

**BLM National Recreation Forum**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2004**  
**Issues - Session A -**

Group Name: Recreation Values

Access	Issue/Concern	Individual Rankings <small>(1=most important; 7=7<sup>th</sup> most important)</small>	Average Rank & Frequency
R1	Increased visitation reduces the quality of the experience for certain populations who desire primitive experiences	5	5 1
R2	Protection/enforcement of critical habitat for identified species	1, 2, 5, 4	3 4
R3	Fair/reasonable fee structure, specifically tied to layering of fees	4, 4, 1	3 3
R4	Lack of BLM knowledge about its permittees	7, 2, 7	5.3 3
R5	Fair allocation of recreation opportunities for both guided and non-guided publics	5, 1, 5, 3	3.5 4
R6	Preserving great places under BLM management from development and other threats so they are still available for quality recreation	1, 3, 4	2.6 3
R7	Access closures to public lands as a result of wilderness closures without a factual, scientific basis	4, 6, 5	5 3
R8	That all Americans have access to a spectrum of recreation opportunities	1, 5, 4	3.3 3
R9	Potential proposed ban on fixed anchors in wilderness & public lands recreation access in general	5, 2	3.5 2
R10	Concern that waterways are managed to ensure that an adequate portion provides quiet, pristine, and natural paddling experiences	5, 2, 6	4.3 3
R11	Lack of a multi-year business plan for diverse funding for the agency's delivery of recreation	2, 3, 1	2 3
R12	Protecting public access to public	1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1	1.6

	lands: permits should be designed for specific purposes to benefit the visitors, not the managers	3, 4	8
R13	Design permits to to achieve purposes to benefit visitors, not managers	6	6 7
R14	Recreation access and development should be subordinate to BLM maintaining land health standards	1	1 7
R15	Use of professional resource practices should be the basis of policy	3, 6	4.5 2
R16	Public lands have national, local, and regional constituencies that must be heard	3, 4, 6	4.3 3
R17	Lack of adequate funding for recreation management	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 6, 7	
<b>R18</b>	Enforce the water quality protections envisioned in the clean water act with the goal of making the fishable and swimable	6, 7, 7, 7	6.8 4
<b>R19</b>	Agency management plans are sometimes inflexible and inconsistent with changing public preferences	6, 6	6 2
<b>R20</b>	For quality recreation, people need to know where they can go (coming to a closed trailhead @ 5:00 p.m. doesn't work); need on-line and on-site information	4, 2	3 2
<b>R21</b>	National Wild and Scenic River Management Plans Need to be completed	3, 5	4 2
<b>R22</b>	BLM needs to be less dependent on partnership dollars in order to improve its autonomy to protect the land	7, 7	7 2
<b>R23</b>	BLM managers are evaluated in building in infrastructure rather than experience	4, 5	4.5 2
<b>R24</b>	BLM needs to recognize the economic benefits of recreation when developing land use plans	3, 3, 3, 4, 3, 5, 4, 4	3.6 8
<b>R25</b>	Getting a grip on motorized recreation through transportation planning and	3	3 7

	cooperative law enforcement		
<b>R26</b>	Increasing use and misuse of ATVS is damaging resource and recreation opportunities for virtually all other recreation activities	2, 2, 5, 7, 6	4 5
<b>R27</b>	Separation of high speed motorized water uses vs. slower, quiet usage	6	6 7
<b>R28</b>	Autocratic implementation of fee demo	2	2 7
<b>R29</b>	Recognizing that even recreation users in a similar constituency need a diversity of experiences	7, 7	7 2
<b>R30</b>	Education that more uses are compatible with other uses than not	2, 2	2 2
<b>R31</b>	BLM is abdicating its stewardship responsibilities when it gives too much decision-making to stakeholders	3, 4	3.5 2
<b>R32</b>	Find ways to better cooperate with county governments	6	6 7
<b>R33</b>	Public lands host a range of values and benefits that must be considered in management and planning	6, 5	5.5 2
<b>R34</b>	Hope that BLM would better define National Conservation Areas and recreation areas; there needs to be some special management outside of wilderness	3	3 7
<b>R35</b>	Education and information should take precedent over command and control	4, 2, 2	3.3 3
<b>R36</b>	Opposed to existence of fee demo program	7	7 7