cdots$ | - - - |
| Capul in Mountain | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya | 20 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| Lower Cimarron | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 77 |
| Maxwell Lakes | 6 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 34 |
| Miami Lake | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Port of Entry picnic area | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 36 |
| Red River | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 23 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| Storrie Lake | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 22 |
| Upper Cimarron | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 67 |
| Total | 42 | 39 | 24 | 27 | 21 | 108 | 61 | 55 | 75 | 29 | 27 | 24 | 530 |
| Percent of total | 8 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 100 |

Table 5. Distance travelled one way by recreationists in 1969 by type of area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Major Types of Areas | Number of Parties Travelling-- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 0 \text { to } \\ 100 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 101 \text { to } \\ 500 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 501 \text { to } \\ 1,000 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | Over 1,000 miles |
|  | number | number | number | number |
| Camping ${ }^{1}$ | 12 | 102 | 47 | 19 |
| Lake fishing ${ }^{2}$ | 102 | 97 | 11 | 14 |
| Sightseeing ${ }^{3}$ | 18 | 44 | 46 | 18 |
| Total | 132 | 243 | 104 | 51 |
| Percent of total | 25 | 48 | 19 | 10 |

## Travel Time

The one-way travel time by parties visiting recreation sites in the study area varied from one hour to over 30 hours (table 6). The largest number was able to travel to the site of their choice in one hour. A large group required from 11 to 20 hours. Many of the recreational parties visiting Red River required 11 to 20 hours of travel as did many recreationists visiting Lower Cimarron. Maxwell Lakes and Lake Maloya tended to be patronized by many residents living close by these sites.

When travel times were grouped together into categories of from 0 to 4 hours, 5 to 8 hours, 9 to 20 hours, and over 20 hours, 43 percent of the recreationists were able to reach their destinations
in four hours or less (table 7). The largest group of parties visiting camping areas required from 9 to 20 hours to reach their destinations, while most parties visiting lake arear were able to reach the lakes in four hours or less. Sightseeing areas were reached either in four hours or less, or from 9 to 20 hours by most recreationists visiting these areas.

## Areas Visited

Most recreationists (331) visited sites only in northeastern New Mexico (table 8). However, a large number (108) visited out-of-state recreation sites as well as those in northeastern New Mexico. Over half of the recreationists visiting the Port of

Table 6. Travel time of recreationists in 1969 by area, Colfax County and vicintty

| Area | Number of Parties Reporting One Way Travel Time of-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All Parties |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One hours | Two hours | Three hours | Four hours | Five hours | Six hours | Seven hours | Eight hours | Nine hours | Ten hours | 11 to 20 hours | $\begin{gathered} 21 \text { to } 30 \\ \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 30 \\ \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capulin Mountain | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - 10 | 6 | 3 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya | 49 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| Lower Clmarron | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 77 |
| Maxwell Lakes | 24 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Miamil Lake | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Port of Entry picnic area | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 36 |
| Red River | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 55 |
| Storrie Lake | 6 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 22 |
| Upper Cimarron Total | $\frac{3}{122}$ | $\frac{4}{23}$ | $\frac{2}{37}$ | $\frac{3}{49}$ | $\frac{13}{52}$ | $\frac{10}{27}$ | $\frac{2}{14}$ | $\frac{2}{23}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{7}{25}$ | $\frac{17}{104}$ | $\frac{3}{23}$ | $\frac{0}{23}$ | $\frac{67}{530}$ |
| Percent of total | 23 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 100 |

Table 7. Travel time of recreationists in 1969 by types of areas, Colfax County and vicinity

| Major Types of Areas | Number of Parties Roporting One-Way Travel Times of-- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Zero to four hours | Five to elght hours | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nine to } \\ 20 \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ | Over 20 hours |
|  | number | number | number | number |
| Camplng ${ }^{1}$ | 35 | 59 | 70 | 16 |
| Lake flshing ${ }^{2}$ | 154 | 36 | 18 | 16 |
| Sightseetng ${ }^{3}$ | 42 | 21 | 49 | 14 |
| Total | 231 | 116 | 137 | 46 |
| Percent of total | 43 | 22 | 26 | 9 |

${ }^{1}$ Lower Cimarron, Port of Entry picnic area, and Upper Cimarron
${ }^{2}$ Charette Lake, Conchas Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Lake Maloya, Maxwell Lakes, Miami Lake, and Storrle Lake
${ }^{3}$ Capulin Moumtain, La Mesa Racetrack, and Red River
Table 8. Areas visited by recreationsts in 1969 by area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Number of Parties Reporting Areas Visited of-- |  |  |  | Number of Parties <br> Reporting Primary <br> Reason for Visits of-- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This area } \\ & \text { only } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other areas } \\ & \text { In county } \end{aligned}$ | Other areas In state | Other areas out of state |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Recreation | Business |
|  | --- | ----- | $\cdots$ | - - - - - | - - - - | - - - |
| Capulin Mountain | 8 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 31 | 5 |
| Charette Lake | 25 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 1 |
| Cunchas Lake | 12 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 19 | 1 |
| Eagle Neat Lake | 21 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 1 |
| Lake Maloya | 60 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 65 | 6 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 31 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 7 |
| Lower Cimarron | 43 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 75 | 2 |
| Manwoll Lakes | 29 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 0 |
| Mtami Lake | 14 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 2 |
| Port of Entry picnic area | 5 | 5 | 3 | 27 | 29 | 7 |
| Red Rlver | 31 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 55 | 0 |
| Storrle Lake | 17 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 1 |
| Upper Cimarron | 35 | 16 | $\underline{22}$ | 5 | 67 | 0 |
| Total | $\overline{331}$ | 61 | 69 | 108 | 497 | 33 |

Entry picnic area, as expected, were enroute to other recreation sites. Likewise, visitors to Capulin Monument were on tours involving visits to other out-of-state areas. Recreationists interviewed at Upper and Lower Cinarron tended to visit other areas in the county and other areas in the state.

Almost all groups interviewed ( 497 groups) indicated that recreation was their primary reason for being in this area.

## Recreation Activities

Fishing was the most popular activity in the study area (table 9), with 51 percent of all adults in the sampled recreation parties reporting this as their major activity. Camping was second in importance, with 15 percent, and sightseeing was third with 13 percent. These three activities were the first choices of 78 percent of the adult recreationists. However, sightseeing was the major choice at Capulin Monument and the Port of Entry picnic area.

## Party Size

Thirty-six percent of the parties consisted of two persons, with four-person parties ( 19 percent) being next in importance (table 10). Seventy-seven
percent of all parties had four persons or fewer. Lake Maloya was visited mainly by one- and twoperson parties, while 55 percent of the parties visiting Conchas Lake had from five to nine persons per party. La Mesa Racetrack party size resembled Lake Maloya party size.

Two-thirds of the recreation parties visiting the study area had from two to four persons per party (table 11). Only five percent of the parties were groups of more than eight persons. Fourteen percent of the parties visiting lake fishing and sightseeing sites were single persons, while only four percent of the parties visiting camping sites were single persons.

## Frequency of Visits

Fifty-seven percent of the parties visited the selected site only once in 1969 (table 12). Nineteen parties reported visiting Lake Maloya 20 or more times during 1969.

## Length of Stay

A one-half to one day stay was reported by 39 percent of the recreationists (table 13). In general, the percentage of parties declined as length of stays increased. Recreationists visiting Capulin Monu-

Tadle 9. Recreation activitles reported ${ }^{1}$ In 1969 by sites, Colfax County and vicinity

| Number of Parties Reporting Activity at-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Activity | Capulin <br> Mountain | Charette Lake | Conchas Lake | Eagle Nest Lake | Lake Maloya | La Mese Racetrack | Lower Clmarron | Maxwell Mlaml <br> Lakes Lake |  | Port of <br> Entry <br> Picnic <br> Area | Red <br> River | Storile <br> Lake | Upper Cimarron | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\text { No. } \%}$ |  |
|  | - | - | - | - - | - - - | - - | - number | - - - | - - | - | - | - - | - - |  |  |
| Fishlug | 1 | 23 | 9 | 26 | 46 | 4 | 42 | 31 | 17 | 6 | 18 | 11 | 36 | 270 | 51 |
| Skilng (8now) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| Camplog | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 3 | 18 | 78 | 15 |
| Hunting | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 3 |
| Hiking: mountain climbing | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| Sightseelng | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 70 | 13 |
| Horseracing | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 6 |
| Skiling (water) | ) 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Boating | 0 | 0 | 1 | . 0 | - 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Swimming | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Pienicking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Other ${ }^{2}$ | $\underline{0}$ | 11 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| Total | $\overline{36}$ | $\overline{27}$ | $\overline{20}$ | 28 | 71 | 35 | $\overline{77}$ | 34 | 22 | $\underline{36}$ | 55 | $\underline{22}$ | $\overline{67}$ | $\overline{530}$ | 100 |

[^1]Table 10. Sizes of recreation parties ln 1969 by area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Number of Partles Reporting Party Size of-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All Parties |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One person | Two persons | Three persons | Four persons | Five persons | Six persone | Seven persons | Elght persons | Nine persons | Ten persons ;or more |  |
|  | $\ldots \ldots$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capulin Mountain | 1 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 0 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 2 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya | 16 | 32 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 14 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Lower Cimarron | 4 | 20 | 4 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 77 |
| Maxwell Lakes | 5 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 34 |
| Miami Lake | 2 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Port of Entry } \\ \text { picnic area } & 3 & 9 & 9 & 4 & 11 & 2 & \\ \text { Ped }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Red River | 1 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 55 |
| Storrie Lake | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Upper Cimarron | 0 | 21 | 7 | 17 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | $\underline{1}$ | 67 |
| Total | $\overline{54}$ | $\overline{188}$ | $\overline{65}$ | 101 | 53 | 28 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 530 |
| Percent of total | 10 | 36 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 100 |

Table 11. Sizes of recreation partiès in 1969 by types of areas, Colfax County and vicinity

| Major Types of Areas | Number of Parties Reportlng Sizes of-- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { One } \\ & \text { person } \end{aligned}$ | Two to four persons | Five to elght persons | More than eight persons |
|  | number | mumber | number | mumber |
| Camping ${ }^{1}$ | 7 | 114 | 52 | 4 |
| Lake fishing ${ }^{2}$ | 31 | 156 | 21 | 17 |
| Sightseeing ${ }^{3}$ | 16 | 84 | $\underline{22}$ | 6 |
| Total | 54 | 354 | 95 | 27 |
| Percent of total | 10 | 67 | 18 | 5 |

${ }^{1}$ Lower Clmarron, Port of Entry picnic area, and Upper Ctmarron
${ }^{2}$ Charette Lake, Conchas Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Lake Maloya, Maxwoll Lakes, Mlami Lake, and Storrie Lake
${ }^{3}$ Capulin Mountain, La Mesa Racotrack, and Red Rivar
Table 12. Frequency of visits by recreationists in 1969 by sites, Colfax County and vicinity

| Area | Frequency of Vioits as Reported by-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All Parties |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One paxty | Two parties | Three parties | Four parties | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Five } \\ & \text { parties } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Six } \\ \text { parties } \end{gathered}$ | Seven partles | Eight parties | Nine parties | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ten to } \\ & 19 \\ & \text { parties } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \text { or more } \\ \text { partles } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  | - | - - - | - - | - - | - number | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - |
| Capulin Mountain | 31 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya | 25 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | , 12 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 35 |
| Lower Cimarron | 58 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 77 |
| Maswell Lakes | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 34 |
| Miami Lake | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 22 |
| Port of Entry picnic area | 28 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 36 |
| Red River | 45 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0^{\prime}$ | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 55 |
| Storrie Lake | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| Upper Cimarron | $41$ | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | $\frac{1}{48}$ | 67 |
| Total | 299 | $\overline{55}$ | $\overline{33}$ | 18 | $\overline{17}$ | 11 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 36 | 48 | 530 |
| Percent of total | 57 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 100 |

Table 13. Lengths of stay by recreationists in 1959 by are;, Colfax Councy and vicinity

| Area | Number of Parties Reporting Length of Stay in Days of-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { Parties } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One-half day | One day | Two days | Three days | Four days | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Five } \\ & \text { days } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Six } \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ | Seven days | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ten } \\ & \text { days } \end{aligned}$ | Ten to 28 days | $\begin{gathered} \text { More than } \\ 28 \\ \text { days } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | - - - | - | - - | - - | - - | numb | - | - - | - - | --- | - - - - | - - - |
| Capulin Mountain | 24 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Charette Lake | 1 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 27 |
| Conchas Lake | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 4 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 28 |
| Lake Maloya . | 23 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 71 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 2 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 35 |
| Lower Cimarron | 3 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 77 |
| Maxwell Lakes | 6 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | $\boldsymbol{S}$ |
| Miami Lake | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 22 |
| Port of Eutry plenic arsa | 29 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | C | 0 | , |  | 1. | 0 | 96 |
| Red River | 2 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 8 |  | 8 | 1 | 55 |
| Storrie Laice | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 |
| Uppar Cimarron Total | $\frac{3}{105}$ | $\frac{13}{100}$ | $\frac{7}{75}$ | $\frac{16}{50}$ | $\frac{8}{42}$ | $\frac{4}{20}$ | $\frac{5}{14}$ | $\frac{7}{\$ 1}$ | $\frac{3}{18}$ | $\frac{1}{21}$ | $\frac{0}{54}$ | $\frac{67}{530}$ |
| Percent of total | 20 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 100 |

ment, Lake Maloya, and the Port of Entry picnic area tended to stay less than a half day at these sites. Recrationists visiting Lower and Upper Cimarron and Red River tended to stay three or more days. Approximately the same number of recreation parties stayed one dey as stayed a half day.

One day or less outings were more popular than two to five day stays in the study area (table 14). However, more recreationists visiting camping and sightseeing areas spend two to five days at these sites than a single day or less. The reverse situation occurred among recreationists visiting lake fishing sites.

## Income of Recreationists

Recreationists were asked to indicate family gross incomes in $\$ 1,000$ increments. The largest group indicated income from $\$ 10,001$ to $\$ 11,000$ (table 15). Only 37 parties, or seven percent of the sample, had incomes of $\$ 3,000$ or less. On the other hand, 30 parties reported incomes of more than $\$ 20,000$. The middle group, or those with incomes of from $\$ 3,001$ to $\$ 20,000$, were 37 percent of the total. Forty-nine percent of the recreationists had family incomes of from $\$ 3,001$ to $\$ 10,000$, while the rem ining 38 percent had incomes of from $\$ 10,001$ to $\$ 20,000$.

Table 14. Lenothe if stay by recreationists in 1969 by types of areas, Colfax County and vicinity

| Major Types of Areas | Number of Paxties Reporting Lengthe of Stay of-- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One day or lees | Two to flve days | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Six to } \\ & \text { ten days } \end{aligned}$ | More than ten days |
|  | mumber | number | number | number |
| Camping ${ }^{1}$ | 68 | 71 | 16 | 11 |
| Lake flshing ${ }^{2}$ | 114 | 75 | 32 | 42 |
| Sightseelng ${ }^{3}$ | 23 | 11 | 15 | 22 |
| Total | 205 | 187 | 65 | 75 |
| Percent cf total | 39 | 35 | 12 | 14 |
| $1_{\text {Tower Cimarron, Port of Entry picnic area, and Upper Cimarron }}$ <br> ${ }^{2}$ Charette Lake, Conchas Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Lake Maloya, Maxwell Lakes, Miami Lake, and Storrie Lake ${ }^{3}$ Capulln Mountain, La Mesa Racetrack, and Rod River |  |  |  |  |

Table 15. Incomes* of recreationiets in 1969 by area, Colfax County and vielinity

| Income | Number of Parties Visiting the Areas of-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Capulin <br> Mountain | Charett <br> Lake | Concha Lake | Eagle <br> Neat <br> Lake | Lake <br> Maloya | La <br> Mesa <br> Race- <br> track | Lower Clmarron | Maxwell Lakes | Miami <br> Lake | Port of Entry Plenic Area | Red <br> River | Storrie Lake | Upper Clmarion |  | $\%$ of Total |
|  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - - number | r--- | -- | -- | - | --- | -- |  |  |
| Less than $\$ 1,000$ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 1,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 2,000 \end{gathered}$ | ; | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,001 \pm \\ \$ 3,000 \end{gathered}$ | 1 | 2 | ) | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 4,000 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 4,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 5,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 5,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 6,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 42 | 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 0,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 7,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 42 | 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 7,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 8,000 \end{aligned}$ | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 37 | 7 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 8,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 9,000 \end{gathered}$ | 0 | : | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 39 | 7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 9,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 10,000 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 29 | 5 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 10,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 11,000 \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 49 | 9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 11,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 12,000 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 12,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 13,000 \end{aligned}$ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 5 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 13,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 14,000 \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 14,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 15,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 4 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 15,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 16,000 \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 5 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 16,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 17,000 \end{gathered}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 17,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 18,000 \end{aligned}$ | $n$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| $\begin{gathered} \$ 18,001 \text { to } \\ \$ 19,000 \end{gathered}$ | 0 | 0 | $!$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 19,001 \text { to } \\ & \$ 20,000 \end{aligned}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | * |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { More than } \\ & \$ 20,000 \end{aligned}$ | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 30 | 6 |
| Would Not Report | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Number of interviowa | 36 | 27 | 20 | 28 | 71 | 35 | 77 | 34 | 22 | 36 | 55 | 22 | 67 | 530 | 100 |

*Family incomes
**Less than 0.5 percent

No specific patterns of incomes were noted at most recreation sites. However, almost all recreationists visiting La Mesa Racetrack had incomes of $\$ 13,000$ or less. A more wealthy group visited Red River, Upper Cimarron, and Capulin Mountain.

## Changes in Activities with Changes in Income

Recreationists were asked to indicate anticipated changes in the amount of time spent in recreation activities if their family incomes were to increase
by ten percent. Sixty-three percent indicated a ten percent income increase would not affect the time spent in recreational activities (table 16). More time would have been spent by recreationists at Capulin Mountain and Conchas Lake if their incomes were increased by ten percent.

Recreationists were also asked to indicate if they felt the type of recreation activity would change if they experienced a 25 percent increase in their family incomes. Approximately four in five, or 81.3 percent, indicated they anticipated no change.

## Essential Facilities or Resources

In planning recreation developments, decisions must be made as to which kinds are suitable to the
area, or which kinds will be demanded, and how many of each kind can or will be installed. In some cases, facilities or resources cannot be provided (mountains) or only with extreme difficulty (lakes and streams). However, most facilities mentioned require moderate amounts of labor and capital.

No attempt was made to accumulate responses for all areas because the areas in many cases were unique. However, water and sanitary facilities were mentioned by most recreationists as essential (table 17). These consisted of water hydrants, toilets, garbage cans, and sewage dump areas. Natural features such as trees, mountains, and streams were rated highly. A problem in the area was noted by a large group in their recommendation for zoned fishing and water skiing areas.

Table 16. Proportions of recreationists in 1969 anticipating changes in recreation activities with changes in income levels by recreation sites, Colfax County and vicInity

| Area | Proportion of Parties Reporting Changes With-- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ten percent income increase |  |  | Twenty-fivepercent income increase |  |
|  | Same <br> time | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Less } \\ & \text { time } \end{aligned}$ | More <br> time | Same type of activity | Different type of activity |
|  | percent | percent | percent | percent | percent |
| Capulin Mountain | 44.4 | 2.8 | 52.8 | 72.2 | 27.8 |
| Charette Lake | 70.4 | 0.0 | 29.6 | 81.5 | 18.5 |
| Conchas Lake | . 60.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 65.0 | 35.0 |
| Eagle Nest Lake | 57.1 | 0.0 | 42.9 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| Lake Maloya | 70.1 | 7.0 | 22.5 | 91.5 | 8.5 |
| La Mesa Racetrack | 80.0 | 0.0 | 17.1 | 80.0 | 20.0 |
| Lower Cimarron | 61.0 | 0.0 | 39.0 | 76.6 | 23.4 |
| Maxwell Lakes | 52.9 | 5.9 | 41.2 | 79.4 | 20.6 |
| Mlami Lake | 72.7 | 0.0 | 27.3 | 77.3 | 22.7 |
| Port of Entry plcnic area | 61.1 | 2.8 | 36.1 | 83.3 | 16.7 |
| Red River | 76.4 | 1.8 | 21.8 | 83.6 | 16.4 |
| Storrle Lake | 63.6 | 4.5 | 31.8 | 77.3 | 22.7 |
| Upper Cimarron | 59.7 | 4.5 | 35.8 | 8.. 1 | 14.9 |
| Stmple Average | 63.2 | 2.3 | 34.5 | 80.2 | 19.8 |

Table 17. Proportions of parties in 1969 by sites indicating types of facilities or resources as being "absolutely essential" by area, Colfax County and vicinity

| Type of Facility M | Proportion of Parties Reporting Facilities or Resources as being "Absolutely Essential" at-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Capulin <br> Mountain | Charette Lake | Conchas Lake | Eagle Nest Lake | Lake Maloya | $\begin{gathered} \text { La } \\ \text { Mesa } \\ \text { Race- } \\ \text { track } \end{gathered}$ | Lower Cimarron | Maxwell <br> Lakes | Miami <br> Lake | Port of Entry Picnic Area | Red River | Storrie <br> Lake | Upper Cimarron |
|  | - - - | - - - - | - - - | - - | - - - - | ---- | percent | -- | - - | - | - | - | - - |
| Water Hydrant | 72 | 59 | 85 | 71 | 70 | 74 | 62 | 62 | 50 | 78 | 75 | 77 | 70 |
| Water Hook-up | 19 | 33 | 46 | 39 | 37 | 31 | 31 | 15 | 27 | 47 | 79 | 55 | 28 |
| Efectric Hook-up | 25 | 30 | 65 | 43 | 38 | 34 | 36 | 21 | 23 | 42 | 36 | 55 | 28 |
| Sewer Hook-up | 25 | 33 | 35 | 36 | 38 | 31 | 30 | 18 | 23 | 39 | 25 | 41 | 19 |
| Shower (public) | 39 | 22 | 65 | 36 | 24 | 29 | 40 | 15 | 32 | 39 | 56 | 41 | 43 |
| P1t Toilots (public) | ) 81 | 100 | 50 | 89 | 92 | 60 | 78 | 88 | 86 | 78 | 73 | 73 | 90 |
| Flush Tollets (public) | 53 | 30 | 85 | 46 | 41 | 46 | 38 | 29 | 36 | 67 | 44 | 64 | 46 |
| Automatic Laundry | Y 17 | 11. | 20 | 36 | 13 | 31 | 17 | 18 | 14 | 19 | 36 | 18 | 15 |
| Picnic Tablea | 86 | 81 | 100 | 86 | 90 | 71 | 79 | 94 | 77 | 92 | 78 | 77 | 87 |
| Grills | 67 | 81 | 70 | 86 | 86 | 63 | 64 | 85 | 73 | 75 | 62 | 77 | 78 |
| Garbage Cans | 94 | 96 | 100 | 93 | 100 | 83 | 91 | 97 | 91 | 100 | 87 | 100 | 97 |
| Security Patrol | 72 | 85 | 85 | 79 | 77 | 71 | 78 | 65 | 64 | 72 | 73 | 86 | 90 |
| Soparaio Plcuic Area | 44 | 19 | 35 | 64 | 39 | 43 | 34 | 24 | 32 | 36 | 40 | 27 | 46 |
| Camprround Closed at Night | 28 | 4 | 35 | 81 | 27 | 14 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 22 | 11 | 27 | 27 |
| Bwimming Area in Lake | 50 | 48 | 75 | 39 | 28 | 49 | 40 | 41 | 41 | 56 | 47 | 73 | 43 |
| Swimming Pool | 33 | 0 | 25 | 29 | 25 | 31 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 42 | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Concessica Stand | 36 | 67 | 50 | 43 | 31 | 31 | 13 | 21 | 18 | 28 | 16 | 32 | 12 |
| Fishing Adjacent to Aren | 10 39 | 81 | 60 | 71 | 62 | 54 | 60 | 59 | 55 | 64 | 53 | 68 | 66 |
| Nature Tralls | 86 | 33 | 55 | 61 | 56 | 51 | 49 | 21 | 41 | 64 | 55 | 50 | 64 |
| Motels | 33 | 15 | 20 | 46 | 15 | 49 | 16 | 9 | 14 | 44 | 16 | 14 | 16 |
| Lodge | 28 | 15 | 20 | 46 | 20 | 49 | 17 | 9 | 14 | 39 | 15 | 9 | 15 |
| Cabins | 36 | 22 | 20 | 46 | 23 | 49 | 21 | 12 | 23 | 42 | 22 | 14 | 15 |
| Sewage Dump Pit | 64 | 59 | 55 | 64 | 68 | 69 | 56 | 53 | 45 | 64 | 58 | 68 | 69 |
| Horsebmak Riding | 47 | 37 | 45 | 46 | 58 | 34 | 30 | 18 | 14 | 47 | 45 | 41 | 31 |
| Bicycle Tratls | 25 | 22 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 20 | 12 | 9 | 18 | 19 | 35 | 14 | 25 |
| Danoing Areas | 19 | 11 | 25 | 32 | 25 | 40 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 25 | 14 | 9 |
| Lake | 86 | 89 | 100 | 86 | 90 | 71 | 84 | 94 | 77 | 92 | 80 | 100 | 90 |
| Trees | 86 | 85 | 85 | 86 | 92 | 71 | 90 | 97 | 77 | 94 | 95 | 100 | 93 |
| Mountains | 86 | 85 | 55 | 82 | 90 | 71 | 88 | 88 | 77 | 92 | 93 | 91 | 93 |
| Reservation Syatem | m 50 | 33 | 40 | 61 | 31 | 49 | 35 | 28 | 18 | 44 | 27 | 36 | 22 |
| Screened Sthelters | 44 | 56 | 50 | 57 | 35 | 43 | 26 | 41 | 18 | 50 | 22 | 32 | 18 |
| Playground | 47 | 48 | 70 | 64 | 58 | 54 | 31 | 41 | 27 | 61 | 38 | 64 | 48 |
| Ball Diamoed | 11 | 26 | 15 | 36 | 28 | 23 | 10 | 21 | 14 | 22 | 11 | 18 | 6 |
| Volloyball Courts | 8 | 26 | 15 | 36 | 27 | 20 | 8 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 11 | 14 | 4 |
| Marina | 36 | 44 | 75 | 61 | 35 | 57 | 21 | 26 | 27 | 33 | 29 | 36 | 25 |
| Dry Storage for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boats | 14 | 30 | 55 | 39 | 25 | 29 | 13 | 26 | 27 | 22 | 11 | 27 | 19 |
| Slips | 28 | 41 | 80 | 50 | 45 | 51 | 25 | 38 | 32 | 31 | 25 | 41 | 24 |
| Pler | 31 | 41 | 80 | 57 | 49 | 43 | 26 | 32 | 27 | 31 | 29 | 45 | 27 |
| Launching Ramps | 39 | 70 | 80 | 57 | 48 | 57 | 29 | 50 | 36 | 36 | 44 | 55 | 28 |
| Repair Shop | 31 | 26 | 80 | 54 | 20 | 49 | 17 | 26 | 9 | 31 | 22 | 32 | 21 |
| Restaurants | 47 | 33 | 38 | 61 | 25 | 57 | 26 | 18 | 23 | 56 | 40 | 27 | 30 |
| Zoned Fiahing Areas | 69 | 52 | 90 | 82 | 72 | 69 | 77 | 68 | 23 | 69 | 62 | 82 | 84 |
| Zoned Watersk Areas | 69 | 48 | 96 | 82 | 72 | 69 | 77 | 68 | 73 | 69 | 60 | 77 | 82 |
| Reserved Hunting Areas | 53 | 44 | 50 | 57 | 55 | 49 | 47 | 44 | 23 | 50 | 55 | 41 | 66 |
| Guldes | 11 | 15 | 35 | 54 | 31 | 34 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 31 | 31 | 14 | 31 |
| Boat Rentals | 47 | 74 | 80 | 64 | 62 | 51 | 40 | 41 | 27 | 47 | 36 | 55 | 54 |
| Paved Roads | 72 | 63 | 75 | 75 | 77 | 57 | 60 | 62 | 82 | 83 | 69 | 73 | 70 |
| Streams* | 89 | 85 | 60 | 86 | 92 | 63 | 94 | 76 | 77 | 89 | 91 | 91 | 96 |
| Other | 15 | 12 | 40 | 21 | 14 | 35 | 22 | 15 | 9 | 17 | 33 | 19 | 21 |

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COLFAX COUNTY RECREATION STUDY
Recreational Area $\qquad$ Date of Interview $\qquad$
Analysis Code
Interviewer $\qquad$
I. GENERAI INFORMATION

1. Have you been interviewed previously by the Experiment Station in this area? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
2. Where is your home? $\qquad$ City

State
3. How far is your home from this area in miles? In travel time? $\qquad$ (hours or days)
4. How many persons are in your family party? $\qquad$
5. How long will you be here in this area? $\qquad$ (hours or days)
6. Is this the only place to be visited on this trip? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ If "No": list other places and time spent at each.

Places Visited Time (hours or days)

$\qquad$
7. How ofter will you visit this area for the period January 1 through December 31, 1968?
Is the number of visits this year typical of past years? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ - If "No", explain
8. What is the primary purpose of your trip? (recreation, business, etc.)

If the purpose is other than recreation, how many miles did you drive for recreational furposes?
9. What is the make and model of car used on this trip?
II. TYPE OF RECREATION
10. Rank the recreational activities participated in in this area this year ( 1 signifies first choice):
Activity
11. What would you and your children like to do that you either are not doing or not doing enough of in this area if facilities were available? (List in order of preference)
Activity
12. Indicate the period of the year (month(s)) you prefer to engage in your top five activities:

13. Name the areas (portions of New Mexico or other states) that would have been your sacond choice had you not come to this area:
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14. What features of the Colfax County area are superior to those the area of your second choice?
15. What features of the Colfax County area are inferior to those of the area of your second choice?
III. IINIMUM FACILITIES SECTION
16. Please indicate your opinion of the desirability of each of the facilities in the following list:

| Facility | Not Necessary | Absolutely <br> Necessary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Water hydrant |  |  |
| 2. Water hook-up facility |  |  |
| 3. Electric hook-up facility |  |  |
| 4. Sewer hook-up facility |  |  |
| 5. Showers, public |  |  |
| 6. Pit toilets, public |  |  |
| 7. Flush toilets, public |  |  |
| 8. Automatic laundry |  |  |
| 9. Picnic tables |  |  |
| 10. Grills |  |  |
| 11. Garbage cans |  |  |
| 12. Security patrol |  |  |
| 13. Separate area for picnickers |  |  |
| 14. Campground closed at night |  |  |
| 15. Swimung area in lake |  |  |
| 16. Swimming pool |  |  |
| 17. Concession stand |  |  |
| 18. Fishing adjacent to campground |  |  |
| 19. Nature trails |  |  |
| 20. Motels |  |  |
| 21. Lodge |  |  |
| 22. Cabins |  |  |
| 23. Sewage dump pit |  |  |
| 24. Horseback riding facilities |  |  |
| 25. Bicycle trails |  |  |
| 26. Dancing area |  |  |
| 27. Lake |  |  |
| 28. Trees |  |  |
| 29. Mountains |  |  |
| 30. Reservation system |  |  |
| 31. Screened shelters |  |  |
| 32. Playground |  |  |
| 33. Ball diamond |  |  |
| 34. Volleyball court |  |  |
| 35. Grandstand |  |  |
| 36. Marina |  |  |
| 37. Dry storage for boats |  |  |
| 38. Slips |  |  |
| 39. Pier |  |  |
| 40. Launching ramp |  |  |
| 41. Repair shop |  |  |
| 42. Restaurants |  |  |
| 43. Zoned fishing areas |  |  |
| 44. Zoned water skiing area |  |  |
| 45. Reserved hunting area |  |  |
| 46. Guides |  |  |
| 47. Boat rentals |  |  |
| 48. Paved road |  |  |
| 49. Streams |  |  |
| 50. Other |  |  |

IV. IAVESTMENTS IN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT
17. What is your original investment in the following equipment used on this trip to this area?
a. Tent
b. Camping trailer or camper
c. Sleeping bags and equipment
d. Stoves, lanterns, cooking utensils
e. Special clothing
f. Boats and motors
g. Boating equipment including trailers
h. Fishing tacl:le
i. Rifles and hunting equipment
j. Binoculars
k. Cameras and other photo equipment

1. Horses and other riding equipment
m. Motorcycles, bicycles, motorscooters
n. Other (indicate)
o. Other (indicate) $\qquad$

V. ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES THIS TRIP
2. The additional expenditures made this trip above that which would have been spent had you stayed home were:

| a. Lodging | Additional |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| b. Food and refreshments |  |
| (1) Cafes | Additional |
| (2) Groceries | Additional |
| (3) Bars and package goods | Additional |
| (4) Other | Additional |
| c. Rental of equipment | Additional |
| d. Fees | Additional |
| e. Licenses | Additional |
| f. Bait and lures | Additional |
| g. Anmunition | Additional |
| h. Fuel for boat | Additional |
| i. Travel costs |  |
| j. Other (indicate) |  |
| l. Other (indicate) |  |

VI. DERSONAL DATA SECTIOM
19. Are you married? Y__ Yes No
20. What is your race? $\qquad$ Whitc $\qquad$ Black: $\qquad$ Red $\qquad$
21. What is your major ethnic origin (e.g. German, Jewish, African, etc.)
$\qquad$
22. What is yo: r sex? $\qquad$ Male $\qquad$ Female
23. ..hat is the age of the husband $\qquad$ ? Of the wife $\qquad$ ? Of other adults living with family the family fanily
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24. How many people are living together in your household?
25. What is the occupation of the husband?

What is the occupation of the wife?
What is the occupation of others working? $\qquad$
26. How many hours worked per week by the husband? $\qquad$ How many hours worked per week by the wife? How many hours worked per week by others? $\qquad$
27. How many veeks of vacation are had, or if self-emplored, how many weeks are taken? By the husband? $\qquad$ By the wife? $\qquad$ By others? $\qquad$

23. How many years of schooling has been had by the following: By the husband? $\qquad$ , By the wife? $\qquad$ By other adults? $\qquad$ , $\qquad$
29. Did the state of health of any adult member of the household prevent general participation in outdoor activities for most of last year? Yes $\qquad$ No
30. Did the state of health of any of your children prevent general participation in outdoor activities for most of last year?
$\qquad$ Yes No
31. Did any member of the household have a disability that kept them from engaging in outdoor recreation most of last year?
$\qquad$ NIO
32. Where was the husband reared?
a. Farm or ranch $\qquad$ e. City of 50,000 to 100,000
f. City of 100,000 to 250,000
g. City of 250,000 and over
c. City of 2,500 to 10,000 $\qquad$
d. City of 10,000 to 50,000 _
33. Where was the wife reared?
a. Farm or ranch $\qquad$ e. City of 50,000 to 100,000
b. Town of less than 2,500 $\qquad$ f. City of 100,000 to 250,200
c. City of 2,500 to 10,000
g. City of 250,000 and over $\qquad$
d. City of 10,000 to 50,000 $\qquad$
24. What was your total household income in 1967? This includes vares, salaries, business profits, net farm income, pensions, reats and any money income received by members of your household.

Yearly income
a. Under \$1,000
b. $\$ 1,000-\$ 1,999$
c. $\$ 2,000-\$ 2,999$
d. $\$ 3,000-\$ 3,000$
e. $\$ 4,000-\$ 4,999$
f. $\$ 5,000-\$ 5,999$
g. $\$ 6,000-\$ 6,999$
h. \$7,C00-\$7,999
i. $\$ 8,000-\$ 8,999$
j. \$9,000-\$9,999
k. $\$ 10,000-\$ 10,999$

1. $\$ 11,000-\$ 11,999$
m. \$12,000-\$12,999

|  | n. $\$ 13,000-\$ 13,999$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | -. \$14,000-\$14,999 |
|  | p. \$15,000-\$15,999 |
|  | q. $\$ 16,000-\$ 16,999$ |
|  | r. \$17,000-\$17,999 |
|  | s. $\$ 10,000-\$ 10,999$ |
|  | t. \$19,000-\$19,999 |
|  | u. \$20,000-\$20,999 |
|  | v. \$21,000-\$21,999 |
|  | v. \$22,000-\$22,999 |
|  | x. \$23,000-\$23,999 |
|  | y. \$24,000-\$24,999 |
|  | z. $\$ 25,000$ and over |

35. If your present household income was increased by 10 percent nest year, would the cmount of time for outdoor recreation be: About the same $\qquad$ Less than this year $\qquad$ inore than this yeat ___
36. If your household income was increased by 25 percent next year, would you engace in outdoor recreation activities that would be: About the same is this year $\qquad$ Different from this year $\qquad$
If different from this year, what different activities would you choose? $\qquad$
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Lower Cimarron, Port of Entry picnic area, and Upper Cimarron
    2 Includes one party from Europe
    ${ }^{3}$ Charette Lake, Conchas Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Lake Maloya, Maxwell Lakes, Miami Lake, and Storrie Lake
    ${ }^{4}$ Capulin Mountain, La Mesa Racetrack, and Red River

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ First choic^ of adults
    ${ }^{2}$ Card playing, football, baseball, scouting, motorcycling, horseriding, rodeo, dencing, archaeology, and golfing

