



## News from NARRP

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### The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

#### Member Question #1

The issue of when agencies should install toilets (composting or otherwise) versus porta potties has come up and I was wondering if any NARRP members have either conducted or seen a cost benefit analysis on the subject.

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#### Member Question #2

I am interested in getting information on location fees charged by state parks for film or photography shoots for commercial purposes. How are fees determined, what agreements are used, how negotiated. Any information you can share about your park would be greatly appreciated.

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#### In a slump, camping comes into vogue (*Courtesy of CNN*)

Susan Lanier has always enjoyed getting out of her urban home in Chicago, Illinois. But her travel plan for this spring -- which includes riding on a Greyhound bus and camping in a national park -- is a new, more frugal version of how the 22-year-old would normally spend a vacation.

Read more: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/TRAVEL/03/26/camping.economy/index.html>

#### Pioneering Research Group Posts Two New Papers

## **National Kids Survey - - Part II: What Do Kids Do Outdoors?**

<http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/nrrt/nsre/IRISRec/IRISRec10rpt.pdf>

### **Natural Resource Amenity Service Values and Impacts in the U.S.**

<http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/nrrt/nsre/IRISDemo/IrisDemo2rpt.pdf>

Please bookmark the main location so you can easily see all the reports in the IRIS series:

<http://warnell.forestry.uga.edu/nrrt/nsre/IrisReports.html>

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## **Sportsmen's Attitudes on Oil and Gas Extraction Activities in the Rocky Mountain West**

WITH THE WORLD ECONOMY IN TURMOIL and growing concern about U.S. dependence on foreign sources of energy, there has been increased focus on development of new domestic sources of oil and gas in the United States. Energy resources extraction on federal public lands, especially activities managed by U.S. government agencies in sensitive wildlife and habitat areas of the American West, involves difficult questions regarding priorities and sometimes diametrically opposed goals.

One group that is greatly affected by these issues is American sportsmen, many of whom participate in hunting and fishing on these public lands. To determine what sportsmen think about issues surrounding energy resource extraction activities on public lands, Responsive Management recently conducted a study for Sportsmen for Responsible Energy Development to determine hunters' and anglers' opinions on oil and gas extraction activities in the Rocky Mountain West, including the effect these activities would have on hunting and fishing participation.

Licensed hunters and anglers in the Rocky Mountain West states of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming were surveyed by telephone and were asked questions in several subject areas, including where they hunted and fished, the quality of their hunting and fishing experiences, opinions on land use in general, opinions on regulation and methods of energy extraction, and willingness to take specific actions regarding extraction activities. Major findings of the survey included the following:

-- Public land figures prominently in hunting activities among Rocky Mountain West sportsmen. From 49% (in Montana) to 79% (in New Mexico) of hunters hunt mostly on public land, and 16% (in New Mexico) to 36% (in Montana) hunt on both public and private land about equally. Only 5% (in New Mexico) to 15% (in Montana) hunt mostly on private land.

-- Public land figures even more prominently in fishing than in hunting. In the four states surveyed, 76% (in Montana) to 85% (in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming) of anglers fish mostly on public land, and 9% (in Colorado) to 12% (in Montana and Wyoming) fish on both public and private land about equally. Only 3% (in New Mexico) to 8% (in Montana) fish mostly on private land.

-- From 59% (in New Mexico) to 67% (in Montana) of hunters and anglers think that public lands in their state should be managed with fish and wildlife habitat and oil and gas extraction being considered about equally. From 29% (in Montana) to 35% (in New Mexico) think that public lands should be managed more for fish and wildlife habitat. And 0% (in Montana) to 5% (in New Mexico) think that public lands should be managed more for oil and gas extraction.

-- Large majorities of sportsmen in the four states agree that the federal government should take more steps to protect fish and wildlife on lands that have been leased for oil and gas extraction (from 71% to 78%).

-- Large majorities agree that the federal government should take more steps to protect hunting and fishing opportunities on lands that have been leased for oil and gas extraction (from 67% to 83%).

-- In all four states surveyed, hunters and anglers named increased poaching and loss of access among the top concerns they had regarding the impact of oil and gas extraction on lands where they hunt and fish.

-- Hunters and anglers give high importance to being included in the decision-making process regarding oil and gas extraction activities on public lands: in each of the states surveyed, a majority of respondents (58% in New Mexico and Wyoming, 62% in Colorado, and 63% in Montana) rate that importance at a 9 or 10.

-- The large majority of hunters and anglers in the states surveyed (from 80% in New Mexico to 88% in Montana) oppose the exclusion of sportsmen from the decision-making process regarding oil and gas extraction activities on public lands.

-- Overwhelmingly, sportsmen do not want the oil and gas extraction industry to be exempted from regulations to protect rivers and streams -- the majority of sportsmen in each state (from 76% to 84%) strongly or moderately oppose such exemptions.

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The complete report, including explanations of the study's methodology and more detailed results and analysis, is available [here](#) (334KB PDF). A slide presentation of the results can be viewed [here](#) (1.67MB PDF). A printable version of this article is available [here](#) (887KB PDF).

## **Responsive Management**

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## **Florida Proposes steep cuts to Office of Greenways and Trails**

Within weeks of the Florida Governor's office proclaiming March as Bicycle Month and celebrating our trail victories, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced devastating cuts to the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT), effectively eliminating this nationally renowned program.

These cuts are disproportionate to FDEP's other proposed cuts. While other FDEP program budgets are being cut 20 percent, this proposal would, among other things, eliminate more than 80 percent of OGT's Tallahassee staff. In addition to rolling back the pro-trail clock 10 years, this measure risks nearly \$50 million in hard-earned development money for Florida's future trails.

RTC understands that cuts are required, and should be fairly distributed. However, the OGT program reduces our dependence on oil, improves health, betters our environment and strengthens our communities.

Ken Bryan, Florida State Director  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

## **Small Community Park and Recreation Planning Resource Guide**

- Based on a recognized need in the Park and Recreation Industry, this guide was developed by OATS LLC, with over 30 years of Park and Recreation experience in public sector and consulting.
- An in-house planning tool for communities that cannot afford to hire consultants to develop a long-range plan.
- A step-by-step guide will assist and define the different phases of the planning process necessary to create a long range plan that identifies the specific park and recreation needs of your community.
- This Planning Resource Guide demonstrates how to assess the needs of your community, set priorities, and implement efficiency measures to achieve your community's individual goals.
- Included in the Resource Guide are detailed instructions for the community input process, including example focus group and survey questions, examples of funding mechanisms, suggestions for alternative funding, operational ideas, community involvement, and procedures to guarantee success for your organization.
- For a small investment, your organization can follow the Planning Resource Guide to identify, plan, and implement changes that will benefit your community.
- To purchase a copy, visit:  
<http://oatsllc.com/smallcommunityparkandrecreationmasterplanningresourceguide.aspx>

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## **Live By Living – connecting cancer survivors with the outdoors**

Hello nature and outdoor enthusiasts, adventurous cancer friends, cancer supporters, and cancer advocates-

I'd like to introduce you to Dan Miller, a dynamic individual developing a new non-profit, Live by Living, which aims to connect cancer survivors to the benefits of the great outdoors through guided hut trips in our fabulous Rocky Mountains. His wife, Julie, was the inspiration for the organization who sought out Mother Nature as one of her healing methods throughout her 19-year battle with breast cancer. I find Dan and Live by Living personally compelling because, as you probably know, I am a cancer survivor, outdoors enthusiast, and I work in outdoor recreation and natural resources.

Their mission is: "Helping cancer survivors thrive through experiencing the beauty of nature, overcoming physical challenges, teamwork, and sharing wisdom." More info is below and also available at: [www.livebyliving.org](http://www.livebyliving.org).

Dan needs help spreading the word about the organization's mission and services as well as helping to recruit participants. (The first inaugural trip is in April and, believe it or not, they're having difficulties finding participants!) I thought you might be interested or could possibly be kind enough to help Dan spread the word to your networks.

Thanks for helping Dan and Live by Living accomplish their mission and for assisting the cancer survivors they strive to serve.

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## **Vacancy Announcement - Recreation Resource Scientist #3577**

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is looking for a Recreation Resource Specialist to join us and design, conduct, analyze and/or manage detailed environmental, cultural and/or hydrologic activities to fulfill PSE's responsibilities relating to recreation facilities, education and

interpretation programs for PSE energy production projects.

Work may include:

- formulating activities and facilities associated with recreation and visitor interpretation and education programs
- directing the design, conduct, analysis, management, review and monitoring of activities and facilities associated with recreation and visitor interpretation and education.
- Serving as PSE liaison with federal, state and local agencies, tribes, organizations, and individuals involved with recreation resources, education and interpretation.
- Technical work may include resource planning and/or the performance of complex statistical analysis and modeling tasks. The Resource Scientist will work in inter-disciplinary teams designed to accomplish departmental and inter-departmental objectives. This role will also coordinate work with personnel from operations and other Departments.

We are looking for someone to serve as the task lead for field investigations and programmatic monitoring activities. The Recreation Resource Specialist will be developing compliance reports, standard operating procedures and documentation of resource management activities and monitoring procedures. This position is part of a team of scientists and also offers the opportunity to conduct environmental field work which may include biological monitoring, streamflow monitoring, physical data collection and/or cultural management activities related to PSE's operation facilities. The ideal candidate will be able to perform and coordinate a variety of complex analyses and design tasks in the plant and office settings.

This is an excellent opportunity to play an integral role within PSE to help us better serve the environment, our customers and the communities they live in by enabling us to make informed and responsible business decisions. PSE provides an environment where all employees are valued, respected and provided with the opportunity to achieve maximum performance. We offer a comprehensive pay package that includes competitive compensation, annual goals-based incentive bonuses, comprehensive cafeteria-style benefits, 401(K), a company paid retirement pension plan, a generous paid time off package, and an employee assistance and wellness program. Gain the energy to do great things through a career with Puget Sound Energy!

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelors degree in Recreation/Parks Administration, Natural Resources Planning, Landscape Architecture, Resource Management, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Five years of experience in the principles, concepts, and methodologies of outdoor recreation planning, management, administration and resource management plan development.
- Experienced in interpreting plan and interpretive design guidance and knowledge of aesthetics planning.
- Strong oral, written and interpersonal skills and Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint and a working knowledge of MS Project.
- Experience with budget preparation, cost tracking, cost estimating, and contractor management.

#### DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Familiarity with FERC form 80 and government land management agency rules and regulations as they relate to public use, recreation and environmental protection

PSE offers a highly competitive compensation and benefits package. PSE is an Equal Opportunity employer. We encourage persons of diverse backgrounds to apply. To apply, go to [PSE.com](http://PSE.com)

## **Vacancy Announcement – Montana FWP**

**Position Title:** State Trails Coordinator

**Listing Number:** 1011-0956

**For more information:** <https://svc.mt.gov/statejobsearch/listingdetails.aspx?id=1011>

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Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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**Position Number(s):** 52116803

**Number of Openings:** 1

**Department:** Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**Division:** Parks

**Date Posted:** 3/27/2009

**Location:** Helena

**Job Status:** Full-Time Permanent

**Salary:** \$38,718.00 - \$48,398.00

**Salary Unit:** Yearly

**Additional Salary Info:** Typically, successful applicants are hired between entry and market depending on qualifications, internal equity, the labor market (supply and demand), and the program's ability to pay. Market is \$48,398/yr

**Shift:** Daytime

**Band or Grade:** 6

**Closing Date:** 5/8/2009, midnight