

**APPENDIX E-23      Recreation Study Report**



# **Recreation Report for the Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)**

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## **LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ATV – All terrain vehicle

FERC, Commission – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

FLA – Final License Application

GPS – Global Positioning System

Hwy – Highway

NSPW, Applicant – Northern States Power Company-a Wisconsin Corporation



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Northern States Power Company-a Wisconsin Corporation (NSPW or Applicant), owns and operates the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project (FERC Project No. 15055). The Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project (Gile Flowage or, Project) is located on the West Fork of the Montreal River in Iron County, Wisconsin and currently operates under a permit issued by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The purpose of the Project is to augment flow in the West Fork of the Montreal River during low flow periods for hydroelectric generation at NSPW's two downstream projects, the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project (Saxon Falls) and the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project (Superior Falls). Both downstream projects are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission).

NSPW is in the process of applying for an original license from the FERC to continue to operate and maintain the Project. To obtain a License, NSPW must submit a Final License Application (FLA) to FERC no later than August 18, 2023. The FLA, in part, must include an evaluation of the existing recreational facilities associated with the Project along with any potential recreation enhancements.

Gile Flowage is a 3,138-acre flowage located in northern Iron County, Wisconsin, (Figure 1-1). NSPW retains the right to draw down the flowage 15 feet from its normal full pool elevation (1490.0'). The Flowage features 26 miles of shoreline, numerous islands, and a maximum depth of 25 feet. The entire shoreline is encompassed within the proposed Project boundary.

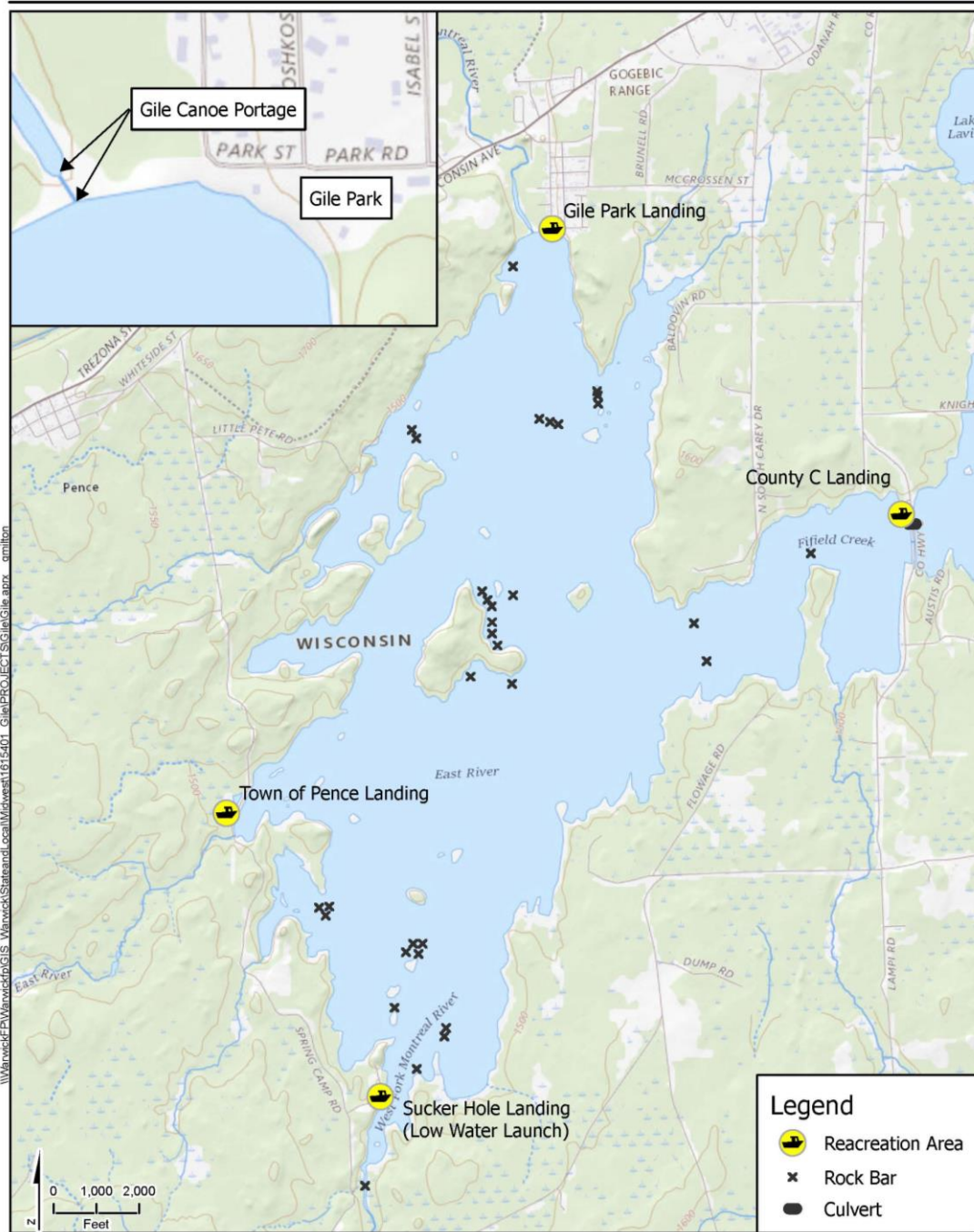
There are ample opportunities for fishing, wildlife viewing, and water sports on the Gile Flowage. The Project is a popular ice fishing, snowmobiling, and ATV destination during the winter. In summer, sportfishing, pleasure boating, and swimming are popular activities. Existing recreation facilities within the proposed Project boundary are shown in Figure 1-1 and described below.

The goals of the 2022 Gile Flowage Recreation Study were to:

- obtain a subjective assessment of recreation facility conditions and needed enhancements;
- determine capacity of existing facilities to address current and future user demand; and
- provide sufficient information for making recreation enhancement recommendations.

The results of the Gile Flowage Recreation Study are presented herein and include the following items:

- recreation counts based on the data collected in 2022;
- recreation trends by activity and season;
- a discussion of the adequacy of the recreational facilities in the project area to meet recreational demand;
- recommendations to accommodate recreational needs in the project area.



**Figure 1-1 Gile Flowage Recreation Survey Study Area.**

## 2. METHODS

This section describes the methods used to collect, summarize, and extrapolate the recreation data collected in 2022. Each subsection focuses on the different types of data and information collected.

### 2.1 RECREATION INVENTORY

An inventory of public and private recreational facilities on the Gile Flowage was created using maps and aerial images of the area, internet resources, and interviews. Section 3 describes each of the following public recreational facilities:

- Gile Park
- Gile Dam Canoe Portage
- Sucker Hole Landing
- Town of Pence Landing
- County Hwy C Landing

The recreation facilities were inventoried during one of the recreational use surveys using the forms attached as Appendix 1 to collect information on recreation amenities and capacity. The following types of information were recorded:

- 1) The entity responsible for operation and maintenance of the recreation facility.
- 2) Identification of whether the facility is a proposed project or non-project recreation facility.
- 3) The seasons/hours of operation.
- 4) The primary type(s) of recreation provided at the site.
- 5) Existing sanitation facilities (if any).
- 6) Type of vehicle access and parking capacity (if any).
- 7) The presence and type (if any) of barrier-free facilities.
- 8) The GPS location of the facility.
- 9) The type and number of amenities at each site and their location in respect to the proposed Project boundary.
- 10) Photographs of the recreation site, each amenity, each sign, the entryways to primary recreation sites from the main road(s), and any adverse impacts from the site on the resources, including shoreline erosion.
- 11) The minimum water elevation adequate recreation use is observed for existing recreation features including boat landings, docks, piers, etc.

### 2.2 FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENT

The condition of each facility (including recreational wayfinding signs and interpretive signs) and its immediate vicinity were assessed during one of the site visits. Each facility was assigned a rating according to the following scale:

- 1) Not Usable and Needs Replacement

- 2) Needs Repair
- 3) Needs Maintenance or Cleaning
- 4) Good Working Condition (does not need any attention)
- 5) Facility Lacking; need to install facility or otherwise add enhancement (identify item)

If a rating warranted additional attention, that specific item was noted on the form.

## **2.3 RECREATION SPOT COUNTS**

When first arriving at each recreation site where recreation use surveys were collected, a spot count was conducted using the form enclosed in Appendix 1. The information was then statistically analyzed to develop recreational use figures which are summarized in Section 5.1 by season and type of activity.

### **2.3.1 Evaluation of Existing Recreation on Undeveloped Islands**

There are 43 undeveloped islands within the proposed Project boundary (Figures 2-1 and 2-2). Recreation activities occurring on privately owned islands were not evaluated as part of this study. Islands owned by either the Applicant or public were evaluated for existing recreational use during the July 4th holiday weekend, when use was expected to be higher. During the assessment, the surveyors examined each island for evidence of recreational use including the beaching or mooring of boats, shore fishing, picnicking, and camping. The location of any erosion caused by recreation access and any recreational user-developed facilities present (i.e., fire pits, campsites, signs) was also documented. The type of recreation access, existing user-developed facilities, and recreation-caused erosion sites are summarized in Section 3. Recreation spot counts and recreation surveys were also conducted on each island that had recreationists present at the time of the survey.

## **2.4 RECREATION USE SURVEY**

Recreation use surveys were conducted at each of the recreation sites listed in Section 2.1. The surveys lasted a minimum of two hours per site and were conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Surveys were completed on a rotating schedule to avoid them from being conducted at the same time of the day and to account for time-of-day use patterns. The survey instrument included in Appendix 1 was administered to gather opinions about the existing recreation facilities and opportunities. The surveyor recorded the number of people in a party, their primary reason for visiting the site, their perception of level of use, and their opinions with regard to the amount and types of recreation opportunities offered within the proposed Project boundary. The recreation use surveys were conducted according to the following schedule in Table 2-1. The recreation surveys provided the information necessary to determine the use at each site as well as use overall for Gile Flowage. In addition to current recreational use, these data were combined with 2020 United States Census Bureau data on local population growth to examine projected use of the Gile Flowage recreational resources as it relates to capacity.

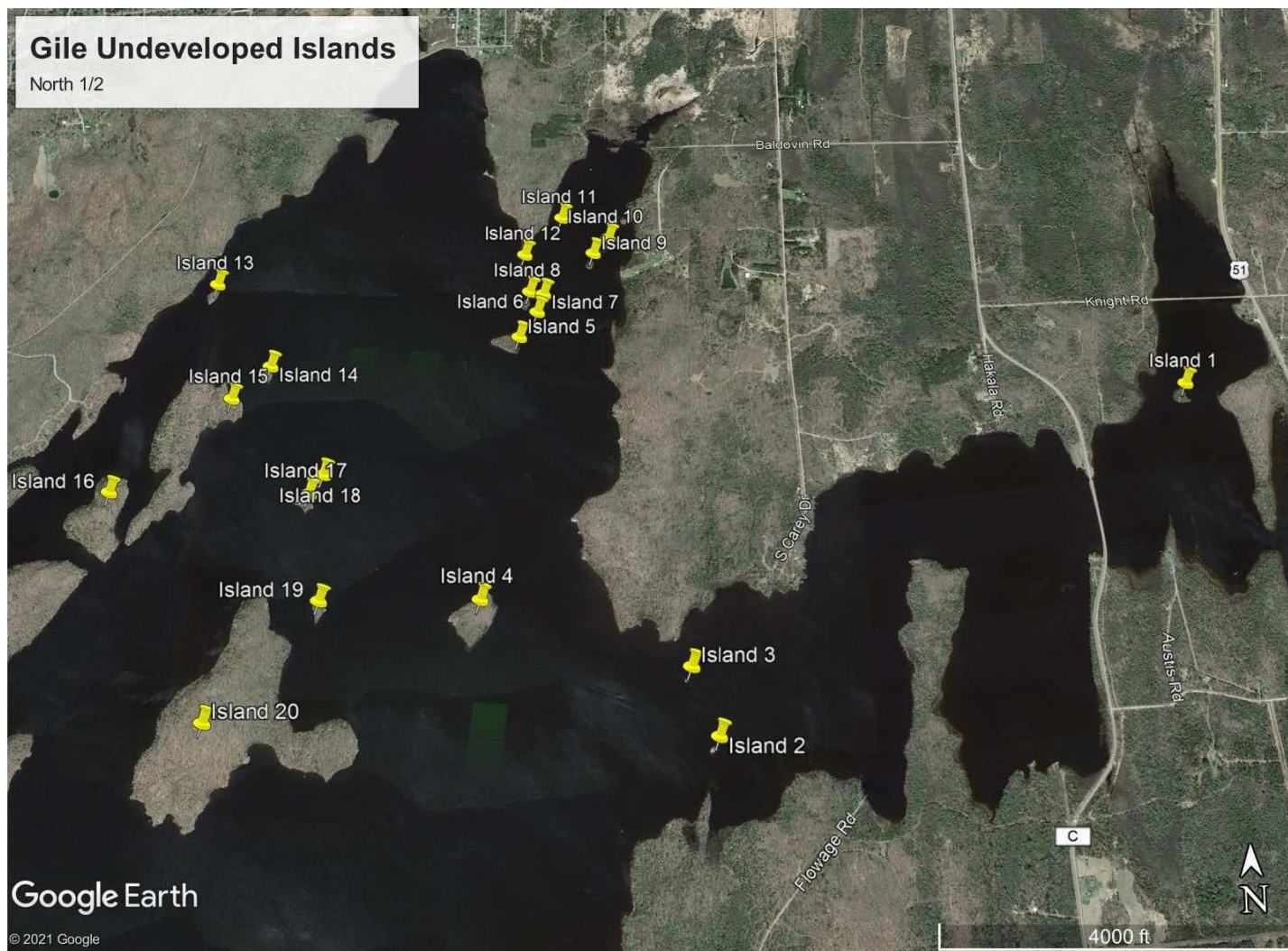
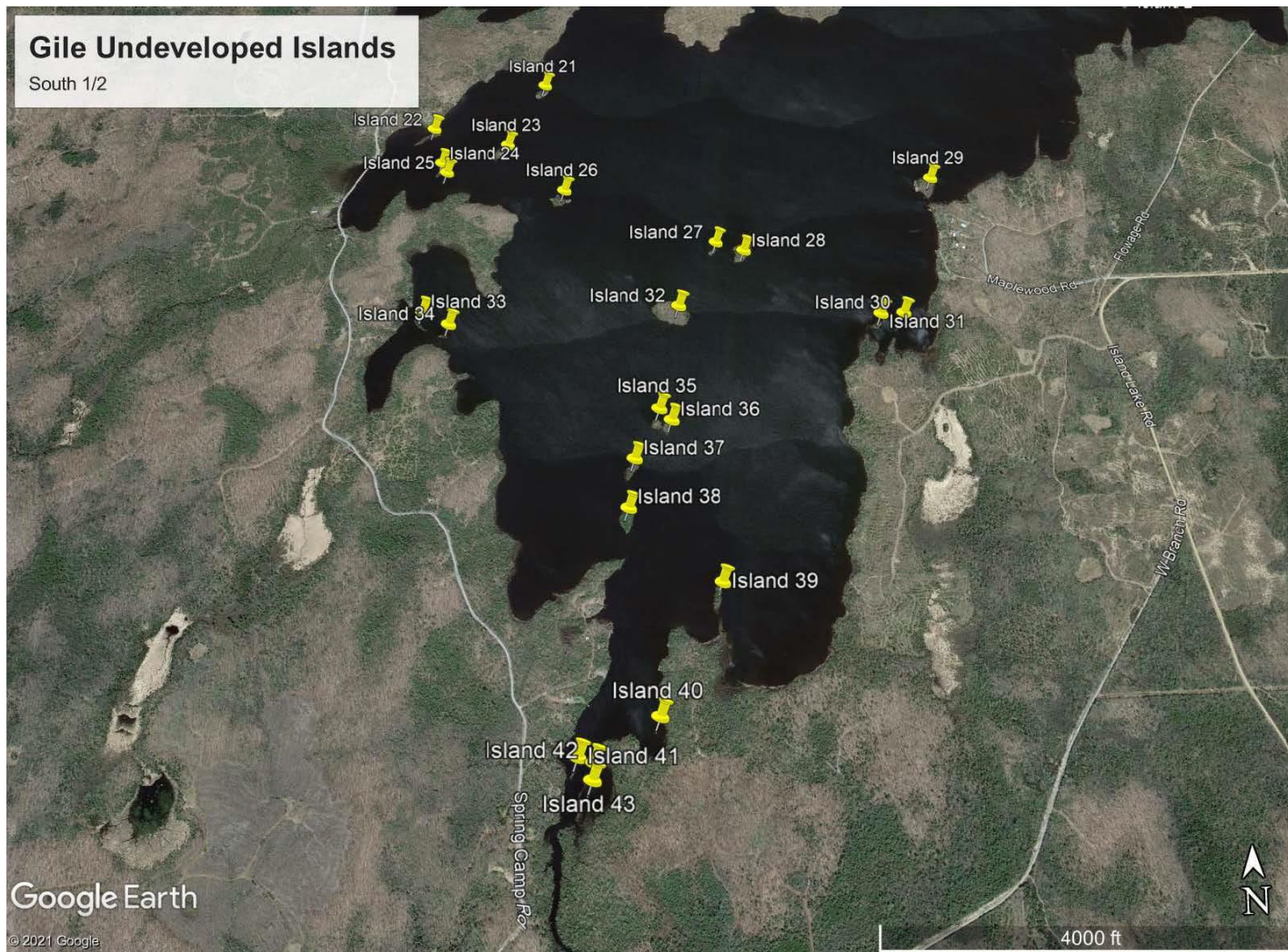


Figure 2-1. Undeveloped Islands, Gile Flowage (north)



**Figure 2-2. Undeveloped Islands, Gile Flowage (south)**

**Table 2-1. Recreation Use Survey Schedule.**

<b>Survey Month/Season</b>	<b>Recurrence Interval</b>
May	Two randomly selected weekend days. Two randomly selected non-holiday weekend days. One day during Memorial Day weekend.
June	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected weekend days.
July	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected non-holiday weekend days. One day during July 4th weekend.
August	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected weekend days.
September	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected non-holiday weekend days. One day during Labor Day weekend.
October	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected weekend days.
January	Two randomly selected weekdays. Two randomly selected weekend days.



### **3. DESCRIPTIONS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT GILE FLOWAGE**

The public recreational facilities listed in the approved study plan are described below along with a discussion of their use and adequacy. Facility locations are depicted in Figure 1-1.

#### **3.1 GILE PARK**

Gile Park Landing is located on the north end of the flowage just east of the Gile Dam (Figure 1-1). The landing provides a two-lane concrete boat ramp with a courtesy pier located between the lanes. The parking lot can accommodate up to eight vehicles with trailers and up to four vehicles without trailers. The park also includes a picnic area with tables, fireplace, drinking water, pavilion, restrooms, changing rooms, playground facilities, a swimming beach, and shoreline fishing. The facility is owned and maintained by the City of Montreal.

#### **3.2 GILE DAM CANOE PORTAGE**

The Gile Dam is located immediately west of Gile Park (Figure 1-1). The canoe portage take-out is located just east of the dam spillway. Upon disembarking, paddlers cross over the low rise of the earthen dam approximately 115 feet to the downstream put-in on the West Fork of the Montreal River. There is no designated parking besides Gile Park and along Park Street and Nimikon Avenue. The canoe portage is open year-round and accessible 24-hours per day. The canoe portage is maintained by NSPW.

#### **3.3 SUCKER HOLE LANDING**

Sucker Hole landing is located on the south end of the Project reservoir near the mouth of the West Fork of the Montreal River (Figure 1-1). The landing serves as a low water access point and provides a single-lane boat ramp composed of concrete planks with a gravel driveway and parking lot. The parking lot can accommodate up to four vehicles with trailers with additional parking along the access road. A kiosk provides information about invasive species and fishing regulations. The landing is open year-round and accessible 24-hours per day. Sucker Hole landing is owned and maintained by Iron County.

#### **3.4 TOWN OF PENCE LANDING**

The Town of Pence landing, also known as Spring Camp landing, is located on the west shoreline, midway along the reservoir (Figure 1-1). The landing consists of a single lane concrete boat ramp with a gravel parking area along the shoulder of Spring Camp Road. The parking area can accommodate up to two vehicles with trailers. A kiosk provides information about invasive species and local fishing regulations. The landing is open year-round and accessible 24-hours per day. The landing is owned and maintained by the Town of Pence.

#### **3.5 COUNTY HIGHWAY C LANDING**

The County Highway C Landing is located on the west side of the highway along the east side of the reservoir, approximately 0.5 miles south of the intersection of County Highway C and Knight Road (Figure 1-1). The landing features a two-lane boat ramp composed of concrete planks and a

courtesy pier between lanes. The landing also provides a large gravel parking lot capable of accommodating 15-20 vehicles with trailers. The landing is open year-round and accessible 24-hours per day. The County C landing is owned and maintained by Iron County.

## **4. RESULTS OF RECREATION INVENTORY AND CONDITION ASSESSMENTS**

### **4.1 GILE PARK**

#### Condition of Amenities

The condition of all Gile Park amenities as described in Section 3.1 was assessed as being in good working condition in 2022. Photographs (1-30) of the amenities are included in Appendix 2. Information on the minimum water elevation necessary for adequate recreation use is shown in Table 5-12.

#### Parking

The Gile Park parking lot is paved with parking for eight vehicles with trailers and an additional five vehicles without trailers. One vehicle without a trailer parking stall near the southwest portion of the parking lot, near the restrooms, is designated as handicap.

#### Signage

Signage at Gile Park includes regulation (e.g., fishing limits, invasive species removal, launch fee), directional, and interpretive signs. The signage in the park was considered to be in good condition during 2022. However, there are no signs directing people on approach to the park in Gile or on the highway.

### **4.2 GILE DAM CANOE PORTAGE**

#### Condition of Amenities

The Gile Dam Canoe Portage amenities described in Section 3.2 were evaluated as being in need of maintenance. Photos 31 through 54 of Appendix 2 depict the amenities at the Gile Dam Canoe Portage.

#### Parking

While individuals have been observed parking in front of the Gile Dam access gate, there are no designated parking spaces for the Gile Dam Canoe Portage, however, the site is immediately adjacent to Gile Park and vehicle parking is available there as well as along Park Street and Nimikon Avenue.

#### Signage

Canoe portage signage consists of a sign identifying the waterbody as Gile Flowage as well as a directional sign upstream of the dam that guides paddlers to the take-out. The take-out is immediately east of the spillway. While the existing signage is in good condition, a lack of directional signage for paddlers resulted in a “in need of maintenance” rating.

### **4.3 SUCKER HOLE LANDING**

#### Condition of Amenities

The Sucker Hole Landing amenities described in Section 3.3 were assessed as being in good condition during 2022. Photographs 55 through 66 of Appendix 2 depict the amenities at the facility. The Sucker Hole Landing is also known as the Low Water Landing on a boat landing map provided by Friends of the Gile Flowage. Information on the minimum water elevation for adequate recreation use is shown in Table 5-12.

#### Parking

The Sucker Hole landing parking lot is unpaved with room for four vehicles with trailers. There are no designated parking spaces.

#### Signage

The Sucker Hole landing signage consists of regulation (e.g., fishing limits, invasive species removal) and interpretive signage in or adjacent to a kiosk. All current signage was deemed in good condition. However, the signage was assessed as being in need of maintenance because a lack of directional signage from Spring Camp Road makes it difficult to locate the boat launch.

### **4.4 TOWN OF PENCE LANDING**

#### Condition of Amenities

The amenities at the Town of Pence landing, as described in Section 3.4, were assessed as being in good condition during 2022. Photographs 67 through 76 of Appendix 2 depict the amenities at the facility. As shown in Table 5-12, the minimum water elevation for adequate recreation use is lower than the County Highway C Landing.

#### Parking

There are no designated parking spaces at Town of Pence landing, but the available space can accommodate two vehicles with trailers. Occasionally, vehicles with or without trailers park on the shoulder of Spring Camp Road.

#### Signage

All signage associated with the Town of Pence landing was rated as being in good condition. Signage includes directional signs located on Spring Camp Road from both approaches that notify motorists that they are approaching a public boat landing. Additionally, regulation and interpretive signage is provided in a kiosk that is adjacent to the boat ramp.

## **4.5 COUNTY HIGHWAY C LANDING**

### Condition of Amenities

The condition of the amenities at the County Highway C landing described in Section 3.5 was assessed as being in good condition during 2022. Photographs 77 through 90 of Appendix 2 depict the amenities at the facility. Information on the minimum water elevation for adequate recreation use is shown in Table 5-12.

### Parking

The County Highway C landing parking lot is unpaved with room for 20 vehicles with trailers. There are no designated parking spaces at the County Highway C landing.

### Signage

Signage at County Highway C landing includes regulation, directional, and interpretive signs. The signs were considered to be in good condition during 2022.

## **4.6 SUMMARY**

The existing amenities of the five surveyed recreation resources on Gile Flowage were generally rated as in good condition (Appendix 3). The two exceptions were associated with Gile Dam Canoe Portage and Sucker Hole landing. Both facilities received a rating of “in need of maintenance” due to a lack of directional signage.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF RECREATIONAL USE

### 5.1 SPOT COUNTS

The 31 recreational surveys conducted at Gile Flowage between 23 January and 20 October 2022 resulted in 155 spot count reports across the five surveyed locations. These spot counts observed 297 vehicles and 420 users total (Tables 5-1 and 5-2, Appendix 4). The average spot count for the 31 surveys was 9.58 vehicles and 13.55 users per location. Gile Park was slightly higher than County Highway C landing in terms of both vehicle and user visits. These two facilities had spot counts that were substantially greater than the remaining three locations.

Among the seven months surveyed, January had the fewest total and average visits by vehicle and recreational user (Tables 5-1 and 5-2). July had the highest number of vehicle counts but the greatest number of users observed was in August. Gile Park had the highest number vehicle counts in January, May, July, September, and October. Gile Park also had the highest number of user counts in each month except June. County Highway C landing was highest for vehicle counts in June and August, and highest for user counts in June.

**Table 5-1. Recreational use based on vehicle spot counts, Gile Flowage (January, May-October 2022)**

Month	Surveys	Gile Park	Gile Dam Canoe Portage	Sucker Hole Landing	Town of Pence Landing	County Hwy C Landing	Total by Month	Average by Month & No. Surveys
January	4	4	0	2	2	2	10	2.50
May	5	19	0	10	1	14	44	8.80
June	4	16	2	1	5	33	57	14.25
July	5	39	0	2	8	24	73	14.60
August	4	22	1	1	8	25	57	14.25
September	5	24	1	3	3	10	41	8.2
October	4	12	0	0	2	1	15	3.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>9.58</b>

**Table 5-2. Recreational use based on user spot counts, Gile Flowage (January, May-October 2022)**

Month	Surveys	Gile Park	Gile Dam Canoe Portage	Sucker Hole Landing	Town of Pence Landing	County Hwy C Landing	Total by Month	Average by Month & No. Surveys
January	4	4	0	2	2	2	10	2.50
May	5	19	3	18	1	14	55	11.00
June	4	16	2	2	5	33	58	14.50
July	5	53	3	2	12	34	104	20.80
August	4	43	3	9	16	42	113	28.25
September	5	39	2	3	4	12	60	12.00
October	4	16	0	0	2	2	20	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>13.55</b>

In addition to instantaneous site counts of vehicles and recreation users at each location, the spot count forms identified 11 specific recreational activities and one “other” category (Appendix 1). These activities ranged from ATV/Snowmobiling and various types of boating to hiking/jogging/walking and wildlife viewing. Recreation users were observed participating in all but one of the activities; bicycling. The majority of recreationist during the winter were listed under “other” and were all participating in ice fishing while from May to October, the primary activity of most visitors was boat fishing.

## 5.2 RECREATIONAL USER INTERVIEWS

This section provides a brief summary of the interviews with recreational users on the recreational facilities and opportunities on Gile Flowage (Appendix 5). The 31 recreational surveys conducted on Gile Flowage between January and October 2022 yielded 168 total users interviewed among the five locations (Table 5-3)



**Table 5-3. Recreational use based on user interviews,  
Gile Flowage (January, May-October 2022)**

Month	Surveys	Gile Park	Gile Dam Canoe Portage	Sucker Hole Landing	Town of Pence Landing	County Hwy C Landing	Total by Month	Average by Month & No. Surveys
January	4	6	0	0	1	1	8	2.00
May	5	15	5	9	3	16	48	9.60
June	4	10	2	2	0	10	24	6.00
July	5	12	0	1	6	10	29	5.80
August	4	16	2	2	5	11	36	9.00
September	5	11	1	2	2	1	17	3.40
October	4	4	0	1	0	1	6	1.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5.42</b>

Gile Park produced the most recreational user interviews followed by County Highway C landing while the fewest interviews were conducted at Gile Dam Canoe Portage. The most interviews by month were conducted in May, which also produced the highest average number of interviews per survey event. August yielded the second highest number of interviews and average number of interviews.

Weekends produced more than twice the interviews compared to weekdays (Table 5-4).

**Table 5-4. Recreational use by type of day,  
Gile Flowage (January, May - October 2022)**

Season	Month	Weekday	Weekend
Winter	January	3	5
Spring	May	19	29
	June	4	20
Summer	July	7	22
	August	9	27
	September	4	13
Fall	October	5	1
Year	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>117</b>
	<b># Days</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Ave. Per Day</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>6.88</b>

Seasonally, the four surveys in January yielded eight interviews or two per event. Spring (May and June) collectively had 72 of the 168 total interviews and Summer (July, August, and September) produced 82 interviews. Fall (October) had 6 of the 168 total interviews.

In terms of visit frequency, most respondents (137 or 81.5%) considered themselves regular visitors that visited three or more times per year.

**Table 5-5. Respondent Frequency of Visits to Gile Flowage (January, May - October 2022)**

Frequency of Visits	Number of Responses.
Regular	137
Occasional	14
Infrequent	6
First	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>

Of the 168 respondents, 62.5% (n=105) were from immediately local zip codes (i.e., Ironwood 49938, Hurley 54534, Montreal 54525, Pence 54550, and Iron Belt 54536) while 73% stated that they traveled less than 50 miles to visit Gile Flowage. Among those that traveled to the Gile Flowage area from more than 50 miles, 26% (n=43) stated they were staying the night and of those, 77% (n=33) were staying in a vacation or rental home. Among the respondents, 74% (n=125) stated they were going home after their visit.

Recreational users were mostly represented as adult groups (41.7%) or individuals (32.7%) during the survey (Table 5-6). Family groups were a distant third. All group types except youth groups were observed at all five Gile Flowage recreation sites in 2022.

**Table 5-6. Type of recreational user group based on interviews, Gile Flowage (January, May-October 2022)**

User Group Type	Gile Park	Gile Dam Canoe Portage	Sucker Hole Landing	Town of Pence Landing	County Hwy C Landing	Total by Type
Individual	18	4	9	3	21	<b>55</b>
Adult Group (over 21)	32	2	5	10	21	<b>70</b>
Youth Group (under 21)	1	2	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Family (with children)	19	1	2	3	5	<b>30</b>
Mixed Group (various groups and ages)	4	1	1	1	3	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>168</b>

When eliminating individuals that briefly visited a recreation location (i.e., <10 minutes; n=6), the minimum duration spent in the Gile Flowage area was 10 minutes while the longest duration was approximately seven days. The longest duration stays in the Gile Flowage area occurred in January and September, with each skewing the respective monthly averages (Table 5-7). Most recreation visits lasted between one and six hours, however, both June and July posted mean visit durations slightly longer than six hours.

**Table 5-7. Respondent duration of visit to Gile Flowage (January, May - October 2022)**

Month	Number of Interviews	Number >1 Hour	Number ≤6 Hours	Average Duration (hh:mm)
January	8	4	6	17:00
May	43	30	36	3:07
June	24	21	13	6:02
July	28	23	23	6:49
August	36	28	34	3:58
September	17	10	15	12:09
October	6	4	5	2:46
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>132</b>	

Visitors were asked which of 10 activities they participated in during their visit. The most popular activities were boat fishing for 55% of the respondents followed by bank fishing for 26% (Table 5-8).

**Table 5-8. Activities during current visit to Gile Flowage (January, May - October 2022)**

Location	Bank fishing	Boat Fishing	Boating	PWC	Picnic	Swim	Sight-seeing	Hunt	Raft/Tube	Wildlife viewing
County Hwy C Landing	7	41	10	1	2	3	9	4	2	7
Gile Park	13	34	7	6	7	10	16	0	2	10
Gile Dam	9	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	4
Sucker Hole Landing	8	8	2	1	2	3	5	1	0	6
Town of Pence Landing	6	9	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>

Respondents were also asked during which months they visited Gile Flowage in the past year and the activities they participated in during those visits. While the results suggest that Gile Flowage receives steady recreational visits through the year, spring and summer are the peak periods (Table 5-9).

**Table 5-9. Visit to Gile Flowage during the past twelve months (2021-2022)**

Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
County Hwy C Landing	20	19	21	25	39	42	43	40	33	25	19	19
Gile Park	33	33	36	40	58	54	53	54	52	40	36	34
Gile Dam	4	4	6	8	9	9	8	7	8	7	4	5
Sucker Hole Landing	8	9	9	14	16	15	15	14	12	13	9	9
Town of Pence Landing	10	10	9	11	14	15	16	16	14	10	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>

Users responded to the question about their recreational activities in the past twelve months similarly to their current activities. Once again, boat fishing and bank fishing were the most common activities (Table 5-10).

**Table 5-10. Activities during visits to Gile Flowage over the past twelve months**

Location	Bank fishing	Boat Fishing	Boating	PWC	Picnic	Swim	Sight-seeing	Hunt	Raft/Tube	Wildlife viewing
County Hwy C Landing	15	41	11	1	4	9	12	6	3	11
Gile Park	29	43	17	9	12	21	22	3	3	15
Gile Dam	10	5	1	3	3	4	5	0	1	4
Sucker Hole Landing	8	12	3	2	3	5	6	4	0	7
Town of Pence Landing	10	13	8	5	5	6	5	3	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>

In regard to the activity for which they participated in, respondents were asked to rate the following during their visit: safety, enjoyment, crowding, overall experience, and amenity condition for the activity that they participated in during their current visit as totally acceptable, acceptable, neutral, unacceptable, or totally unacceptable. Out of the 179 ratings provided for these categories, 168 (94%) were rated neutral or better and 85% were acceptable or totally acceptable.

Likewise, visitors were asked to rate present or past activities at the five surveyed recreation locations as totally acceptable, acceptable, neutral, unacceptable, or totally unacceptable. Again, out of the 984 ratings provided, 952 (97%) were neutral or better and 89% were acceptable or totally acceptable.

Lastly, visitors were asked to indicate if low water levels affected their current activities. Specifically, they were asked if low water was no problem (5), a small problem (4), neutral (3), a moderate problem (2), or a large problem (1). The average response for the eight rated concerns ranged from 4.20 to 4.87 (Table 5-11).

**Table 5-11. Respondent Rating of Gile Flowage Low Water Impact**

Ability to:	Number of Responses	Average Response
Swim safely	53	4.70
Launch or take out boat	101	4.20
Boat safely	108	4.39
Use docks	93	4.25
Shoreline fish	68	4.68
Access shoreline	96	4.76
Shoreline scenic quality	100	4.87
Other	20	4.25

When asked if low water had impacted their recreational experience, many responded that low water impacted their recreational experience in previous years but very few responded that low water was a problem currently.

In addition to the low water question during interviews, water depth was measured from the end of the docks at both Gile Park and County Highway C landing as well as at the end of each landing. During each survey event, after the docks had been put in place at Gile Park and County Highway C landing, one depth measurement was recorded during the period when surveying the two locations and related to ramp depth. The dates and times of each measurement and corresponding ramp depth and Gile Flowage pond level are presented in Table 5-12.

Given the change in depth 29 May versus 21 May, it is suspected that the Gile Park dock was moved between events. It appears water depth remain adequate for launching at Gile Park during the open water recreation season; however, launching may become difficult at County Highway C Landing in later months. This is consistent with a comment received from a regular visitor to the County Highway C Landing on August 4, 2022. The visitor indicated that when the water level is too low at the County Highway C Landing, they use the other ramps, mainly the Town of Pence Ramp and the Gile Park Ramp.

As described earlier in this report, the Sucker Hole Landing is also known as the Low Water Landing on a boat landing map provided by Friends of the Gile Flowage. However, the deepest portion of the concrete ramp is very shallow much of the open water season (Table 5-12). While individuals continue to utilize Sucker Hole Landing, other ramps remain deeper at lower pond levels, with Gile Park being the deepest.

Respondents were asked to provide additional comments on the amenities, needs, or concerns with Gile Flowage. While several positive comments about the area were received, such as the fact that the shore is accessible for walking, or that fishing is good under low water, some comments included recommended improvements. The comments were organized into four main

categories: regulations, maintenance, new amenities, and low water. Table 5-13 briefly summarizes the comments. The most frequent comments received were in regard to the boat ramp and dock at County Highway C landing, the need for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the ramp and dock, as well as removal or marking of hazards near the boat landing. In addition, requests for trash receptacles and bathrooms at County Highway C landing were also popular.

**Table 5-12. Dock depth measurements, Gile Flowage (May-October 2022).**

Date	Recreation site	Time	Depth (in)	End of Ramp Depth (in)				Pond Level
				Gile Park	CTH C	Pence Landing	Sucker Hole	
5/8/2022	Gile Park	1355	36	42	30	30	9	1489.88
5/11/2022	Gile Park	1649	39	69	57	57	23	1489.86
5/11/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1442	50					
5/20/2022	Gile Park	0700	38	69	57	57	23	1489.95
5/20/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1556	50					
5/21/2022	Gile Park	0931	38	69	57	57	23	1489.85
5/21/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0723	50					
5/29/2022	Gile Park	1126	51	68	56	56	22	1489.85
5/29/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0917	49					
6/4/2022	Gile Park	1350	49	68	56	56	22	1489.66
6/4/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1135	49					
6/7/2022	Gile Park	1553	51	68	56	56	22	1489.62
6/7/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1342	49					
6/18/2022	Gile Park	0700	38	56	44	44	10	1489.46
6/18/2022	County C Landing	1551	37					
6/27/2022	Gile Park	0917	30	61	49	49	15	1489.03
6/27/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0700	42					
7/2/2022	Gile Park	1140	30	56	44	44	10	1488.85
7/2/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0922	37					
7/7/2022	Gile Park	1344	36	55	43	43	9	1488.74
7/7/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1124	36					
7/23/2022	Gile Park	1548	31	67	55	55	21	1488.26
7/23/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1341	48					
7/24/2022	Gile Park	0700	33	68	56	56	22	1488.22
7/24/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1542	49					
7/29/2022	Gile Park	0918	38	53	41	41	7	1488.03
7/29/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0700	34					
8/4/2022	Gile Park	1128	31	48	36	36	2	1487.87
8/4/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0915	29					

Date	Recreation site	Time	Depth (in)	End of Ramp Depth (in)				Pond Level
				Gile Park	CTH C	Pence Landing	Sucker Hole	
8/20/2022	Gile Park	1537	37	54	42	42	8	1487.47
8/20/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1308	35					
8/21/2022	Gile Park	1652	34	47	35	35	1	1487.45
8/21/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1412	28					
8/31/2022	Gile Park	0704	33	46	34	34	0	1487.25
8/31/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1135	27					
9/4/2022	Gile Park	0908	32	43	31	31	-3	1487.22
9/4/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0700	24					
9/6/2022	Gile Park	1124	31	44	32	32	-2	1487.22
9/6/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0914	25					
9/10/2022	Gile Park	1601	36	42	30	30	-4	1486.80
9/10/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1158	23					
9/25/2022	Gile Park	1548	31	36	24	24	-10	1486.40
9/25/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1340	17					
9/27/2022	Gile Park	0700	31	36	24	24	-10	1486.40
9/27/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1545	17					
10/2/2022	Gile Park	0908	30	34	22	22	-12	1486.26
10/2/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0700	15					
10/8/2022	Gile Park	1132	29	34	22	22	-12	1486.16
10/8/2022	County Hwy C Landing	0916	15					
10/18/2022	Gile Park	1335	28	36	24	24	-10	1486.02
10/18/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1121	17					
10/20/2022	Gile Park	1543	26	34	22	22	-12	1486.02
10/20/2022	County Hwy C Landing	1335	15					

**Table 5-13. Summary of comments received from interviews, Gile Flowage  
(January, May-October 2022), Subject (number of comments)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Regulations</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>New Amenities</b>	<b>Low Water</b>
Gile Park	-Slot limit on walleye (1) -Eliminate launch fee (2)	-Make ramp deeper (1) -Clean park (1) -Refill bathroom toiletries (1) -Pop machine eats money (1) -Dock higher above water (1)	-Dog waste bag station (1) -Fishing pier (1) -Teeter totter (1) -Additional trash cans (1)	-Keep water level high (1) -Impacts safe boating (1) -Impacts launching, loading boat (2)
Gile Dam Canoe Portage			-Trash cans (1) -Electric barrier to keep fish in lake (1)	
Sucker Hole Landing		-Replace invasive spp. signs (1) -Repair ramp (1)	-Add dock (1) -Bathroom (1)	-Difficult to launch (2)
Town of Pence Landing			-Add dock (2) -Difficult to launch no dock (1) -Bathrooms (1)	-Causes a lot of problems (1) -Unsafe to navigate (1) -Impacts fishing experience, boating, launching, loading (4)
County Hwy C Landing		-Resurface parking lot (4) -Widen/repair ramp (14) -Repair/replace dock (12) -Remove rocks/hazards (6)	-Trash cans (5) -Bathrooms (7) -Solar lights (1)	-Can't launch (2)



### 5.3 ISLAND SURVEY

Gile Flowage contains 43 islands throughout. During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, the islands were surveyed for past and active recreational use, other uses, and human caused erosion. A photolog of all islands is presented as Appendix 6. Of the 43 islands, 22 exhibited no sign of past or present recreational use (Table 5-14). Five islands had obvious landing areas, eight exhibited clear hiking trails, 13 had at least one fire ring, 11 showed signs of at least one camp, and several had trash. Island 2 had a duck blind while Island 42 has a memorial plaque fixed to a rock. Island 15 is private property and was only viewed from the water.

Given the rocky nature of many islands, erosion was limited. More often, the erosion that was observed was likely attributable to factors other than direct human impact (i.e., foot traffic, climbing, mooring, excavating, etc.). The only likely examples of human-caused erosion were observed on Islands 20 and 35, both of which were likely related to landing boats and foot traffic.

**Table 5-14. Island survey Gile Flowage, 4 July 2022**

Island	No Sign	Landing	Trail	Fire Ring	Camp	Trash	Other	Human Related Erosion	Human Activity Photographs
1	X								
2					X		Duck Blind		2, 3
3	X								
4					X	X			16
5		X	X	X	X	X			18 – 21, 25 – 29
6		X	X	X	X				33 – 35
7	X								
8	X								
9	X								
10	X								
11	X								
12	X								
13			X	X		X			58, 59, 60, 62
14			X			X			65, 66
15							Private		67 – 69
16	X								

**Table 5-14 (Continued)**

Island	No Sign	Landing	Trail	Fire Ring	Camp	Trash	Other	Human Related Erosion	Human Activity Photographs
17	X								
18						X			82
19	X								
20		X	X	X	X			X	91 – 98
21				X	X				102 – 106
22	X								
23				X	X				110 – 114
24	X								
25				X		X			119, 120
26				X		X			124 – 126
27			X	X	X				129, 130
28				X	X				133, 134
29			X						137
30	X								
31	X								
32	X								
33	X								
34						X			148
35		X	X	X	X			X	154 – 156
36				X	X				159, 160
37	X								
38	X								
39		X		X					167 – 168
40	X								
41	X								
42							Memorial		174
43	X								

Spot counts were performed on all islands and the completed field data sheets are presented as Appendix 7. Active recreational activity was absent from all islands except Island 28. An individual camping on Island 28 (Photograph # 133) was interviewed on 2 July 2022. The individual had been camping there since 30 June 2022 and expected to leave on 4 July 2022. The person considered themselves to be a regular visitor and had traveled approximately 170 miles to Gile Flowage. This person has visited Gile Flowage at Gile Park and the islands, primarily in June, July, and October to partake in bank fishing, boat fishing, pleasure boating, personal watercraft, swimming, rafting/tubing, and camping, including the current trip. The individual gave four five ratings for all activities currently participating in and has done in the past. They also believed the low water caused no problem during the trip. The completed interview field form is presented as Appendix 8.

#### 5.4 PROJECTED USE

Based on spot counts and user interviews, current recreational use among the facilities surveyed was low to moderate among the survey dates and varied among the five locations. In order to evaluate these facilities relative to projected future use, the number of parking spots was identified as likely the most limiting attribute among each of the recreational sites (Table 5-15).

**Table 5-15. Available parking Gile Flowage recreation locations.**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parking Spots</b>
Gile Park	12
Gile Dam	0
Sucker Hole Landing	4
Town of Pence Landing	2
County Hwy C Landing	20

Using the number survey dates, parking spots at each location, and the number of parked vehicles reported monthly from survey spot counts (Table 5-1), the average capacity used was determined for each location and month of survey. The average capacity used was then extrapolated based on the Iron County population growth of 3.7% between 2010 and 2020 (United States Census Bureau 2022) to conservatively determine the projected parking capacity use over the next 10 years (Table 5-16).

**Table 5-16. Average parking capacity (%) used in 2022 and projected capacity (%) used.**

Month	Gile Park		Gile Dam Canoe Portage		Sucker Hole Landing		Town of Pence Landing		County Hwy C Landing	
	% Cap.	Proj. Cap. %	% Cap.	Proj. Cap. %	% Cap.	Proj. Cap. %	% Cap.	Proj. Cap. %	% Cap.	Proj. Cap. %
January	3.80	3.94	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.07	0.20	0.21	2.80	2.90
May	3.80	3.94	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.07	0.20	0.21	2.80	2.90
June	4.00	4.15	0.50	0.52	0.25	0.26	1.25	1.30	8.25	8.56
July	7.80	8.09	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.41	1.60	1.66	4.80	4.98
August	5.50	5.70	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.26	2.00	2.07	6.25	6.48
September	4.80	4.98	0.20	0.21	0.60	0.62	0.60	0.62	2.00	2.07
October	3.00	3.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.52	0.25	0.26

The average used percent parking capacity in 2022 suggests that the Gile Flowage recreational resource locations are sufficient to meet the current use. Further, the projected use indicates that these same recreational resources are likely to remain sufficient in the foreseeable future.

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## 6. CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the five Gile Flowage recreational locations were considered in good condition during the 2022 survey. The resources inventory identified few amenities that required maintenance and all involved directional signage at Gile Park, Gile Dam, Sucker Hole landing. Gile Flowage recreational resources received low to moderate use during the 2022 survey events. Based on spot counts and user interviews the resources are not overused and overcrowding is of minimal concern. Projected use based on population growth for Iron County suggests that use will remain below capacity in the foreseeable future. Lastly, based on interview respondents, assessment of low water impacts on recreational experiences was no problem or only a small problem with regard to their current recreational experience.

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**Appendix 1**  
**Field Forms**

**Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Amenity Photo Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Shoreline Photo Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Entryway Photo Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)
		-Not Usable (N)					
		-Needs Repair (R)					
		-Needs Maintenance (M)					
		-Good Working Condition (G)					
Boat Launch	Lanes:      Launches:	N	R	M	G		
Skid Pier		N	R	M	G		
Fishing Pier		N	R	M	G		
Picnic Tables		N	R	M	G		
Restroom		N	R	M	G		
Trash Receptacles		N	R	M	G		
Trail		N	R	M	G		
Other		N	R	M	G		

Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):		Notes:	Condition:	
		Standard:				N
		Barrier-Free:				R
		Trailer:				M
		Other:				G

Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign		N R M G	
Regulations Signs		N R M G	
Directional		N R M G	
Interpretive		N R M G	

**Additional Comments:**  
Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

**Recreation Observation Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Wind Speed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number _____																

Additional Comments:

**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin (NSPW or Applicant), d/b/a Xcel Energy, is in the process of applying for an original license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to operate and maintain the existing Gile Flowage Storage Project (Gile Flowage or Project). The Project is owned, operated, and maintained by NSPW. The purpose of the Project is to provide water for downstream power generation at NSPW’s Saxon Falls (FERC No. 2610) and Superior Falls (FERC No. 2587) hydroelectric projects. To obtain a license for the Gile Flowage, NSPW must submit a final license application to FERC no later than August 18, 2023. As part of the licensing process, NSPW is conducting several environmental studies which will enable FERC to prepare an environmental report. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about recreational use and visitors’ experiences at public recreation facilities around the Gile Flowage.

Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	
Home Zip Code:	
Interviewer:	
Date:	
Time:	

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)**

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

**2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?**

Arrive Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?**

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?**

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as “unacceptable” or “totally unacceptable”, please indicate what could be done to improve the category to “acceptable.” (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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***Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!***



# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



1. Gile Park - Entrance



2. Gile Park – Playground (1)



3. Gile Park – Playground (2)



4. Gile Park – Picnic area



5. Gile Park - Shoreline



6. Gile Park - Signage

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



7. Gile Park – Trail signage (1)



8. Gile Park – Trail signage (2)



9. Gile Park – Beach signage



10. Gile Park – Trash signage



11. Gile Park – Pavilion, Park Bench, and Grill



12. Gile Park – Pavilion, picnic tables

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



13. Gile Park – Charcoal grill



14. Gile Park – Trash receptacle and signage



15. Gile Park – Pavilion and paved path



16. Gile Park – Boat Launch & Skid Pier (1)



17. Gile Park – Boat Launch & Skid Pier (2)



18. Gile Park – Skid Pier (1)

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



19. Gile Park – Skid Pier (2)



20. Gile Park – Restrooms (1)



21. Gile Park – Restrooms (2)



22. Gile Park – Restrooms (3)



23. Gile Park – Water Fountain



24. Gile Park – Parking Lot

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



25. Gile Park – Entrance (1)



26. Gile Park – Handicap Parking



27. Gile Park – Boat Trailer Parking



28. Gile Park – Park Bench



29. Gile Park – Shoreline



30. Gile Park – Entrance (2)

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



31. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – East side of Intake



32. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – West side of Discharge



33. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Left Descending bank of Tailrace (1)



34. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Left Descending bank of Tailrace (2)



35. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – West side of intake (1)



36. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – West side of intake (2)

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



37. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Riprap shoreline of flowage, west of dam



38. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Intake signage



39. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Water elevation at intake



40. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Walkway over dam



41. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Tailrace and right descending bank, canoe portage



42. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – East side of dam, riprap shoreline of flowage

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



43. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Shoreline of flowage, facing west toward dam



44. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Downstream side of dam, facing west



45. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Gate and signage



46. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Signage



47. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Boulders barricading downstream side of dam



48. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Dike walkway facing east



# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



49. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Entrance to dike walkway



50. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Street parking, facing Gile Park



51. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Riprap and beach, facing west



52. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Riprap and beach, facing east



53. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Canoe Portage



54. Gile Dam Canoe Portage – Riprap shoreline of flowage, facing east

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



55. Sucker Hole Landing – Signage



56. Sucker Hole Landing – Parking (1)



57. Sucker Hole Landing – Shoreline facing NE



58. Sucker Hole Landing – Boat ramp



59. Sucker Hole Landing – Shoreline facing SW



60. Sucker Hole Landing – Parking (2)

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



61. Sucker Hole Landing – Human activity (1)

62. Sucker Hole Landing – Entrance



63. Sucker Hole Landing – Parking (3)

64. Sucker Hole Landing – Human activity (2)



65. Sucker Hole Landing – Erosion near boat landing

66. Sucker Hole Landing – Woody debris on boat landing

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



67. Town of Pence Landing – Signage (1)



68. Town of Pence Landing – Signage (2)



69. Town of Pence Landing – Signage (3)



70. Town of Pence Landing – Signage (4)



71. Town of Pence Landing – Parking on  
Spring Camp Road, facing North



72. Town of Pence Landing – Parking  
on Spring Camp Road, facing South

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



73. Town of Pence Landing – Boat landing



74. Town of Pence Landing – Human activity



75. Town of Pence Landing – Shoreline, facing North



76. Town of Pence Landing – Facing flowage from boat landing



77. County Hwy. C Landing – Signage



78. County Hwy. C Landing – Left Boat Landing

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



79. County Hwy. C Landing – Parking Lot and Entrance Signage



80. County Hwy. C Landing – Entrance and Parking



81. County Hwy. C Landing – Shoreline (1)



82. County Hwy. C Landing – Parking Lot (1)



83. County Hwy. C Landing – Shoreline (2)



84. County Hwy. C Landing – Shoreline and Parking

# Appendix 2 – Recreation Inventory Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



85. County Hwy. C Landing – Parking Lot (2)

86. County Hwy. C Landing – Parking Lot (3)



87. County Hwy. C Landing – Left and Right Boat Landings

88. County Hwy. C Landing – Entrance Signage (1)



89. County Hwy. C Landing – Entrance Signage (2)

90. County Hwy. C Landing – Parking Lot (4)

## **Appendix 3**

### **Recreation Inventory and Assessment Raw Datasheets**



Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment

Location: Gile Park Date: 5/8/2022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: M. Renik & J. Aldwick

GPS Location: N. 46.42593 W 090.22430

Amenity Photo Numbers: 48-53, 55-68 71-79 81+82

Shoreline Photo Numbers: 54, 69, 70, 80

Entryway Photo Number: 47, 83, 85, 86, 89

Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)
		N	R	M	G		
Boat Launch	Lanes: <u>2</u> Launches: <u>2</u>	N	R	M	G		
Skid Pier	<u>1</u>	N	R	M	<u>G</u>		
Fishing Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Picnic Tables	<u>10</u>	N	R	M	<u>G</u>		
Restroom	<u>1</u>	N	R	M	G	<u>Not open</u>	
Trash Receptacles	<u>2</u>	N	R	M	<u>G</u>		
Trail	<u>1</u>	N	R	M	<u>G</u>	<u>Non paved</u>	
Other	<u>45+2</u>	N	R	M	<u>G</u>	<u>Benches (5) Grills (2)</u>	

Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):		Notes:	Condition:
		Standard:	Barrier-Free:		
	<u>8 Boat trailer parking</u> <u>~7 car parking spaces</u>	<u>~7</u>		<u>No defined car parking</u>	N
					R
		<u>8</u>			M
		<u>1 (handicap)</u>			<u>G</u>

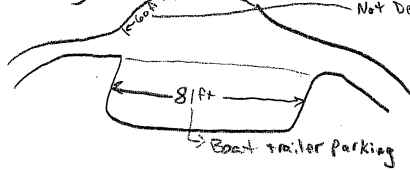
Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign	<u>0</u>	N R M G	
Regulations Signs	<u>2</u>	N R M <u>G</u>	
Directional	<u>2</u>	N R M <u>G</u>	
Interpretive	<u>1</u>	N R M <u>G</u>	

Additional Comments:

Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

Boat trailer measurements (parking spot) = 11' wide x 46' long

Parking lot measurement:



Overall condition of All amenities + park were good. Bathrooms were locked, could not assess inside condition.

Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment

Location: Gile Dam Date: 5/9/2022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: M Renik & J

GPS Location: N. 46.42570 W. 090.22636

Amenity Photo Numbers: 90, 94, 95, 97, 98-103, 105, 106, 108, 109, 111

Shoreline Photo Numbers: 92, 93, 96, 104, 112, 113

Entryway Photo Number: 107, 110

Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)
		-Not Usable (N)	-Needs Repair (R)	-Needs Maintenance (M)	-Good Working Condition (G)		
Boat Launch	Lanes: - Launches: -	N	R	M	G		
Skid Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Fishing Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Picnic Tables	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Restroom	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trash Receptacles	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trail	<u>1</u>	N	R	<u>(M)</u>	G	<u>See comments below</u>	
Other		N	R	M	G		

Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):			Notes:	Condition:		
		Standard:						N
		Barrier-Free:						R
		Trailer:						M
		Other:						G

Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign	<u>0</u>	N R M G	
Regulations Signs	<u>0</u>	N R M G	
Directional	<u>2</u>	N R M <u>(G)</u>	
Interpretive		N R M G	

Additional Comments:

Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

Trail - (photos), could use easier/better path to get to base of Dam on west side

"Parking" - Drive way to gate = 81ft long by 22ft wide. Not large enough for many cars. Most cars will park on street or park parking lot.

Street Parking = 127 ft from Driveway entrance to Park parking lot entrance

Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment

Location: Sucker Hole Date: 5/8/2022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: m. Kenick + J. Arbuckle

GPS Location: N 46.37063 W 090.24336

Amenity Photo Numbers: 2, 7-13

Shoreline Photo Numbers: 3, 4, 14

Entryway Photo Number: 1 + 15

Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)				
		-Not Usable (N)	-Needs Repair (R)	-Needs Maintenance (M)	-Good Working Condition (G)						
		Boat Launch	Lanes: 1 Launches: 1	N	R			M	(G)		Y
		Skid Pier	N/A	N	R			M	G		
Fishing Pier	N/A	N	R	M	G						
Picnic Tables	N/A	N	R	M	G						
Restroom	N/A	N	R	M	G						
Trash Receptacles	N/A	N	R	M	G						
Trail	N/A	N	R	M	G						
Other		N	R	M	G						

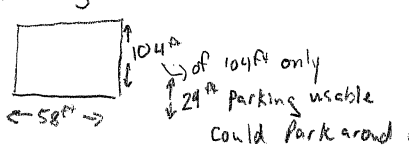
Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):			Notes:	Condition:			
		~9	Standard:					no defined spaces	N
			Barrier-Free:						R
			Trailer:						M
			Other:						G

Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign	0	N R M G	
Regulations Signs	2	N R (M) G	DMR wallop limit is paper sign, May need to replace
Directional	1	N R M (G)	DMR invasive species sign
Interpretive	1	N (R) M G	Wooden sign, cant read at distance

Additional Comments:  
Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

Parking lot size Additional Photos of camping across river + fire pit.



Water erosion near boat ramp - photos

Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment

Location: Town Pence Landing Date: 5/8/2022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: M. Renik + J Arbuckle

GPS Location: N 46.39052 W 090.25497

Amenity Photo Numbers: 16-18 22-23

Shoreline Photo Numbers: 24-26

Entryway Photo Number: 19 + 21

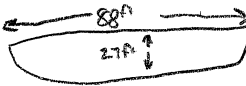
Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)
		Not Usable (N)	Needs Repair (R)	Needs Maintenance (M)	Good Working Condition (G)		
Boat Launch	Lanes:   Launches:	N	R	M	(G)	<u>Good Condition</u>	<u>Y</u>
Skid Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Fishing Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Picnic Tables	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Restroom	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trash Receptacles	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trail	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Other		N	R	M	G		

Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):				Notes:	Condition:
		Standard:	Barrier-Free:	Trailer:	Other:		
	<u>≈ 14</u>					<u>no defined parking spaces</u>	N R M (G)

Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign	<u>0</u>	N R M G	
Regulations Signs	<u>2</u>	N R (M) (G)	<u>DNR Walleye Limit Needs Replacement</u>
Directional	<u>1</u>	N R M (G)	
Interpretive		N R M G	

Additional Comments:  
Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

 - Bon Fire in Parking Lot (Noted in Photo)

Parking spaces not defined

Recreation Inventory and Condition Assessment

Location: County Road C Date: 5/8/2022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Owned By: \_\_\_\_\_

Operated / Managed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours / Seasons of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Person: M. Renik + J. Arduckie

GPS Location: N. 46. 40695 W. 090. 19321

Amenity Photo Numbers: 27, 41, 42, 36, 43, 44-46

Shoreline Photo Numbers: 32, 33, 35

Entryway Photo Number: 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 39, 70

Type of Amenity:	Quantity of Amenities:	Condition of Amenity:				Notes:	Barrier Free? (Y or N)
		-Not Usable (N)	-Needs Repair (R)	-Needs Maintenance (M)	-Good Working Condition (G)		
Boat Launch	Lanes: <u>2</u> Launches: <u>2</u>	N	R	<u>(M)</u>	G		
Skid Pier	<u>1</u>	N	R	M	<u>(G)</u>	<u>Not yet in water</u>	<u>Y</u>
Fishing Pier	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Picnic Tables	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Restroom	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trash Receptacles	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Trail	<u>N/A</u>	N	R	M	G		
Other		N	R	M	G		

Minimum Reservoir Elevation Needed to Operate Amenities \_\_\_\_\_ Feet NGVD

Parking	Total Spaces:	Number of Spaces (each type):				Notes:	Condition:
		Standard:	Barrier-Free:	Trailer:	Other:		
	<u>~38</u>					<u>No defined parking spaces</u>	N R M G

Signage:	Number:	Condition:	Comments: Provide Details on which signs need attention.
FERC Project Sign	<u>0</u>	N R M G	
Regulations Signs	<u>1</u>	N R M <u>(G)</u>	
Directional	<u>2</u>	N R M <u>(G)</u>	
Interpretive	<u>1</u>	N R M <u>(G)</u>	

Additional Comments:  
Describe any signs of overuse, erosion, or anything observed that is not already documented above.

Took photos to show Boat Trailer parking size  
Boat ramp photos: couple larger pot holes at top of ramp

35 ft Drivable lanes (one lane each way; undefined)  
(top) 32 ft parking, (bottom) 29 ft parking; Each side of lot has undefined parking lines. Enough space to park Truck w/ Boat trailer

**Appendix 4**  
**Spot Count Raw Datasheets**

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 1/24/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: M Sreen  
 Temperature: 12F Weather: Overcast Wind Speed: WNW 4 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														0700
Gile Park	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														1539
County C Landing	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														1330
Sucker Hole Landing	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														0911
Town of Pence Landing	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														1105
Island Number	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>														NA

Additional Comments:

- 0900 OF, Snowing lightly, WSW 6 mph
- Temp rose to 15F at 1330, sunny & snow stopped
- 1530, 4F, NW 14 mph, snowing lightly

Sucker Hole sleds

Town of Pence sleds

III

III (same @ Sucker Hole)

new

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 1/28/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: M. Renik  
 Temperature: -8 F Weather: Partly Cloudy Wind Speed: 3 mph SW  
 Reservoir/Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1545
Gile Park	1	1														1 1345
County C Landing	0	0														1138
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														0700
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														0908
Island Number	NA															

Additional Comments:

\* County C Landing: Snowmobile - 1111 1111 1111  
 11143 11145 11323  
 Gile Park - Ice fishing  
 11359: Snowmobile heading out to set up ICE fishing gear, not available for interview  
 11432 Snowmobile - 1111 1500-11 1515-11 1530-1111  
 While observing for the Dam, 3 cars w/ 5 dogs arrived and went out on the ice for a walk  
 11630



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 1/23/2022 Time: 0723  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person:  
 Temperature: -4 F Weather: Overcast Wind Speed: W 6 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation:  
 Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0															0723
Gile Park	2	2														P 0923 IF
County C Landing	2	2														P 1551 Drone
Sucker Hole Landing	0															1134
Town of Pence Landing	2	2														P 1338 IF
Island Number	0															NA

Additional Comments:  
 ~ 1 in snow overnight  
 - From Gile Park parking lot, 5 "permanent" ice shanties obs on flowage. 2 ice anglers arrived @ 1010  
 - Sunny, -1F, WSW 6 mph @ 1134  
 - Sunny, 6F, SW 7 mph @ 1430  
 - 2 vehicles in lot @ CT# C when arrived but no visual recreation  
 Gile Park sleds      Sucker Hole      Town of Pence  
 IIII                      IIII                      IIII  
 IIII                      IIII                      IIII

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 1/29/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: M. Snee  
 Temperature: -1 F Weather: Mostly Cloudy Wind Speed: 5 5mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1321
Gile Park	1	1														* 1121
County C Landing	0	0														0912
Sucker Hole Landing	2	2	2P													1532
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														0700
Island Number	NA															

Additional Comments:

County C sleds     Gile Park sleds     Sucker Hole sleds  
~~HT~~     ~~HT HT HT HT HT~~     ~~HT HT HT~~

- 0900 10F winds light, overcast
- 1121 13F Overcast, SSE 5mph, one vehicle present but not recreating, police
- 2 ice anglers drove onto ice @ 1133, did not stop to approach
- 2 vehicles w/ sled trailers parked a Sucker Hole on arrival. Did not return by end of shift

Recreation Observation Form

Date: May 8 - 2022 Time: 7:00 AM  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Athuckle  
 Temperature: 49 Weather: Cloudy Wind Speed: 19  
 Reservoir Elevation: N-A  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities										Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Logging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating		Power Boating	Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	3		P						S						3:55 PM
Gile Park	0	0														1:55 PM
County C Landing	3	3			P						S					11:44 AM
Sucker Hole Landing	4	4			P											7 AM
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														9:08 AM
Island Number																

FN

Additional Comments:

spiney tailed water flea signage in disrepair = sucker hole  
 stop sign at pence landing is in need of adjustment pence landing  
 wind speed increased to 14 at 11 AM  
 gile park End of dock middle 3 foot depth / GPS = N 46.42531  
 gile park Attempted to interview someone, they declined. Test driver W 90.22425

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 5-11-2022 Time: 7 AM  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Arbackle  
 Temperature: 53° Weather: Clear Wind Speed: 3 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 AM
Gile Park	6	1	0	0	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4:49 pm
County C Landing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2:42 pm
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9:45 Am
Town of Pence Landing	1	1	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12:20 pm
Island Number	_____																

Additional Comments:  
 COUNTY C Landing N 46.40710 W 090.19336 End of the dock middle 4 Foot 2 inches  
 Gile Park N 46.42528 W 090.22428 End of dock middle 3 Foot 3 inches

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 5-20-2022 Time: 7 AM  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Jasha Arbuckle  
 Temperature: 55° Weather: cloudy Wind Speed: 3 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														9 AM
Gile Park	0	0														7 AM
County C Landing	0	0			P											3:56 pm
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														11:22 pm
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														1:32 pm
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

RES at gile park @ 3 Foot 2 Inches  
 Res at county C @ 4 Foot 2 Inches  
 Attempted To Interview someone at Sucker hole they declined.  
 Attempted to Interview someone at Pence Landing they declined.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 5-21-22 Time: 7 AM

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: Joshua Abuokle  
 Temperature: 37° Weather: Fair Cloudy Wind Speed: 6 mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														11:22 AM
Gile Park	4	4			OP											9:22 AM
County C Landing	0	0														7 AM
Sucker Hole Landing	1	1		P												1:44 PM
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														3:51 PM
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

County C depth at 7:27 AM was 4 Foot 2 inches  
 gile park depth at 9:51 AM was 3 Foot 2 inches  
 Attempted to interview 2 people at gile park the declined.  
 Adjacent gile park seems to be losing people ~~that~~ as time goes

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 5-29-2022 Time: 7 PM - 5:40  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Jasha Arbuckle  
 Temperature: 61° Weather: mostly cloudy Wind Speed: 10 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															1:26 PM
Gile Park	9	9			P												11:26 AM
County C Landing	6	6	S		P												9:17 AM
Sucker Hole Landing	5	13															3:40 PM
Town of Pence Landing	0	0															7 AM
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:  
 County C depth at 4 Foot 1 Inch  
 Attempted to interview 4 people all declined  
 Gile park depth at 4 Foot 3 Inches

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 6-4-2022 Time: 7:00 AM - 5:51 pm  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Arbuckle  
 Temperature: 46° Weather: partly cloudy Wind Speed: 6 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															3:51 PM
Gile Park	14	19															1:50 pm
County C Landing	10	5															11:35 pm
Sucker Hole Landing	1	2															7:00 AM
Town of Pence Landing	2	2															9:09 AM
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:  
 depth county C 4 Foot 1 Inch  
 depth at gile park 4 Foot 1 Inch  
 party of 5 drunk Avoided  
 accosted by 1 at gile park;



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 06-07-2022 Time: 7 Am - 5:53 pm  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Arbuckle  
 Temperature: 54° Weather: Clear Wind Speed: 2 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	2	2		P												7 Am
Gile Park	2	2		P	P											3:53 pm
County C Landing	4	4			P											1:42 pm
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														9:15 Am
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														11:21 Am
Island Number																

Additional Comments:  
 Attempted to interview someone at Sucker hole they declined  
 Attempted to interview someone at county C they said sure when they returned they did not return.  
 depth at county C 4'11"  
 depth at gile park 4'9"

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 6-18-2022 Time: 7 Am - 5:51 PM  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Jasha Ar buckle  
 Temperature: 62' Weather: fair Wind Speed: 7 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														9 AM
Gile Park	0	0														7 AM
County C Landing	19	19		S	P											3:57 pm
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														11:22 Am
Town of Pence Landing	3	3			P											1:29 pm
Island Number _____																

Additional Comments:

depth at gile park 3 Foot 2 Inches  
 depth at county c 3 Foot 1 Inches

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 6-27-22 Time: 7 Am - 5:53 pm  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Arbach  
 Temperature: 48' Weather: SUNNY Wind Speed: 6 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0															11:18 Am
Gile Park	0															9:17 Am
County C Landing	0															7:00 Am
Sucker Hole Landing	0															1:52 pm
Town of Pence Landing	0															3:53 pm
Island Number _____																

Additional Comments:

depth at county c 3 Foot 6 inches  
 i think some one is moving the dock  
 catch the fishing tournament the dock also looks damaged.  
 depth at gile park 2 Foot 6 inches

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7-2-22 Time: 7:00 Am - 5:58 pm

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: Joshua Apbuckle

Temperature: 48° Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: 8 mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation:

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1:45 pm
Gile Park	18	28			P						S					11:40 Am
County C Landing	8	14			P							S				9:22 Am
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														3:58 pm
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														7:00 Am
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

depth at count C 3 Foot 1 Inch  
 depth at gile park 2 Foot 6 Inch

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 07-07-2022 Time: 7 AM - 5:48 pm  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: Joshua Andrew Albackle  
 Temperature: 66° Weather: mostly cloudy Wind Speed: 8 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities										Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating		Power Boating	Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0		P												2:48 pm
Gile Park	6	4				P										1:44 pm
County C Landing	2	4			P											11:24 Am
Sucker Hole Landing	2	2													P	7 Am
Town of Pence Landing	2	3			P											9:08 Am
Island Number _____																

Additional Comments: Mon and son at Sucker hole were tossing toys for dog into the lake "other" I have hisaps lol that what the pen jerking is.  
depth at county C 3 Foot  
depth at gile park 3 Foot  
Accepted To interview a man at gile park he declined.

Recreation-Observation Form

Date: 7/23/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: m. henik

Temperature: 61°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SW 1mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															0700
Gile Park	8	8			P												1548
County C Landing	9	11			P												1341
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0			P												0916
Town of Pence Landing	4	6			P												1121
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:

0830: Small passing rain shower. lasted ~15min. Mostly cloudy now

Town Pence: 2 Boat trailers + 2 untrailer truck. as I was arriving, 1 Boat w/ 2 people were heading out, did not make intine to get interview. Saw fishing poles in Boat. Headed North then lost visual

County C.: 8 Boat trailers. Lots of ATV/UTV using road. 122cm Depth from Dock <sup>Base</sup> to Bottom

Gile Park: 8 Boat trailers. Missed Two interviews of Boats. As I was driving down the road two boats had drove by.

1630 winds increasing out of the South 6-8mph. 79cm Depth from Dock base to bottom.

looks like waves are white capping 4 Boats pulled out within 20-30 minutes of each other. Believe mostly due to increased wind speeds  
 → wind speed SSW group to 11mph @ 1700

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/24/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M Kenik

Temperature: 60°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: W 8 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	3					P									0900
Gile Park	2	2			P											0700
County C Landing	3	3			P											1540
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														1121
Town of Pence Landing	1	2			P											1326
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

Gile Park: 2 Boat trailers. 84 cm from bottom to base of Duck

1100: winds increased (WNW 13 mph)

Town Pence: 1 Boat trailer. 1500 Heavy rain started, stopped ~1545, still light rain. 1615 Rain Done

County C: 3 Boat trailers. 124 cm bottom to base of Duck

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/29/2022 Time: 0700-  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project: P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: M. Sneen  
 Temperature: 94- Weather: Partly Cloudy Wind Speed: W 5-8 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															1118 - 1318
Gile Park	5	7			P					P					S		0918 - 1118
County C Landing	2	2			P												0700 - 0900
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															1328 - 1528
Town of Pence Landing	1	1			P												1536 - 1736
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:

Depth of water off CTH C Dock = 2ft 10 in, bottom of dock = 4ft.  
 Depth of water off Gile Park dock = 3ft, bottom of dock = 3ft. 2 in  
 - 1 vehicle w/ 2 people from IL planning multi activities, here for 1st time, refused interview  
 - weather @ 0930 - 61F, WNW 7-9 mph, partly cloudy  
 At 1318, weather 67F, NW 9-11 mph, partly cloudy  
 At 1632, weather 68F, NW 8-9 mph, partly cloudy



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 8/4/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: M Renik  
 Temperature: 57°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: WSW 2 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	8	8															1328
Gile Park	5	5															1128
County C Landing	8	8															0915
Sucker Hole Landing	1	9															1544
Town of Pence Landing	1	1															0700
Island Number																	-

Additional Comments:

County Rd C. All 8 vehicles had boat trailers. Water depth = 78cm  
 Gile Park 3 vehicles w/ boat trailers. Water depth = 73 cm  
 Sucker Hole: May have just missed a boat launching. Pulled into lot and trailer was still wet.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 8/20/22 Time: 0725-1752

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: K. Jackson  
 Temperature: Weather: Wind Speed:  
 Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	1	3		1												2	dog walking
Gile Park	10	22			11					7						2	playground
County C Landing	10	22	4		17							7	2				
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															
Town of Pence Landing	3	10			6								10				
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:

- 0730 = 57°F, 1-3 mph NE, Hazy / partly cloudy to mostly sunny
- 1100 = 68°F, 5-6 mph NNE, partly cloudy
- 1242 = 70°F overcast w/ rain to the south, N 10 mph 80% Humidity
- \* 35" @ 1308 = County Hwy C Depth \* 37" @ 337 pm Gile Park
- 1614 = 69°F, overcast N 10 mph, 78% humidity

New = 111  
 Tr = 111  
 People 144 (111)

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 8/21/22 Time: 0700-1815  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: K. Jackson  
 Temperature: Weather: Wind Speed:  
 Reservoir Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															
Gile Park	7	16		6		2				3			1	4			
County C Landing	7	12			3								4				
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															
Town of Pence Landing	3	8	2		6												
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:  
 \*0700 = 53°F, Foggy to hazy, Calm, 100% Humidity  
 \*0900 = 64°F, Clear / sunny, calm, 80% Humidity  
 \*1126 = 72°F, Mostly sunny w/ clouds, 55% Humidity  
 \*1400 = 74°F, Sunny, 49% Humidity, N 6 mph

- Cty Hwy C = 28" Depth @ 1412
- \*1619 = 74°F, Clear, NW 7 mph @ 46% Humidity
- Gile Park = 34" Depth @ 1652

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 8/31/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M. Sween  
 Temperature: 57 Weather: Clear and Sunny Wind Speed: WSW 7-11  
 Reservoir Elevation: 2ft 9in @ Gile Park @ 0704; 2ft 3in @ CTHC @ 1135

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														
Gile Park	0	0														
County C Landing	0	0														
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														
Town of Pence Landing	1	1			P											
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

-People working at Gile Dam but not recreating. At 1000 67F, ~~WNW~~ WNW 8mph, Cloudy  
 At 1423 72F, wind WNW 9-17mph, Sunny  
 At 1600 75, WNW 13mph, Sunny

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 9/4/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M. Renick  
 Temperature: 39°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: 1 mph W

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															1108
Gile Park	3	3			P												0908
County C Landing	4	5			P												0700
Sucker Hole Landing	3	3			P												1328
Town of Pence Landing	2	2			P												1720
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:

County Rd C: 3 Boat trailers, 1 car. Water level = 661cm; 1 Boat observed in Bay w/ 2 people.  
 Gile Park: 3 Trucks w/ Boat trailers. Ramp still damp, could have launched fairly recently. Water Depth = 81cm  
 Sucker hole: 1 truck w/ Boat trailers  
 Pence: 2 Trucks w/ Boat trailers

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 9/6/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project: P-15055:000  
 Survey Person: m Remick  
 Temperature: 45°F Weather: Sunny / Fog Wind Speed: NNW 2mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: -  
 Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1324
Gile Park	9	12			P					S						1124
County C Landing	2	2			P											0914
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														1538
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														0700
Island Number																

Additional Comments:  
 County C: 2 Trucks w/ Boat trailers. Water depth = 63cm  
 Gile Park: 5 Trucks w/ Boat trailers. Water depth = 78cm  
 1215 @ Gile Park talked w/ 2 guys working for xcel on wa profiling on the drawing.  
 1324 Gile Dam: Xcel Personnel working inside dam, 2 Trucks on road to screen house.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 9/10/22 Time: 0700 - 630pm  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: K. Jackson  
 Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Wind Speed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities										Notes				
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating		Power Boating	Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	1	2		P													
Gile Park	12	24			P										S	Playground	
County C Landing	3	4		S	P												
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															
Town of Pence Landing	1	2			P												
Island Number																	

\*Gile Park → End of Dock = 36"  
 → End of Boat ramp = 41.5"  
 (measured @ Left/West side of pier)

Additional Comments:

\* 0730 = 53°F, calm, overcast 98% humidity  
 \* 0938 = 56°F, calm swimph, overcast 97% humidity  
 \* 1158 = 59°F, calm, overcast w 3 mph, 88% humidity  
 \* 1405 = 61°F, Partly cloudy, wnw 4 mph, 78% humidity  
 \* 1601 = 62°F, NW 3 mph, 73% humidity, Partly cloudy

Depth measurements  
 - Sucker Hole - Depth @ end of landing = 0 ft.  
 - End of ramp 56.3" from water's edge  
 - Pence Landing - Depth @ end of landing = 30" (North corner of ramp)  
 - Cty. Hwy C - Depth off pier = 23"  
 - Depth @ end of ramp = 29.5"  
 (measured @ end of ramp on Right side of pier - large drop off @ edge of ramp end)

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 9/25/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M Renick  
 Temperature: 78°F Weather: overcast Wind Speed: WSW 3 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															0700
Gile Park	0	0															1548
County C Landing	0	0															1340
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															0914
Town of Pence Landing	0	0															1118
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:

0845: Light rain start  
 0937: Heavy Rain  
 County Rd C. Water depth = 43cm increased wind WNW 11mph  
 en route to Gile Park, lightning + very heavy rain occurred. Then stopped after arrival @ Gile Park  
 ↳ water depth = 80cm  
 1632 Heavy storm rolled in. lightning, thunder + heavy rain continuous. Rain until end of shift.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 9/27/2022 Time: 0700  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: m Renik  
 Temperature: 39°F Weather: Rain Wind Speed: NNW 9mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam	0	0															0900
Gile Park	0	0															0700
County C Landing	1	1			P												1545
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0															1123
Town of Pence Landing	0	0															1329
Island Number																	

Additional Comments:  
 Gile Park: rain started en route to Gile Park. water depth = 80cm  
 Rain continued on a off all morning. stopped early afternoon  
 County Rd C. water depth = 42cm

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 10/2/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M Rennie

Temperature: 45°F Weather: OVERCAST Wind Speed: 5 3mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1108
Gile Park	2	3			P											0908
County C Landing	0	0														0700
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														1326
Town of Pence Landing	1	1														1531
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

County Rd C. Water depth = 38cm

Gile Park: 2 Trucks w/ Boat trailers water depth = 76cm

Town of Pence: 1 truck in parking lot looked everywhere, could not find the person. Could be out camping on island? WI license plate.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 10/8/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: M Kenik

Temperature: 32°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SW 9mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	0	0														1332
Gile Park	4	5			P											1132
County C Landing	1	2			P											0916
Sucker Hole Landing	0	0														1548
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														0700
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

Town Pence: Temp 32°F, Feels like 26°F

County Rd C: Water depth = 39cm increasing cloud cover & wind 12mph

Gile Park: Water depth = 74cm 3 Trucks w/ Boat trailers. Boat in Bay w/ 2 people. Increased wind speeds WSW 16mph

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 10/18/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temperature: 28°F Weather: Overcast Wind Speed: NW 11 mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	P	P														1535
Gile Park	P	P														1335
County C Landing	P	P														1121
Sucker Hole Landing	P	P														0700
Town of Pence Landing	1	1			P											0904
Island Number																

Additional Comments:  
 ~ 2-3in snow on ground Pence + Sucker hole lots <sup>and ramps</sup> NOT plowed.  
 Pence: 1 truck w/boat trailer. 2-3in snow on ramp that was pushed through to get in to water.  
 County C: Dock pulled, could not get water depth. Parking lot not plowed.  
 Gile Park: parking lot not plowed. Dock still in. water depth: 70cm

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 10/20/2022 Time: 0700

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: m Benik  
 Temperature: 30°F Weather: Clear Wind Speed: W 4mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use "and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations?

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam	10	8														0700
Gile Park	6	8			P											1543
County C Landing	0	0														1335
Sucker Hole Landing	0	4														0915
Town of Pence Landing	0	0														1119
Island Number																

Additional Comments:

Gile Park: water depth = 67cm  
 ↳ 5 trucks w/ boat trailers

**Appendix 5**  
**Recreation User Interview Raw Datasheets**

ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW

1/23/2022 1010

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	49938
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M. Sneed
<b>Date:</b>	1/23/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1010

RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1010 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/23/2022

Departure Time: 1700 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Ice fishing   |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Ice fishing

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Ice fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Ramp on C narrow. Metal pipe or rebar pops trailer tires

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	3	-	-	-	-
Boat fishing	-	-	-	4	-
Pleasure boating	-	-	-	-	-

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	3				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	4				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Ice fishing - low level this year made deep hole where we puts shanty much shallower (usually 20ft now 12ft). Had to move shanty further away from Gile Park

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Likes limits on pan fish + Crappie. would like a different slot limit on walleye because a lot of small walleye.  
The CTHC ramp is very narrow such that most trailers only have six inches on either side before the trailer goes off and there is a metal pipe or rebar that pops trailer tires just off ramp.  
Uses the CTHC ramp in summer because no fees + Gile Ramp in winter because of proximity to good fishing  
**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW

1/23/22 1409

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	M. Sween
Date:	1/23/2022
Time:	1409

RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1409 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/23/2022

Departure Time: 1730 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Other (please list below)
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Ice Fishing   |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Camping on islands</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Ice fishing*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	3	3	3	3	3
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	5
Pleasure boating	3	NA	NA	3	5

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	4	NA	NA	NA	5
Swimming	NA	NA	NA	NA	5
Sight-seeing	3	3	3	3	5
Hunting	NA	3	NA	3	3
Rafting/Tubing	NA	NA	NA	NA	5
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Ice Fishing  
 Low water, good fishing spots aren't good, harder to catch.

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Has one of the permanent sheds on the ice

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1/23/22 1700

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M. Sweeney
Date:	1/23/2022
Time:	1700

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/23/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1645 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/23/2022  
 Departure Time: 1730 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Flying Drone</i>   |



1/23/22 1700

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Drone

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Flying a drone

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as “unacceptable” or “totally unacceptable”, please indicate what could be done to improve the category to “acceptable.” (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				3	
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating				3	

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other (Drone)				4	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Flying Drone

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Love the resource. Like taking kayak out on the water and bank fishing. Just received drone and wanted to fly it in a couple locations

**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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### ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54525
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M. Sween
<b>Date:</b>	1/24/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1620

### RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/24/2022  
Arrive Time: 1550 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/24/2022  
Departure Time: 1620 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Walk dogs   |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Dog walking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	3				
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5			4	

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Personal watercraft	5			4	
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	4				
Sight-seeing	5			3	
Hunting	-				
Rafting/Tubing	-				
Wildlife viewing	4			3	
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Dog walking

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Walk their dogs at Gile Park everyday

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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### ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54525
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M. Sween
<b>Date:</b>	1/24/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1630

### RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/24/2022

Arrive Time: 1550 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/24/2022

Departure Time: 1622 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

<1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>walk dog</i>   |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Walk dog

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Walk dog

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	4				
Boat fishing	4				
Pleasure boating	5			3	

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Personal watercraft	5			3	
Picnicking	5				
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5			3	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5			5	
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Walking dog

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Lived here entire life, walks dog every day through  
Park, on ice or along lake

**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	M. Rennie
Date:	1/28/2022
Time:	1500

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/28/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1200 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/28/2022  
 Departure Time: 1500 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

21 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

4-11 Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Ice fishing   |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Ice fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as “unacceptable” or “totally unacceptable”, please indicate what could be done to improve the category to “acceptable.” (Please write answer below)

Trash can Addition to Areas

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Pleasure boating	5	5	5	5	5

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Personal watercraft	5	5	5	5	5
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5	5	5	5	5

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	(2)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: ICE Fishing - Deep water & Fish harder to find.

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54534
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M. Snoon
<b>Date:</b>	1/29/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1240

### RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/29/22

Arrive Time: 1222 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/29/22

Departure Time: 1250 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1.5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____  |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  
 Motel/Hotel  Other (please list below)  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Dog walking   |

Opening weekend



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Dog walking +

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Dog walking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	5	4	3	5	5
Pleasure boating	5	—	—	—	—

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	4				5
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	4	4	4	4	4
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing			4	4	
Other Dog Walking	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: The current low water will freeze out the macrophytes, which will negatively impact Bluegill & other fish success, which will negatively impact Spiney water flea control (he says Bluegill stocked for control),

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

- Doesn't appreciate the launch fee at Gile Park.
- Says island use is probably highest opening weekend of fishing season

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	3
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54525
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M. Sreen
<b>Date:</b>	1/29/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1315

RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 1/29/2022

Arrive Time: 1245 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 1/29/2022

Departure Time: 1320 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

< 1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____  |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 | Dog walking   |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Dog walking</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Dog walking*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Crowding	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	<i>3</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
Boat fishing	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>4</i>
Pleasure boating	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>5</i>

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	4				
Sight-seeing	4				4
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other <i>Dogwalk</i>	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54963
Interviewer:	Toshia Atbacki
Date:	5/8/2022
Time:	0800

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5/8/2022

Arrive Time: 5:30 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5/8/2022

Departure Time: 8:25 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

22.5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing			5		
Pleasure boating			5		

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Personal watercraft			5		
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would love a dock.

Said water levels were higher

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	me
Date:	5/8/2022
Time:	1240

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive Time: 2 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Time: 12:40 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity boat fish

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				4	
Boat fishing				4-5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft						
Picnicking						
Swimming						5
Sight-seeing						
Hunting						
Rafting/Tubing						
Wildlife viewing						
Other						

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

no comments

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	5
Home Zip Code:	79938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbacke
Date:	May 8 2022
Time:	1:10 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 8 2022

Arrive Time: 1:10 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Time: didn't say am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

X

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				YES	
Boat fishing				YES	
Pleasure boating				YES	

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Personal watercraft				NO	
Picnicking				YES	
Swimming				YES	
Sight-seeing				YES	
Hunting				NO	
Rafting/Tubing				NO	
Wildlife viewing				YES	
Other				—	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: N/A

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(Large handwritten X mark over the response area)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	79938
Interviewer:	Tasha Albrecht
Date:	May 8 2022
Time:	1:25

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 8 2022  
 Arrive Time: 1:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May 8 2022  
 Departure Time: 2:15 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4-6 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Wild Life Viewing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				—	
Boat fishing				—	
Pleasure boating				—	

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Personal watercraft				1	
Picnicking				1	
Swimming				1	
Sight-seeing				5	
Hunting				1	
Rafting/Tubing				1	
Wildlife viewing				5	
Other				1	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: N/A

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like to see Trash cans  
 would like to see black top Redone

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54401
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbeckle
Date:	May 8 2022
Time:	3:21

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 8 2022  
 Arrive Time: 3:20 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May 8 2022  
 Departure Time: 4:30 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

300 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	—				
Boat fishing	—				
Pleasure boating	—				

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Personal watercraft	—				
Picnicking	—				
Swimming	—				
Sight-seeing	Yes				
Hunting	—				
Rafting/Tubing	—				
Wildlife viewing	Yes				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

none

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	May 8
Time:	3:41

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 8 - 2022  
 Arrive Time: 3:41 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May - 8 - 2022  
 Departure Time: 4:10+ am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

Less than 1 mile  
 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Tie off fishing and sight seeing.  
He couldn't chase

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating	5			5	

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Personal watercraft	5			5	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Last autumn water drop 2ft that was a problem.

He said He thought the Areas of gile park and country c were great & all the way mines hunting and tubing or Rafting

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>Gile Park</del>
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> <del>Island</del> <u>Dam</u>

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	3
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54534
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Arbuckle
<b>Date:</b>	May 8 2022
<b>Time:</b>	4:12

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 8 2022

Arrive Time: 4 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May 8 2022

Departure Time: 4 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

0 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5			NA	
Swimming	3				
Sight-seeing	5			5	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	4			5	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like garbage cans in area

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island Dam

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	56484
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Atbuckle
<b>Date:</b>	May-8-2022
<b>Time:</b>	4:20

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May-8-2022  
 Arrive Time: 4:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May-8-2022  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	X	X	X	X
Boat fishing	X	X	X	X	X
Pleasure boating	X	X	X	X	X

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Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting	5				
Rafting/Tubing	5				
Wildlife viewing	5				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: N/A

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island <i>dam</i>

Total Number in Group:	<i>3</i>
Home Zip Code:	<i>79998</i>
Interviewer:	<i>Josha Albacko</i>
Date:	<i>May 8 - 2022</i>
Time:	<i>4:54</i>

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: *May 8 - 2022*  
 Arrive Time: *4:54* am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: *May 8 - 2022*  
 Departure Time: *6 pm* am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

*10* miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	3	?
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	
Pleasure boating	<hr/>				

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Personal watercraft	X	X	X	X	X
Picnicking	yes	5	5	5	X
Swimming	5	5	5	5	
Sight-seeing	5	—————→			
Hunting	X	X	X	X	
Rafting/Tubing	5	—————→			
Wildlife viewing	5	—————→			
Other	X	X	X	X	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: problems related to a low water

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>Island</del> dam

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Albackle
Date:	May-11-2022
Time:	8:18 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 8:18 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 10: Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
 (Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
 (Check all that apply)

- Gile Park *Gile Dam*  
 Reservoir Island (Identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
 (Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
 (Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
 (Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project - FERC No. 15055  
 Montreal River - Iron County, Wisconsin  
 Recreation Site Survey Questionnaire

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Gile Dam

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					5
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project - FERC No. 15055  
Montreal River - Iron County, Wisconsin  
Recreation Site Survey Questionnaire

Gile Dam

Personal watercraft							
Picnicking							
Swimming							
Sight-seeing							5
Hunting							
Rafting/Tubing							
Wildlife viewing							5
Other							

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like to see  
electric fence to keep fish  
up stream while draining.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54495
Interviewer:	Joshua Atbueckle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	9:47

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9:47 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 7:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

15 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?  
 Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  
 Motel/Hotel  Other (please list below)  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5		
Boat fishing			5		
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing			3		
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing			2		
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: N/A

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

is worried about invasive species.  
want signpage Re Ratted.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54165
Interviewer:	Jasha Abbuckle
Date:	May - 11 - 2022
Time:	10:10

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May - 11 - 2022

Arrive Time: 10:05 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May - 11 - 2022

Departure Time: 10:17 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

less than 1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing       | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes     No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			3		
Boat fishing			4		
Pleasure boating			5		

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Sucker hole

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking			3		
Swimming			2		
Sight-seeing			5		
Hunting			2		
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing			5		
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: N/A

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

nothing

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	55802
Interviewer:	Joskeca Arbacke
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	1:04 PM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022

Arrive Time: 8 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022

Departure Time: 1:04 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

Gile Park

*camp park*

Reservoir Island (identify Island location on map)

Town of Pence Landing

Other (please list below)

Sucker Hole Landing

None of the above

County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

RV/Auto/Tent Campground

Motel/Hotel

Other (please list below)

Bed and Breakfast

Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

Individual

Adult group (over 21)

Youth group (under 21)

Family (with children)

Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	(4)	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	(3)	2	1
Overall Experience	5	(4)	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	(3)	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Pleasure boating	5	5	5	5	5

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Personal watercraft	5	5	5	5	5	dam
Picnicking	5	5	5	5	5	
Swimming	5	5	5	5	5	
Sight-seeing	5	5	5	5	5	
Hunting	5	5	5	5	5	
Rafting/Tubing	5	5	5	5	5	
Wildlife viewing	5	5	5	5	5	
Other						

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

wants Dock at town of pence Landing and is sure he would "Love it"

Say water being low causes allot of problems

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	3:15 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 3:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 8 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
 (Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
 (Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
 (Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
 (Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
 (Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
(Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
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Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
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Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like bathrooms  
would like the ramp into the lake wider

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	3:20 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrive Time: 3:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departure Time: 5:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
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- Vacation or Rental Home

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- Youth group (under 21)
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- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating	5			5	

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5			5	
Swimming	4			4	
Sight-seeing	5			5	
Hunting	4			1	
Rafting/Tubing	5			5	
Wildlife viewing	5			5	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

wants porta potty  
 wants wider Ramp for boats  
 wants better dock

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	4:00 PM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 3:47 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 6:00 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
(Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Ramp is in Dike need of "Replacement"

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating				4	

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing				5	
Hunting				2	
Rafting/Tubing				4	
Wildlife viewing				4	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Reminded me again Boat Ramp "sucks"

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	5:00 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022

Arrive Time: 1:00 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022

Departure Time: 5:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

20 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Pleasure Boating

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	3				

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	3				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	3				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

none

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	60021
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	5:10 pm

RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022

Arrive Time: 1 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022

Departure Time: 5:10 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

6 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?  
 Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	5		5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5	5		5	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5			4	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

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Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

none

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	7
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Abmaale
Date:	May-11-2022
Time:	5:50 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 5:45 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 6:15 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  *all*

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
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- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
(Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Boat fishing	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Pleasure boating	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking				0	
Swimming	X				
Sight-seeing				4	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing				3	
Wildlife viewing				5	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

bathrooms are closed.  
 Life water Lower for Hiking  
 wants to see dog waste bag stations

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island dam

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Tasha Arbacko
Date:	May 11 2022
Time:	6:30 PM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: May 11 - 2022  
 Arrive Time: 6:30 PM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: May 11 - 2022  
 Departure Time: 7:30 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity personal watercraft

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

NA

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft	5	4	4	4	<del>5</del>
Picnicking	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Swimming	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Sight-seeing	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Hunting	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Rafting/Tubing	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Wildlife viewing	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>
Other	<del>5</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

happy as is.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island dam

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Albuckle
Date:	5-11-2022
Time:	6:35 PM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-11-2022  
 Arrive Time: 6:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-11-2022  
 Departure Time: 7:30 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
(Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Personal watercraft

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5				

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Personal watercraft	4				
Picnicking	3				
Swimming	2				
Sight-seeing	3				
Hunting	1				
Rafting/Tubing	2				
Wildlife viewing	4				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

none

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Joshua Albackle
Date:	5-20-2022
Time:	12:05

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-2022

Arrive Time: 12 noon am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-2022

Departure Time: 12:10 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  *All*

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Personal watercraft

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft		5	5		
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing		5	5		
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like partapatty  
 when the water level is too low  
 its difficult to boat in

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54534
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Arbuckle
<b>Date:</b>	5-20-22
<b>Time:</b>	1:10 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-22  
 Arrive Time: 1:05 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-22  
 Departure Time: 1:15 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

7 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	4	5	3	X	X
Boat fishing				X	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	4	4	4		
Sight-seeing	3	4	3		
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	2	3	3		
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54455
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-20-2022
Time:	4:09 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-2022

Arrive Time: 11:00 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-2022

Departure Time: 4:15 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

9.5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Ramp IN is Too narrow

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

fix your Dock PLEASE and Ramp

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54610
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-20-20
Time:	4:15 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-22  
 Arrive Time: 4:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-22  
 Departure Time: 8 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting	3	X	X	X	X
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	59081
Interviewer:	Joshua Albuakle
Date:	5-20-2022
Time:	4:30 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-2022  
 Arrive Time: 11:30 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-2022  
 Departure Time: 4:30 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

20 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing			3	4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

needs garbage cans

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54452
Interviewer:	Joshua Albuckle
Date:	5-20-22
Time:	4:38 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-22  
 Arrive Time: 3 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-22  
 Departure Time: 7 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	(4)	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	(5)	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	(4)	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	(5)	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5	5	5	5	5
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	4	3	4	4	4
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuttle
Date:	5-20-2022
Time:	5:08

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-20-2022

Arrive Time: 7:00 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-20-2022

Departure Time: 5:30 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  A//

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Boat Ramp need repair and water is to high

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				3	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

new Ramp  
 new Deck  
 solar Lights for after dark  
 garbage cans

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-21-22
Time:	8:10 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 8:05 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 3 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing				H	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	60430
Interviewer:	Joshua Albuquerque
Date:	5-21-22
Time:	9:20 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9:15 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-2022  
 Departure Time: 6 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

32 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: Boat Ramp is not steep enough

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54525
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Albackle
<b>Date:</b>	5-21-22
<b>Time:</b>	9:25

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22

Arrive Time: 9:10 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22

Departure Time: 9:40 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

7 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	44438
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Arbuckle
<b>Date:</b>	5-21-22
<b>Time:</b>	9:43 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 7:30 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 9:50 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

6 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	X
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	5
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54557
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Arbakle
<b>Date:</b>	5-21-22
<b>Time:</b>	10:05

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 10:01 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

25 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like a deeper Ramp.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua
Date:	5-21-22
Time:	10:32

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10: AM 5-21-22

Arrive Time: 10:00 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22

Departure Time: 11 AM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

X

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

no complaint besides the park  
 need cleaning.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54547
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Arbackle
<b>Date:</b>	5-21-22
<b>Time:</b>	10:41 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 10:40 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 1:30 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

22 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would use county c if the dock was safe, sug Replacing it with 1 long dock and Ramp.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island <u>dam</u>

Total Number in Group:	<u>1</u>
Home Zip Code:	<u>54525</u>
Interviewer:	<u>Joshua Arbutke</u>
Date:	<u>5-21-22</u>
Time:	<u>10:15</u>

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 12:10 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 2 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above
- County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel  Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	4				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: canoe IN

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-21-22
Time:	1:45

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 1:45 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 1:58 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

70 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

~~Yes~~  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Other (please list below)
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5		
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	4
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	59921
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Jashaa Arbackle
<b>Date:</b>	5-21-22
<b>Time:</b>	4:45 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-21-22  
 Arrive Time: 9:45 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-21-22  
 Departure Time: 9:45 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

20 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	3	3	5	5	4
Boat fishing	4	4	5	5	4
Pleasure boating	5	5	5	5	

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Personal watercraft	4	4	4	4	7
Picnicking	5	5	5	5	5
Swimming	5	X	X	X	5
Sight-seeing	5	5	5	5	5
Hunting	X	4	4	4	X
Rafting/Tubing	4	X	X	4	X
Wildlife viewing	5	5	5	5	X
Other	X	X	7	X	X

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: would like the sunken islands to be mapped

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54911
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackie
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	8:40 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 8:35 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 9:00 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
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10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		5			
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	53115
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	9:40 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9:40 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 9:40 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

95 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | kayaking  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	kayaking

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity kayaking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				5	
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other <i>Kayaking</i>				5	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*wants Rest Rooms*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	9:45 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022

Arrive Time: 9:38 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022

Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

great park

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	60481
Interviewer:	Joshua Afborkle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	9:54 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9:50 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 10:00 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	canoe

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				1	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting				4	
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like obstructions in the Lake mapped,

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54918
Interviewer:	Joshua Atbacke
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	10:54 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 10:54 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 10:54 AM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

- Jan
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		2	2	2	
Boat fishing		4	4	4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

N/A

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	11:31 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 11:30 AM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	1	3	3	3	4
Boat fishing	3	3	3	3	2
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting	X	3	3	3	
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Keep the water level High.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	81082
Interviewer:	Joshua Albrockle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	12:00 noon

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 11 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 1:30 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

47 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

- Jan
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)  
friends house

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	3:50 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 3:30 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 7 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

15 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		4	5		
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Atbackle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	4:10 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 4:00 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 5:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

17 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			4		
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	5-29-2022
Time:	4:45 PM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 5-29-2022  
 Arrive Time: 4:00 PM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 5-29-2022  
 Departure Time: 8:00 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

22 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		5			
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Albackle
Date:	6-4-22
Time:	7:15 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-22  
 Arrive Time: 7:15 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-22  
 Departure Time: 8:00 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- Bank fishing
- Boat fishing
- Pleasure boating
- Personal watercraft
- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Sight-seeing
- Hunting
- Rafting/Tubing
- Wildlife viewing
- Other (please describe below)



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	4	3		5
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	3	X	3	4	X
Swimming	4	X	X	4	X
Sight-seeing	4	4	4	4	4
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	4	2	3	4	5
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Repair Truck made trenches near the Ramp.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Abuckle
Date:	06-04-2022
Time:	12:02

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 06-04-2022  
 Arrive Time: 9:30 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 06-04-2022  
 Departure Time: 5:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *down*  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	(4)	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	(5)	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	(4)	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	(4)	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

wants bathrooms, Replace Ramp in for boats;  
 dock is too narrow and rocks on left side of  
 Ramp are dangerous to new boaters.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	06-04-2022
Time:	12:21 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 06-04-22  
Arrive Time: 7: AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 06-04-22  
Departure Time: 12:30 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
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 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Parking Lot needs Resurfacing, Dock need Recentering  
~~Loft~~ need moping, bathrooms a must, garbage everywhere.

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: Rocks on left side of dock less of but still a problem.

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Resurface Lot, Replace and Recenter Ramp,  
add bathroom and garbages

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbeckle
Date:	06-04-22
Time:	1:07 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 06-04-22

Arrive Time: 7 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 06-04-22

Departure Time: 1 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

30 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

under water rocks near Ramp need removal.

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: thinks under water mapping and buays are needed

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

add bathrooms and Replace dock.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	6-4-22
Time:	2:10 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-22  
 Arrive Time: 2:06 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-22  
 Departure Time: 3 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 | <i>kayak</i>  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Sight-seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					5
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Refill bathrooms toiletries more often.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Jashaa Abbackle
Date:	6-4-22
Time:	2:15 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-22  
 Arrive Time: 12:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-22  
 Departure Time: 2:30 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island <sup>dam</sup> (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Other (please list below)
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	12
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Jashaa Arbackle
Date:	6-4-22
Time:	2:18 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-22  
 Arrive Time: 7 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-22  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

100 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Wake  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	WAKE

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity WAKE

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	Joshua Arkhade
Date:	06-04-2022
Time:	2:28 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-2022  
 Arrive Time: 2 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-2022  
 Departure Time: 7 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

20 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- Bank fishing
- Boat fishing
- Pleasure boating
- Personal watercraft
- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Sight-seeing
- Hunting
- Rafting/Tubing
- Wildlife viewing
- Other (please describe below)

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated? (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				5
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

would like fishing pier.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	06-04-2022
Time:	3 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-2022

Arrive Time: 8 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-2022

Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (Identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft						
Picnicking						
Swimming	5					
Sight-seeing						
Hunting						
Rafting/Tubing						
Wildlife viewing						
Other						

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island Dam

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Jashua Atbackle
Date:	6-4-22
Time:	5:02 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-4-22  
 Arrive Time: 4:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-4-22  
 Departure Time: 8 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *down*
- Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel  Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- Bank fishing  Picnicking  Rafting/Tubing
- Boat fishing  Swimming  Wildlife viewing
- Pleasure boating  Sight-seeing  Other (please describe below)
- Personal watercraft  Hunting

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated? (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

X

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				5
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	4				X
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island <u>dam</u>

Total Number in Group:	<u>3</u>
Home Zip Code:	<u>59959</u>
Interviewer:	<u>Joshua Atbuckle</u>
Date:	<u>6-7-22</u>
Time:	<u>7:05 Am</u>

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-7-22  
Arrive Time: 6 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-7-22  
Departure Time: 9 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated? (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					4
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Jashna Arbutke
Date:	6-7-2022
Time:	4:07 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-7-22  
 Arrive Time: 4:00 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-7-22  
 Departure Time: 7:00 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					4
Picnicking	4				5
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(A large handwritten 'X' is drawn over the response area.)*

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Sasha Arbackle
Date:	6-7-2022
Time:	4:10 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-7-22  
 Arrive Time: 5:15 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-7-22  
 Departure Time: 7:30 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity sight seeing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(Large handwritten X)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	

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**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 4:30 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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N/A

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *dam*
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	X	5	5	5	4
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	44438
Interviewer:	Joshua Albackle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	

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**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 8:40 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 2 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

6 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
 (Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
 (Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
 (Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
 (Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
 (Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

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Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

new Landing and Ramp at County JC  
 with 1 longer dock on the left of the Ramp

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<b>Interview Location</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54455
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Joshua Abbackle
<b>Date:</b>	6-18-22
<b>Time:</b>	8:58 AM

### RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
Arrive Time: 8:58 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
Departure Time: 6 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	4				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Ramp should be steeper at gile park.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Joshua Ahbackle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	3:06 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 2:50 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 3:09 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *down*
- Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above
- County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel  Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing.

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	X	4	X	5	4
Boat fishing	X	X	X		X
Pleasure boating	X	X	X		X

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Personal watercraft	5	4	X	4	4
Picnicking	4	X	X	X	X
Swimming	X	X	X	X	X
Sight-seeing	4	4	4	5	X
Hunting	X	X	X	4	X
Rafting/Tubing	X	X	X	X	X
Wildlife viewing	X	4	X	5	X
Other					X

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: X

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

the Ramp at county c needs to be expanded wider,  
 garbage cans would be welcomed.  
 A Dock would be cool at pence.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54806
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackte
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:28 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 9 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 4:50pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

48 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent/Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>surveyer</i>   |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Set veyel

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

dock is cracked, replace pavement.

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

needs bathroom at County C.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54141
Interviewer:	Josh
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:38 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
Arrive Time: 5 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
Departure Time: 4:45 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

120 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated? (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54925
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:50 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 7 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 4:50pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home            | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			H	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

fix the dock at highway C.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49388
Interviewer:	Joshua A. Backe
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:50 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22

Arrive Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22

Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

250 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54206
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:52 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 9:30 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

250 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

- Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Fill pot holes PLEASE.  
 bayee big Rock at Low water level  
 so at high level they are marked.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54206
Interviewer:	Tasha Arbuckle
Date:	6-18-22
Time:	4:52 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-18-22  
 Arrive Time: 9:30 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-18-22  
 Departure Time: 5 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

250 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	(5)	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	(5)	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	(3)	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	(1)

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Ramp is terrible

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Fill pot holes  
 map and buoy large rocks alongside the Ramp

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49911
Interviewer:	Joshua
Date:	6-27-22
Time:	5:15 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6-27-22  
 Arrive Time: 5:10 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 6-27-22  
 Departure Time: 10 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

7 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

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6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	5	5	5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

no comments

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	7-2-22
Time:	9:20 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-2-22  
 Arrive Time: 9 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7-2-22  
 Departure Time: 1 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			3	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	④	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Closing the dykes make it impossible  
 for the handicapped to fish the shore.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	7-2-22
Time:	10:50

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-2-22  
 Arrive Time: 10:45 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7-2-22  
 Departure Time: 11:15 Am am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  All

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____  |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	X				2
Boat fishing	3	3	3	3	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	4	4	4	4	4
Hunting	X	2	2	X	X
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	1	1	1	1	1
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	9
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbackle
Date:	7-2-22
Time:	11:45 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-2-22

Arrive Time: 11 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7-2-22

Departure Time: 12:15 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Bath room never has Toilet paper

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	X
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft	4	X	X	4	X
Picnicking	3				
Swimming	3				
Sight-seeing	4				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing	5	X	5	5	X
Wildlife viewing	2	X	X	2	2
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Pop machine eats money at gile park  
 Park needs teeter totter.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54876
Interviewer:	Joshua Akbuckle
Date:	7-2-22
Time:	11:50 AM

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-2-22  
 Arrive Time: 10 AM am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7-9-22  
 Departure Time: 2 PM am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

90 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) *Dam*  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

dock is too shallow.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	53051
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	7-7-2022
Time:	8:18 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-6-2022

Arrive Time: 3 pm am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: ~~7-7-2022~~ 7-8-22

Departure Time: 2 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing       | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	4		4		
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	3				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: Water level make it hard when High

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

great parks and landings

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	Joshua Arbuckle
Date:	7-7-22
Time:	11:52 Am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7-7-22  
 Arrive Time: 8 Am am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7-7-22  
 Departure Time: 6 pm am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*(This section contains a large handwritten 'X' over the response lines.)*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1200

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 10:00 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1200 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~8 miles

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1200

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity     Kayaking    

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
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- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5	5		5	

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Had been to all ramps except Sucker Hole. Unsure how to get to

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	m Renik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1215

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1208 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: ~ 1-2 hrs am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~ 8 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5		5	
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5				

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Mentioned associates whom own boat rental facility, low water had/has impacted his ability/willingness to rent out his boats.  
 has utilized islands as picknicking for lunch while out boating.  
 During interview, caught a rock Bass.

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	5
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	Pence 54550
<b>Interviewer:</b>	m Renik
<b>Date:</b>	7/23/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1248

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1100 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: ~3-4 hrs am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~2-3 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

All Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5				

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Low water impacts fishing experiences, launching boats, needing to be more cognizant of stumps, rocks, sandbars while driving around the flowage. Said this is his favorite in the area for recreating.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	53959
Interviewer:	m lenik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1355

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 6:30 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1355 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Only out 3-4 Times per year. Only use County Rd C to launch.  
 Mentioned that they feel the ramp needs to be fixed. Large rock  
 off the ramp should be removed/relocated. wider newer launch ramp would  
 greatly improve boat launch.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54534
<b>Interviewer:</b>	m Renik
<b>Date:</b>	7/23/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1418

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1030 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022  
 Departure Time: 1414 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children) *Father & son*  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	↳ ICE Fishing

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				5	
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

mentioned that the ramp could be moved/adjusted as water levels fluctuate. Said looked like someone may have hit the dock since they were here last.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	49938
<b>Interviewer:</b>	m Renik
<b>Date:</b>	7/23/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1512

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1300 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022  
 Departure Time: 1508 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Pleasure Boating / some fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Boat ramp needs work as well as new dock. additional comments in ? 15

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating				5	

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Dock <sup>Ramp</sup> condition is an issue mainly for Lg Boats. Told me they saw a woman w/ a pontoon struggling to launch her boat.  
 Think new, wider ramps would be beneficial for this launch.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	m Renik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1615

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1400 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1610 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Kayaking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5			5	

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Personal watercraft	5			5	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	7
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	m Renik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1638

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1030 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1635 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Pleasure Boating (Pontoon)

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5				

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Dock is low to the water, waves rolling over make it slippery

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	m Benik
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	1656

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1215 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/29/2022  
 Departure Time: 1655 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Could recall County Rd C Ramp being more narrow than Gile Park which is why they use gile park more frequently

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	m Benik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1710

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1310 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1707 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing / Pleasure Boat

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

- Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:
- 5 - Totally Acceptable
  - 4 - Acceptable
  - 3 - Neutral
  - 2 - Unacceptable
  - 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5				



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	m Lemke
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1720

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1130 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1715 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	4	4	4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	m Renik
Date:	7/23/2022
Time:	1745

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/23/2022

Arrive Time: 1430 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/23/2022

Departure Time: 1742 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	5			
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Only reason 5 was not given was due to wave action + wind on launch.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54550 49938
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	0755

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 755 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: ~1300 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	ICE fish in winter months

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	(2)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	(3)	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	(3)	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Only use this ramp due to size of boat. Concrete apron helps.

While launching boat 1/2 of rear tires submerged to get boat floating.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	0840

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 0840 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: 2100 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

<1 miles lives right by the ramp

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

low water later in year has impact on safety boating around. Need to be more aware of which parts of reservoir traveled.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile <del>Dam</del> Dam
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54626 75109
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	0905

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 0830 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: 0945 (am/pm)

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?
(Select all that apply)

- Jan [ ] Feb [ ] Mar [ ] Apr [ ] May [ ] Jun [ ] Jul [x] Aug [ ] Sep [ ] Oct [ ] Nov [ ] Dec [ ]

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?
(Select all that apply)

- [x] Gile Park + Dam [ ] Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
[ ] Town of Pence Landing [ ] Other (please list below)
[ ] Sucker Hole Landing [ ] None of the above
[ ] County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- [x] Yes [ ] No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?
(Please select only one)

- [ ] RV/Auto/Tent Campground [x] Other (please list below)
[ ] Motel/Hotel [ ] Bed and Breakfast [ ] Vacation or Rental Home
Upsan Mountain Resort (didn't know name)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?
(Please select only one)

- [ ] Individual [x] Adult group (over 21)
[ ] Youth group (under 21) [ ] Family (with children)
[ ] Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?
(Please select all that apply)

- [x] Bank fishing [ ] Picnicking [ ] Rafting/Tubing
[ ] Boat fishing [ ] Swimming [ ] Wildlife viewing
[ ] Pleasure boating [ ] Sight-seeing [ ] Other (please describe below)
[ ] Personal watercraft [ ] Hunting



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile <del>Flowage</del> Jam	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

These guys were in the area for work. Had day off & decided to  
 went a line. Low water questions do not apply as this is their first time  
 in the area.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	1413

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 1413 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: 1450 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

↳ Kayaking

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	ICE Fishing

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Kayaking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		5			
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5	5	5	5	

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Personal watercraft	5	5	5	5	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

2 were bank fishing while the wife went kayaking

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54501
Interviewer:	M Henik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	1503

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 0930 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: 1500 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

         miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		5			
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	③	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	②	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	⑤	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Due to lower water could not fish normal spots. Driving around in the boat around the lake needed to be more cautious

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54443
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	7/24/2022
Time:	1659

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/24/2022

Arrive Time: 1120 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/24/2022

Departure Time: 1655 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

127 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Boat Ramp needs work, said there's a dip then goes up again.

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Low water questions N/A Due to 1st visit.  
 mentioned that dock could use work. Lots of fixtures are loose and need repair  
 Very happy with reservoir, said reminds him of Canada. Musky fishing today  
 but did not catch/see anything.  
 Was in the area for work.

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**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	M. Sneed
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	0707

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/29/2022  
 Arrive Time: 0600 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/29/2022  
 Departure Time: 0700 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

45 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				4	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

- Said water became too low in late Sept 2021 for  
 boat fishing  
 - Caught 8 walleye, lost the largest

**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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### ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M. Sreen
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	0735

### RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/22/2022

Arrive Time: 0645 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/22/2022

Departure Time: 0730 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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*Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!*

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**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54568
Interviewer:	M. Moore
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	0920

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/29/22

Arrive Time: 0920 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/29/22

Departure Time: ? am/pm *said about 4 hrs*

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

50 miles

*Woodruff*

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | <u>off dam</u>   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home |  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as “unacceptable” or “totally unacceptable”, please indicate what could be done to improve the category to “acceptable.” (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5	5		5	5
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				5
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5				5
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54115
Interviewer:	M. Soper
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	1039

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/29/22

Arrive Time: 1039 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/29/22

Departure Time: 1600 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

200 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Pleasure boating

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as “unacceptable” or “totally unacceptable”, please indicate what could be done to improve the category to “acceptable.” (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating	5				

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

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**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54942
Interviewer:	M. Soreen
Date:	7/29/2022
Time:	1715

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 7/29/2022

Arrive Time: 1445 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/29/2022

Departure Time: 1715 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

200 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	UTV, snow sled

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

2 docks, would pay fee

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				5	
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: Wish it had 2 docks, would be willing to pay

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	m lenic
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	0805

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 0530 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: 0804 (am/pm)

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing / wildlife viewing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

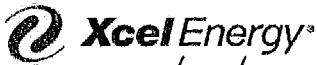
If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		4			
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing		4			
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

USES this Ramp due to County rd C being inconvenient at low water to launch boat

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	0927

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 0600 @am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: 0924 @am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

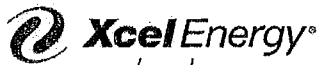
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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Had been surveyed before. If water levels are too low, use other ramps, mainly Pluce & Gile Park

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	5
Home Zip Code:	54825
Interviewer:	M Henik
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	1310

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1030 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: 1310 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

         miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
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- Youth group (under 21)
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- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Swimming

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	(5)	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	(5)	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	(5)	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	(4)	3	2	1

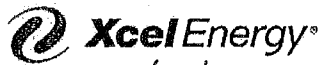
If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	M Renick
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	1325

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1115 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: 1325 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

21 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Kayaking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	7
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	MA
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	1550

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1530 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

*Still present when I left*

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5		
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	8/4/2022
Time:	1633

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1540 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/4/2022

Departure Time: 1630 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Pleasure Boating

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing			5		
Pleasure boating			5		



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Bought new boat, was able to test it out

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	56401 / 55362 / 55362
Interviewer:	KJ
Date:	8/20/22
Time:	1116

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 0830 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: ~ 1318 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~ 200 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		3			
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	KJ
Date:	8/20/22
Time:	1129

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 0900 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: 1130 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~15 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No N/A

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one) N/A

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Swimming

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	49938
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M Sween
<b>Date:</b>	8/20
<b>Time:</b>	1150

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20

Arrive Time: 0930 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20

Departure Time: 1150 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |
- Local*

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Take rock out

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		4		5	
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	53151
<b>Interviewer:</b>	KJ
<b>Date:</b>	8/20/22
<b>Time:</b>	1200

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22  
 Arrive Time: 1030 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22  
 Departure Time: 1200 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

531410 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____ Friends _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

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Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

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Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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- 5 - Totally Acceptable
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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5		
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	
Pleasure boating				5	



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	4	4	4	4	
Swimming	4				
Sight-seeing	5	5	5	5	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5	5	5	5	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	M Sauer
Date:	8/20/2022
Time:	1200

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/2022  
 Arrive Time: 10:30 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/2022  
 Departure Time: 1200 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <u>Local Residence</u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5		
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	
Pleasure boating	5	5		5	

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	4	4	4	4	
Swimming	4				
Sight-seeing	5	5	5	5	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5	5	5	5	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	53959
Interviewer:	KJ
Date:	8/20/22
Time:	1202

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 0800 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: 1202 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

15-20 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |
- Cabin*

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      | <i>Family - Grandfather, Father, adult daughter</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |   |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Landing could use repairs, narrow ramp

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming				5	
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Landing /ramp Could use repairs & is too narrow

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	1
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	49938
<b>Interviewer:</b>	KJ
<b>Date:</b>	8/20
<b>Time:</b>	1244

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 1246 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: ~1445 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~8 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity     Kayaking    

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		3	3	4	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft		3	3'	4	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

-Enjoys the resource  
 - New to area - would appreciate more  
 info. on reservoir ownership & Licensing  
 process

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	5
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54941
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M Sweeney
<b>Date:</b>	8/20/22
<b>Time:</b>	1245

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/2022

Arrive Time: 1240 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/2022

Departure Time: 1310 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Picnicking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Bathroom would be good

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking				5	
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	7
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	53703
<b>Interviewer:</b>	M Sweeney
<b>Date:</b>	8/20/22
<b>Time:</b>	1345

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/19/2022

Arrive Time: 1500 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/2022

Departure Time: 1200 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Picnicking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5				

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	4
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54525
<b>Interviewer:</b>	54 M. Sweeney
<b>Date:</b>	8/20
<b>Time:</b>	1416

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/2022

Arrive Time: 1130 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/2022

Departure Time: 1530 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)  
Resident

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	3
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	53714
<b>Interviewer:</b>	KJ
<b>Date:</b>	8/20/22
<b>Time:</b>	1420

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22  
 Arrive Time: 1420 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22  
 Departure Time: ~2000 am/pm 6 hrs

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel  
 Bed and Breakfast  
 Vacation or Rental Home Cabin

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* More signage to warn about <sup>low</sup> water level and exposed rocks for power boating

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	53 Hurley
Interviewer:	KJ
Date:	8/20/22
Time:	3:30pm (15:30)

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22  
 Arrive Time: 2:45 am/pm (pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22  
 Departure Time: 3:20 am/pm (pm)

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Bait casting  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bait casting

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5 Bait cast				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	3
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54304
<b>Interviewer:</b>	KJ
<b>Date:</b>	8/20/22
<b>Time:</b>	3:24 pm (1524)

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20

Arrive Time: 0700 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20

Departure Time: 330 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

250 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

low water

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Water level is low and need more signage for warning

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54401
Interviewer:	KJ
Date:	8/20/22
Time:	0341 pm (1541)

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 0341 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: 0800 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> -Island <u>Gile Dam</u>

Total Number in Group:	<u>1</u>
Home Zip Code:	<u>54525</u>
Interviewer:	<u>KJ</u>
Date:	<u>8/20/22</u>
Time:	<u>1700</u>

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22

Arrive Time: 1645 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22

Departure Time: 1700 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

41 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
  - Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
  - Town of Pence Landing
  - Other (please list below)
  - Sucker Hole Landing
  - None of the above
  - County Highway C Landing
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7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
  - Motel/Hotel
  - Other (please list below)
  - Bed and Breakfast
  - Vacation or Rental Home
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9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Dog walking</i>  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

Dog walking  
 Snowmobiling  
 Snow shoeing

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity           Dog walking          

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				→
Boat fishing	5	5	5	2	5
Pleasure boating	5				→

Ramp

Personal watercraft	5	5	5	5	
Picnicking	↓	↓	↓	↓	
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	↓	↓	↓	↓	
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island <u>Gile Dam</u>

Total Number in Group:	<u>1</u>
Home Zip Code:	<u>54525 Gile</u>
Interviewer:	<u>KJ</u>
Date:	<u>8/20/22</u>
Time:	<u>0530 pm (1730)</u>

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/20/22  
 Arrive Time: 0430 am/pm (pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/20/22  
 Departure Time: 0630 am/pm thru

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

41 miles thru

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
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- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		5			5
Boat fishing		5			5
Pleasure boating					

*Dam*



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming		5			5
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54536
Interviewer:	K. JACKSON
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1130 am

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 1130 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 1153 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____  |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 | ATV   |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity ATV'S

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft	5	5		2	5
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5	5		5	5
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Hwy C Landing - ramp is ending/difficult to launch  
 Jet skis

\* Launching jet skis @ Pence Landing used to  
 be difficult when water was low - appears launch  
 was augmented & extended to improve

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\* Flowage is rocky/exposed rock & islands make  
 it difficult

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54634
Interviewer:	K Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1255 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 1255 am/pm  pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 1310 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

<1 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

*Cabin*

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft <i>Kayaks, canoe</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing	5	2	2	5	
Pleasure boating					

*Narrow* (pointing to Sucker Hole Landing)  
*Narrow erosion* (pointing to Highway C Landing)

Personal watercraft	5	—————→			
Picnicking					
Swimming	5	—————→			
Sight-seeing	5	—————→			
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing	5	—————→			
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Parking @ Pence is a bit tight w/ mult. boat trailers

\* water levels make boating/rec. a bit difficult w/ exposed rock/islands BUT this keeps it to mainly local anglers/recreators

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1451

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 1450 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm ~2

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft <i>Kayak</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Kayak*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1
Overall Experience	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

*\* NO Kayak put in or restroom*

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	K Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1500

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 1500 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 1900 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

~~Jan~~  ~~Feb~~  ~~Mar~~  ~~Apr~~  ~~May~~  ~~Jun~~  ~~Jul~~  ~~Aug~~  ~~Sep~~  ~~Oct~~  ~~Nov~~  ~~Dec~~  

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\*sometimes ppl picnic on dock @ Hwy C ramp

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Pence Landing = improve ramp - wider

\* Low water levels @ Cty Hwy C in late summer / fall make it difficult for anglers / boaters to launch - especially for older ppl.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	49911
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	0316pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 0316 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Time: ~515 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing				5	
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming				5	
Sight-seeing				5	
Hunting				5	
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1857

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: ~1400 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 1857 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

4 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

*Kayak*



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft <i>Kayak</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>SNOWSHOE</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity           *Kayak*          

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Crowding	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>5</i>	

Personal watercraft	5	5		5	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5	5		5	
Other	2	5		5	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Boat wash station would be beneficial to prevent invasive sp.

\* Bathroom @ Gile Park - dirty

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	K Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	1620

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 0900 am/pm  pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: ~530 am/pm  pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

41 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  →

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft <i>Kayak</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Swimming

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft	4			4	
Picnicking					
Swimming	4			4	
Sight-seeing	4			4	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* A dog waste station (w/ bags) would be an improvement

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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	6
Home Zip Code:	49911
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	0430pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 0800 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 530 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~20 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Shoreline fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

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- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing	5				
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	54584
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	530pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 1130 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 6:30 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>snowmobiling icefishing</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity picnicking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing	↓			↓	
Pleasure boating	↓			↓	

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5			5	
Swimming	↓			↓	
Sight-seeing	↓			↓	
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5			5	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54806
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	545 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22

Arrive Time: 230 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22

Departure Time: 545 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

50 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of the above                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | <u>First time visit</u>   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 | <u>water skiing</u>   |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	5				

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing	5				
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing	5				
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

- Enjoyed Park amenities, bathrooms  
 - water level made launch/take out slightly difficult but minimal inconvenience

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	8/21/22
Time:	6:00 pm

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/21/22  
 Arrive Time: 2:00 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/21/22  
 Departure Time: 6:00 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____  |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5	5	5	5
Boat fishing	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Low water makes it slightly difficult to launch

\* Starting using Gile launch after purchasing larger boat - City Hwy C is too narrow

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	85286
Interviewer:	M. Sween
Date:	8/31/2022
Time:	0805

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/31/2022

Arrive Time: 0805 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/31/2022

Departure Time: 1400 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1,900 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No Hayward

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Just got there, 1st time

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	3				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	60404
Interviewer:	M. Sneen
Date:	8/31/2022
Time:	0807

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)**

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

**2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?**

Arrive Date: 8/31/2022

Arrive Time: 0807 am/pm

**3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?**

Departure Date: 8/31/2022

Departure Time: 1400 am/pm

**4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?**

425 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No Hayward

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity \_\_\_\_\_

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Just got here

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	3				
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M. Snew
Date:	8/31/2022
Time:	0809

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 8/31/2022

Arrive Time: 0809 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 8/31/2022

Departure Time: 1400 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

10 miles

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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | local   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



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On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity: Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5		5	5	
Pleasure boating					

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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

He is a professional fishing guide, guiding two gentlemen  
 knows the lake

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	53216
Interviewer:	m Penick
Date:	9/4/2022
Time:	1440

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1200 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/4/2022

Departure Time: 1440 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

311 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing |   |
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7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home |  |
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9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Kayaking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing			5	5	
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft			5	5	
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	60118
Interviewer:	m Reilly
Date:	9/4/2022
Time:	1346

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/2/2022  
 Arrive Time: 0900 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/11/2022  
 Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

376 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <u>Island camping</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing / Camping

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing			5		
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Love the peacefulness of the area. Few boat traffic keeps them coming back. Low water is definitely a concern not only for fishing but launching boat. Only come out a couple times a year, though stay for week to 10 days at a time. Has a youtube channel "Anthony's outdoors".

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	53218
Interviewer:	m Henik
Date:	9/4/2022
Time:	1100

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/4/2022

Arrive Time: 1030 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/4/2022

Departure Time: 1100 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

308 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Photography</i>  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Photography

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54534
<b>Interviewer:</b>	n kenik
<b>Date:</b>	9/4/2022
<b>Time:</b>	0957

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/4/2022

Arrive Time: 0947 @am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/4/2022

Departure Time: ~1-2 hrs @am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~3-5 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |





On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5				
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
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<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	77399
Interviewer:	M. Runk
Date:	9/6/2022
Time:	1205

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/6/2022

Arrive Time: 1145 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/6/2022

Departure Time: 2145 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

1114 miles

↳ from current zip code. travel all across country.

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>RV</u> /Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                                | <u>Sunday Lake Wakefield ~ 20 min Drive</u>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                          | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home                    | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity     kayaking    

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Full time RV'ers travel 11 months out of year.  
 Zipcode comes from record of residence.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	M. Renick
Date:	9/6/2022
Time:	1152

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/6/2022

Arrive Time: 1140 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/6/2022

Departure Time: 1152 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

3 miles



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5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

4/1 Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Dog walking</i>  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	5/12/15

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Day walking

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	(5)	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	(2)	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

could use more garbage cans

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	6
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	62401
<b>Interviewer:</b>	m Renik
<b>Date:</b>	9/6/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1127

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit.

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/6/2022

Arrive Time: 0800 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/6/2022

Departure Time: 21630 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

585 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting               |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>By Boat fishing w/ guide</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Picnicking*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5				
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Vacation home rental in the area. Went out with a fishing guide 9/5 + 9/6. Picnicking in the park utilizing pavilion + grill.

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	9/6/2022
Time:	1035

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/6/2022

Arrive Time: 0600 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/6/2022

Departure Time: 1033 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

5 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		5		5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*repeat customer, was interviewed ~ 2 weeks ago*

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	0945

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 0945 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: ~1145 (am/pm)

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

< 5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

crowding on piers/launches & low water issues

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

5 - Totally Acceptable

4 - Acceptable

3 - Neutral

2 - Unacceptable

1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		5		5	
Boat fishing		4		2	
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\* Low water has been an issue @ Pence & Hwy C.  
 → worst @ Hwy C - landing - ramp needs repair  
 → Frustrated w/ low water for boat launch/take out

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	5
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1400

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 1400 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: 2145 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

25 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Playground  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Playground w/ grand kids

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Playground w/ grand kids

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5			5	
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5			5	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*Enjoy the resource, accessible & convenient*

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	K Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1430

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 1430 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: ~1500 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

21 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Playground</i>   |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	- ice fish - playground

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Playground

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5	5		5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking	5	5		5	
Swimming	5	5		5	
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5	5		5	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	(4)	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

County C & Pence Landing = No bathrooms

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54525 Gile
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1450

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 0900 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: 1500 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

41 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	Icefish

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	4	4	4	4	
Boat fishing	4	4	4	4	
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	4	4	4	4	
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	4	4	4	4	

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

\*Low water causes some issues late season for launching/taking out

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	54970
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1515

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22  
 Arrive Time: 1130 (am/pm)

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22  
 Departure Time: 1522 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

212 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <u>Family</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>ice fishing</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	—————→			
Boat fishing	5	—————→			
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming	5	—————→			
Sight-seeing					
Hunting	5	—————→			
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5	—————→			

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Low water is minor issue when launching  
 & taking out boat

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	4
Home Zip Code:	54525
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1531

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 1530 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: ~1630 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

2 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park  Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)  
 Town of Pence Landing  Other (please list below)  
 Sucker Hole Landing  None of the above  
 County Highway C Landing \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground  Other (please list below)  
 Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacation or Rental Home \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Playground</i>   |





On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Playground</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Playground

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	(4)	3	2	1
Enjoyment	(5)	4	3	2	1
Crowding	(5)	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	(5)	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	(5)	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

- Enjoys park/ playground w/ grand kids  
 - Does not recreate on Gile (goes to cabin/NORTH)

Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!

**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	K. Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1550

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: 1530 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: ~1630 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

~5 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | Playground  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Playground</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Playground*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Crowding	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating	<u>5</u>				

Personal watercraft	5				
Picnicking					
Swimming	5				
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing	5				
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Island Gile Dam

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	K Jackson
Date:	9/10/22
Time:	1745

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/10/22

Arrive Time: ~1715 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/10/22

Departure Time: ~1815 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

410 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

Need buoys/signage for rocks

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing	5	5			
Boat fishing	5	5			
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft	5	5			
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	53219
Interviewer:	m Renik
Date:	9/25/2022
Time:	1240

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 9/25/2022

Arrive Time: 1135 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 9/25/2022

Departure Time: 1240 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

314 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

All

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes     No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast                  | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Bank Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing		4			
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*Low water has impacted in past*

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	60044
Interviewer:	n Renik
Date:	10/8/2022
Time:	0920

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/8/2022

Arrive Time: 0800 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/8/2022

Departure Time: 0920 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

363 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

all Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

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13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing				5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	①	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	②	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	②	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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Interview Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54550
Interviewer:	M. Benik
Date:	10/20/2022
Time:	0945

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/20/2022

Arrive Time: 0940 @ am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/20/2022

Departure Time: 1020 @ am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

25 miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing         | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) LICE FISH
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity wildlife viewing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing		5	5		
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting		4	4		
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing		5	5		
Other		5	5		

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

*Retired game warden*  
*Flowage is an asset to this area*

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	3
Home Zip Code:	49938
Interviewer:	M. Lenik
Date:	10/20/2022
Time:	1623

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/20/2022

Arrive Time: 1615 am/pm

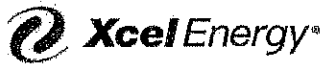
3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/20/2022

Departure Time: 1625 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      | <i>Dog walking</i>  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Dog walking</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity *Dog walking*

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other	5				

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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<b>Interview Location</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

<b>Total Number in Group:</b>	2
<b>Home Zip Code:</b>	54612
<b>Interviewer:</b>	m Renik
<b>Date:</b>	10/20/2022
<b>Time:</b>	1630

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/20/2022

Arrive Time: 0800 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/20/2022

Departure Time: 1630 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

787 miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

All Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Town of Pence Landing
- Sucker Hole Landing
- County Highway C Landing
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Other (please list below)
- None of the above

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?  
 Yes       No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home
- Other (please list below)

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) <i>Ice Fishing</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

2 guys fishing w/ a guide.  
 Guide understands county runs Bathrooms & camp levels but would be nice  
 to have bathrooms open later into the season  
 Low water did not affect due to guide knowing the flowage well.

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Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	2
Home Zip Code:	49968
Interviewer:	M Renik
Date:	10/20/2022
Time:	1657

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/20/2022  
 Arrive Time: 1245 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/20/2022  
 Departure Time: 1657 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | _____   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home | _____  |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult group (over 21)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group (under 21)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (with children)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Group (various groups and ages) |

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5			5	
Pleasure boating					



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Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Just moved back to the area.

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

**ON-SITE//IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin (NSPW or Applicant), d/b/a Xcel Energy, is in the process of applying for an original license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to operate and maintain the existing Gile Flowage Storage Project (Gile Flowage or Project). The Project is owned, operated, and maintained by NSPW. The purpose of the Project is to provide water for downstream power generation at NSPW's Saxon Falls (FERC No. 2610) and Superior Falls (FERC No. 2587) hydroelectric projects. To obtain a license for the Gile Flowage, NSPW must submit a final license application to FERC no later than August 18, 2023. As part of the licensing process, NSPW is conducting several environmental studies which will enable FERC to prepare an environmental report. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about recreational use and visitors' experiences at public recreation facilities around the Gile Flowage.

Interview Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing
<input type="checkbox"/> Island

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54534
Interviewer:	M Kenik
Date:	10/20/2022
Time:	1715

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 10/20/2022

Arrive Time: 1530 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 10/20/2022

Departure Time: 1715 am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

\_\_\_\_\_ miles



5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?

(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?

(Check all that apply)

- Gile Park
- Reservoir Island (identify island location on map)
- Town of Pence Landing
- Other (please list below)
- Sucker Hole Landing
- None of the above
- County Highway C Landing

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?

(Please select only one)

- RV/Auto/Tent Campground
- Motel/Hotel
- Other (please list below)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Vacation or Rental Home

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?

(Please select only one)

- Individual
- Adult group (over 21)
- Youth group (under 21)
- Family (with children)
- Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?

(Please select all that apply)

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |  |

On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat Fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

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Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing	5				
Pleasure boating					



Personal watercraft					
Picnicking					
Swimming					
Sight-seeing					
Hunting					
Rafting/Tubing					
Wildlife viewing					
Other					

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Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

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*Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!*

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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1. Island #1



2. Island #2



3. Island #2 – Duck blind



4. Island #2



5. Island #2



6. Island #2

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7. Island #3



8. Island #3



9. Island #3



10. Island #3



11. Island #4



12. Island #4



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13. Island #4



14. Island #4



15. Island #4



16. Island #4 – Human activity



17. Island #5



18. Island #5 – Human activity

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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19. Island #5 – Bank erosion



20. Island #5 – Human activity



21. Island #5 – Human activity



22. Island #5



23. Island #5



24. Island #5

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Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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25. Island #5 – Human activity



26. Island #5 – Human activity



27. Island #5 – Human activity



28. Island #5 – Human activity



29. Island #5 – Human activity



30. Island # 6

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Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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31. Island #6 – Beaver dam



32. Island #6



33. Island #6 – Human activity



34. Island #6 – Human Activity



35. Island #6 – Human activity



36. Island #7

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Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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37. Island #7



38. Island #7 – Shore erosion



39. Island #8



40. Island #8 – Bank erosion



41. Island #9



42. Island #9 - Bank erosion

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43. Island #9



44. Island #9



45. Island #9



46. Island #9



47. Island #10



48. Island #10

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49. Island #11



50. Island #11



51. Island #11



52. Island #11



53. Island #12



54. Island #12

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55. Island #13



56. Island #13



57. Island #13



58. Island #13 – Human activity



59. Island #13 – Human activity



60. Island #13 – Human activity



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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



61. Island #13 – Bank erosion



62. Island #13 – Human activity



63. Island #14



64. Island #14



65. Island #14



66. Island #14 – Human activity

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67. Island #15



68. Island #15



69. Island #15



70. Island #15



71. Island #15



72. Island #15

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



73. Island #16



74. Island #16



75. Island #16



76. Island #16



77. Island #17



78. Island #17

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



79. Island #18



80. Island #18



81. Island #18



82. Island #18 – Human activity



83. Island #19



84. Island #19

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



85. Island #19



86. Island #19



87. Island #20



88. Island #20



89. Island #20



90. Island #20

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



91. Island #20 – Human activity



92. Island #20 – Human activity



93. Island #20 – Human activity



94. Island #20 – Human activity



95. Island #20 – Human activity



96. Island #20 – Bank erosion

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



97. Island #20 – Human activity



98. Island #20 – Human activity



99. Island #21



100. Island #21



101. Island #21



102. Island #21

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



103. Island #21 – Human activity



104. Island #21 – Human activity



105. Island #21 – Human activity



106. Island #21 – Human activity



107. Island #22



108. Island #22



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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



109. Island #23



110. Island #23 – Human activity



111. Island #23 – Human activity



112. Island #23 – Human activity



113. Island #23 – Human activity



114. Island #23 – Human activity

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



115. Island #24



116. Island #24



117. Island #25



118. Island #25



119. Island #25 – Human activity



120. Island #25 – Human activity

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



121. Island #26



122. Island #26



123. Island #26



124. Island #26 – Human activity



125. Island #26 – Human activity



126. Island #26 – Human activity

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



127. Island #27



128. Island #27



129. Island #27 – Human activity



130. Island #27 – Human activity



131. Island #28



132. Island #28

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



133. Island #28 – Human activity



134. Island #28 – Human activity



135. Island #29



136. Island #29



137. Island #29



138. Island #29

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



139. Island #30



140. Island #30



141. Island #31



142. Island #31



143. Island #32



144. Island #32

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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145. Island #32



146. Island #32



147. Island #33



148. Island #33 – Human activity



149. Island #34



150. Island #34

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



151. Island #35



152. Island #35



153. Island #35



154. Island #35 – Bank erosion



155. Island #35 – Human activity



156. Island #35 – Human activity



# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



157. Island #36



158. Island #36



159. Island #36 – Human activity



160. Island #36 – Human activity



161. Island #36



162. Island #36

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



163. Island #37



164. Island #37



165. Island #37



166. Island #37



167. Island #37



168. Island #37

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## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



169. Island #38



170. Island #38



171. Island #39



172. Island #39



173. Island #39



174. Island #39 – Human activity

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

## Gile Flowage Storage Project (FERC Project No. 15055)



175. Island #40



176. Island #40



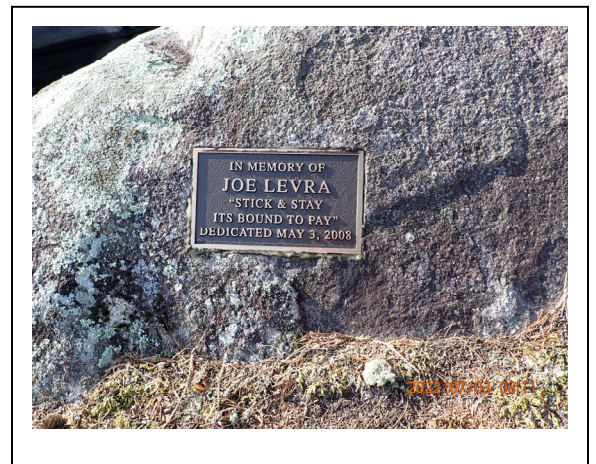
177. Island #41



178. Island #41



179. Island #42



180. Island #42

# Appendix 6 – Island Survey Photolog

Gile Flowage Storage Project  
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181. Island #42



182. Island #42



183. Island #43



184. Island #43

**Appendix 7**  
**Island Survey Spot Count Raw Datasheets**

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/12/2022 Time: 1805  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 69°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: N Comph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

not able to access via boat. was able to do visual inspection via Knight Rd.  
 No boats/campers seen on island.  
 Looks similar to most of the islands, large trees + brush throughout visual limits.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0801  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJP  
 Temperature: 59°F Weather: Partly Sunny Wind Speed: NW 5 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:  
 Duck Blind on Island, still functional, some overgrown trees/brush.  
 Rock on majority of Island. No signs of erosion.  
 camping potential. No signs of current use.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0749  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: ML PJH  
 Temperature: 58°F Weather: mostly Sunny, Some Clouds Wind Speed: 6 mph WNW  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:  
Not very Campable, overgrown vegetation. Large boulders, w/steep bank face.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0810

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJW

Temperature: 60°F Weather: Partly Sunny Wind Speed: NW 6mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

No visible erosion around Island Shoreline. Shoreline varies between rock + grasses/woody debris  
 There are access points around that could be compatible. No signs of erosion  
 Took walk around Island. No visible signs of recreation. ONE Bear Bait (photo)  
 mostly forest inner, outer edges little thicker brush. Rock hills + uneven terrain would make  
 camping difficult but still possible.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0908

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 62°F Weather: Partly Sunny Wind Speed: NW 7mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>5</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>															

Additional Comments:

Some possible erosion caused by low/high water events. Very campable Island. Lots of good beachable <sup>rock</sup> shoreline. path that looks commonly used that leads to a flat patch of ground (photos). 100+ ft walkable rocky shoreline. Lots of camping signs. lg stone fire pit + picnic table. wood shovels for starting fires. Notable "game" trails going towards shorelines. Beaver activity as well. opposite side of island more thick with newly grown brush trees. No trails noted.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0943

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PSH

Temperature: 63°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NNW Gmph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>														

Additional Comments:

Two camping sites w/ fire pits on one end of island. 1 fire pit looked fairly recently used. water levels seem w/ft low based on water lines on the rocks.  
 Beaver Dam on other end of Island. Activity of them throughout, gnawed trees on shore looked like boat was staked into sand.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0927

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 63°F Weather: Partly Sunny Wind Speed: NNW 6 mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

No signs of recreation. Very small island. rocky shoreline w/ some trees.  
 Some shallow areas around island < 3ft.  
 high water erosion noticed. lg pine trees leaning, could fall in the future

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 0935

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR Pitt

Temperature: 63°F Weather: Bunny Wind Speed: NNW 6mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>														

Additional Comments:

NO Noted camping activity, could camp on this island.  
 mainly by pine trees spread out. Rocky skirt around whole island.  
 High water erosion possible, Not from camping/foot traffic activities.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1030

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PSH

Temperature: 65°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 5mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>															

Additional Comments:

lots of lg + small trees/shrubs. Not very easy to camp. Some erosion, possible due to high water events rocky shoreline around most of the island. Steep banks, mainly dirt would make access tough for campers. In high water events, part of island could be underwater.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1022

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR DJF  
 Temperature: 65°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 5mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Potentially

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Not very campable Island. too thin & mainly sm brush.  
 could have erosion if water level drops more  
 high water events island could be under water.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1012

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR SJH  
 Temperature: 69°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NNW 5mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use an "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number: <u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>															

Additional Comments:

1/2 Rocky shoreline, 1/2 grassy shore.  
no visible signs of erosion or camping activities. Not a lot of open area in center.  
grassy shore line gets shallow on its side which could help with boat anchor/beaching

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1002  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PSH  
 Temperature: 64°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: 11NW 5 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:  
 Not very accessible island for camping, lots of small shrubs over entire island, marsh like.  
 very shallow between island & land on both tips, ~ 61.5 ft.  
 some woody debris surring shore + in shallows.  
 no noted erosion or camping activities.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1047

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 66°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 5 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number 13	0	0														

Additional Comments:

Signs of use on easier access side with rocky shore. Old evidence of camp fire, Bar wrapper + Beer can  
 Not camping island, more of a hiking/hangout island. Some signs of erosion, though due to elements  
 Not people.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1105  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: mrl PTH  
 Temperature: 67°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 6mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:  
 Not a very campable site. Could hike through most of the island, very hilly/rockfaces.  
 found broken bottle, evidence people utilize island. No camping items noted or erosion.  
 slight paths make their way through middle then end at rock faces that need to be climbed.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0907  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR BSH  
 Temperature: 67°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SSW 4mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>														

Additional Comments:

around entire island there were a couple potential access points, however most were near the home on NE corner. Boat was docked at the house. As we circled the island, mostly same as island #16 with lots of rock faces as well as forest setting (lots of thick brush + trees). Some beach points, though still close to home. Can see that the water level was lower, can see multiple water level marks on rocks. Did not try to go onto island due to home present. Between Islands 15+16, there is a shallow patch what if water level is lower than current, could be a rock bar. Some erosion around due to water level changes, not due to human traffic - from boat we noticed recreational use around.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0847

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PTH

Temperature: 65°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SSW 3 mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Entire island has NO ease of access to moor or tie off a boat. Either steep rock faces or overgrown trees + brush w/ aquatic grasses lining <sup>between</sup> islands. Looking through brush you can see consistent heavy trees and thick brush that would need to be waded through with camping gear, would be difficult to accomplish. Some erosion evidence on parts of island where water levels had dropped, not due to human traffic.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1120

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PSH

Temperature: 68°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 7mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Very small Rocky Island. Tough for camping but can utilize for picnicking/swimming platform  
<sup>Two</sup>  
~~One~~ Shrubs on entire rock face. 1 gull utilizing Island, ~~did not~~ interview,

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1126

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR RSH

Temperature: 68°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 7mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Lots of lg rock formation around island, minimizing erosion. Thicker brush internally on island make it tough to camp/move about.  
 On the island was one old bear can. Not camping easily, more explore type Island. Not easy to move about very hilly, steep & covered with brush.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1148  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: ml Pitt  
 Temperature: 68°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 6mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>19</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>														

Additional Comments:  
 Large rock faces around most of island. The tip of the island more grass.  
 Externally looks large + overgrown shrubs making camping/recreating more difficult.  
 Some rock faces are flat enough to sit and enjoy the view.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0942

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 70°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SSW 4mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Recreation Activities

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Checked multiple "access" points around the island. I was an actual campsite w/ table, wood pile, firepit, grill accessories. other two points had items of use but no camping. Woods were navigable throughout the points we walked, ease of access to haul camping gear. Rest of the island access is pretty limited, having no entry points or lg cliffs that arent hikeable on foot. Lots of tall trees + undergrowth cover the whole island. Some grassy shoreline + few protected coves to beach a boat and swim/fish. Campers would be able to deeper explore the woods if they chose to. Slight erosion near campsite but not enough of concern.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1201

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 69°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 9mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>21</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

South side of island rock face was a camp ground utilized. Noted fire pit, wood table, grill grates + old chair.  
 Past site, woods thicked with trees + steep rock faces not foot accessible easily.  
 Flatter rocks at base of island site make unloading easier to manage.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1223

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MA PJE

Temperature: 69°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 8 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Middle half of island more marshy, in high water would be underwater.  
 Not very campable, lots of trees + brush make difficult to move around + nearly no large parcel of open ground to set up camp.  
 No noted erosion on banks or evidence of recreational use.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1308  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 72°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 9MPH  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Initial scope around the island we noticed several "trails" that looked like use to get into the island. Upon walking the trails, led to a lg camp site in the center of the island. Fire pit, lean to + another flat area that a tent could had been set. Multiple access points around island can make it easy based on wind direction where to land the boat + bring up gear.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2002 Time: 1243

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PSH

Temperature: 71°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 8mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Small island w/ minimal places to camp. No recreational activities noted/observed.  
 Some trees & rock faces make terrain uneven making more difficult to camp  
 under higher water levels, Island edges would be underwater.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1251

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR RJK  
 Temperature: 71°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 8mph  
 Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

*under higher water conditions, island could get submerged some.  
 Can walk around enough of the island easily. Evidence of an older fire, i.e.: Burned sticks found. Water bottles.  
 Not enough space to pitch a tent & camp. nicer place to explore/relay for lunch.  
 Some erosion evidence due to fluctuating water levels*

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1330

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJR

Temperature: 72°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 7 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>26</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Found trail that led to main trail that goes from each end of the island. Both sides had good camping access + utilization. Including fire pits. Piece of parachute cut from a tree was left hanging. good island that was used to camp on. Trail is a little over grown but still reachable from either end.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1350  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 72°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 9mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>27</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

has easy access to each end of the island. Found evidence of multiple fire pits. Not much camp site ease, more hilly/rocky. good location to have shore lunch and bank fish.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1447

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: WNW 9mph

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Reservoir Elevation:  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? no

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>28</u>																	

Additional Comments:

One man camping since 6/30/2022. Nice lg campsite with fire pit. Clear defined trail leading to other side of island. Rest of island not clear cut/open, more trees/undergrowth.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1505  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJR  
 Temperature: 74° Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: WNW 4mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Overgrown trail that leads to the rocky ledges. Open space possible for camping. No other trails found as rest of Island not easily accessible on foot via trails. End closest to land is overgrown grasses, could possibly walk over if water is low enough. Lot of woody debris washed up on shorelines. No noted recreational use or erosion.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2020 Time: 1533  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 74°F Weather: Sunny Windy Wind Speed: NW 9mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? not possible

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Very thick trees throughout island. Not accessible for campers.  
 submerged vegetation on grass end of island. Deeper water could submerge island more  
 while lower water could uncover submerged pieces.  
 Wind has picked up. feels >9mph white caps. camera battery dead. Switched to phone.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/02 Time: 1522

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person:

Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NW 9 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

mostly trees/shrubs on island, would be very difficult to camp on. No open or large enough space to pitch a camp. Both points are shallow. Tall grasses on one end + rocky/woody debris on other end. No entry access points to get through island. higher water could submerge parts of the island

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1540

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR RJA

Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny windy Wind Speed: NW 10 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>52</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>															

Additional Comments:

Thick brush on the outside edge of islands. No easy access points to inner islands.  
 Blazed through brush; inner island lots of ground cover (leaf litter + ferns) No easy place to set up camp.  
 No noted erosion or recreational use.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1611  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny Windy Wind Speed: NNW 9 mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>33</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Smaller island. slight path that is over grown. Could camp with a small tent. No evidence of erosion  
 Large amount of old rusted beer cans. Old nest, either goose/duck.  
 No other recreational use noted or observed here

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1621

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny windy Wind Speed: NNW 9mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>															

Additional Comments:

very long + thin island, not very wide. No easy access points to camp or recreate.  
 Largely overgrown w/ thick trees + brush, making access difficult to attain.  
 Does not seem wide enough to support a camp site. Only enough to potentially set up a small fire pit.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1648

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 73°F Weather: Sunny Windy Wind Speed: NNW 9mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Center of island has nice camping site, two fire pits. lots of trails going around the island meeting back in the center. Noted erosion from foot traffic going to site, ~ 2-3 ft dip from top to shore hill (photos) Evidence of boat beached in sand. Beaver evidence also on trees.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 163

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR RHT  
 Temperature: 730F Weather: Sunny windy Wind Speed: NNW 9mph

Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes	
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)
Gile Dam															
Gile Park															
County C Landing															
Sucker Hole Landing															
Town of Pence Landing															
Island Number <u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>													

Additional Comments:

Small signs of past use, Fire pit & Beer can in middle of island. Slightly difficult to walk through but not a camping island, more lunch/recreate island. In between islands 36 + 35 is a slight connection. If water comes up will split islands more distinctly.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/2/2022 Time: 1707  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 72°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NNW 7mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Thick overgrown trees/bush. Potential campsite but no use observed. Beaver activity seen.  
 Nice shoreline for beaching boats.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/8/2022 Time: 1717

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 72°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: NNW 7mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number 38	0	0														

Additional Comments:

Very thick Trees + Bush surrounding entire island including very steep banks.  
 would be very difficult to try and access on foot. No erosion or recreation activities observed.  
 Does have rocky shoreline w/ some fallen trees.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0745  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR PJH  
 Temperature: 58°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SW 1mph  
 Reservoir Elevation:   
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number 39	0	0														

Additional Comments:  
 Southern most tip of the island is grassy marsh. would not be able to camp.  
 Thicker trees on inner island make hauling gear difficult w/ better island options to go to.  
 north end has nice open rock face but not much camping flat ground. Evidence a boat was tied up and partial fire pit were present. No obvious trails to easily walk to and from boat. No noted erosion.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0804

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 58°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SW 1 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

*Not a Camping Island, way to small. One large boulder rock makes it up, w/ some vegetation on an end. During high water, this will mostly be under water.*

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0817

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 64°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SSW 3 mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? No

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>41</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Would be a nice camping island if multiple trees were not fallen across the top (photo)  
 Easy access to dock a boat or drop off campers. No sign of use or erosion. fallen tree across  
 the two islands (42+41). could fall more as time goes. surrounded by vegetation to the south end and continuing  
 on towards island 43. Marshy so do not walk through.

Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0810

Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000

Survey Person: MR PJH

Temperature: 58°F Weather: Sunny Wind Speed: SW 1mph

Reservoir Elevation:

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? NO

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes			
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)		
Gile Dam																	
Gile Park																	
County C Landing																	
Sucker Hole Landing																	
Town of Pence Landing																	
Island Number <u>42</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>															

Additional Comments:

Plaque in rock w/ dedication. Pile of eaten fish, not by humans. Island could be campable but no evidence that would indicate any use at this time.  
Some trees on island though can move around it free of too much brush.



Recreation Observation Form

Date: 7/3/2022 Time: 0828  
 Gile Flowage Storage Project P-15055-000  
 Survey Person: MR FJK  
 Temperature: 64°F Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Wind Speed: SSW 3mph  
 Reservoir Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any amenities not usable due to low/high reservoir elevations? Possible

Note: Please list primary activity by placing a "P" in the box. Use and "S" for secondary activities.

Recreation Site	Number of Vehicles	Number of People	Recreation Activities											Notes		
			ATV/Snowmobile	Shore Fishing	Boat Fishing	Swimming	Hiking/Walking/ Jogging	Bicycling	Picnicking	Bird Watching	Wildlife Viewing	Non-Powered Boating	Power Boating		Other (specify)	
Gile Dam																
Gile Park																
County C Landing																
Sucker Hole Landing																
Town of Pence Landing																
Island Number <u>43</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>														

Additional Comments:

Not really a campable island. As we pulled <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~, could see geese using it, lots of goose poo.  
 mainly rock with some surrounding aquatic vegetation. No sign of recreational use or erosion.  
 If water levels were higher, more of island base would be underwater.

**Appendix 8**  
**Island Survey Recreation User Interview Raw**  
**Datasheet**

**ON-SITE/IN-PERSON RECREATION INTERVIEW**

Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin (NSPW or Applicant), d/b/a Xcel Energy, is in the process of applying for an original license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to operate and maintain the existing Gile Flowage Storage Project (Gile Flowage or Project). The Project is owned, operated, and maintained by NSPW. The purpose of the Project is to provide water for downstream power generation at NSPW's Saxon Falls (FERC No. 2610) and Superior Falls (FERC No. 2587) hydroelectric projects. To obtain a license for the Gile Flowage, NSPW must submit a final license application to FERC no later than August 18, 2023. As part of the licensing process, NSPW is conducting several environmental studies which will enable FERC to prepare an environmental report. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about recreational use and visitors' experiences at public recreation facilities around the Gile Flowage.

Interview Location	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gile Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town of Pence Landing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sucker Hole Landing
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Highway C Landing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Island 28

Total Number in Group:	1
Home Zip Code:	54970
Interviewer:	ML PJH
Date:	7/2/2022
Time:	1400

**RECREATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

1. Regarding the Gile Flowage area, do you consider yourself: (Please select only one)

- Regular visitor (3 or more times per year)
- Occasional visitor (1-2 times per year)
- Infrequent visitor (Less than 1 time per year)
- This is my first visit

2. When did you arrive on this trip to the Gile Flowage area?

Arrive Date: 6/30/2022 Thursday

Arrive Time: 1200 am/pm

3. When do you expect to leave the Gile Flowage area?

Departure Date: 7/9/2022

Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

4. About how many miles did you travel to get to the Gile Flowage area?

170 miles Redgranite

5. During the last 12 months (including this trip), which month(s) did you visit the Gile Flowage area?  
(Check all that apply)

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

6. Which of the following recreation areas did you visit for recreation during the past 12 months?  
(Check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gile Park     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Island (identify island location on map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Pence Landing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sucker Hole Landing      | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Highway C Landing | <u>Island 28</u>   |

7. Are you staying overnight in the Gile Flowage area (not including your own home) on this trip?

Yes  No

8. If you answered yes to 7, at what type of accommodations will you be staying?  
(Please select only one)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RV/Auto/Tent Campground | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motel/Hotel             | <u>Camping: Island 28</u>                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation or Rental Home |   |

9. Which of the following best describes your group during this trip?  
(Please select only one)

- Individual  
 Adult group (over 21)  
 Youth group (under 21)  
 Family (with children)  
 Mixed Group (various groups and ages)

10. On this trip to the Gile Flowage area, what activities have you or do you expect to participate in?  
(Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting             |  |



On any trip to the Gile Flowage in the last year, which of the following activities have you participated?  
 (Please select all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pleasure boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-seeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<i>Camping</i>

11. Of the activities you selected in 10 above, what is the primary activity you participated in or expect to participate in on *this* visit? (Please write answer below)

Primary activity Boat fishing

12. For the primary activity you participated in, please rate the following categories:

Category	Totally Acceptable	Acceptable	Neutral	Unacceptable	Totally Unacceptable
Safety	5	4	3	2	1
Enjoyment	5	4	3	2	1
Crowding	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1
Amenity Condition	5	4	3	2	1

If you rated one of the categories above as "unacceptable" or "totally unacceptable", please indicate what could be done to improve the category to "acceptable." (Please write answer below)

13. Please rate all Gile Flowage area recreational activities you participated in today or in the past.

Rating scale is the same as used in 12 above:

- 5 - Totally Acceptable
- 4 - Acceptable
- 3 - Neutral
- 2 - Unacceptable
- 1 - Totally Unacceptable

Recreation Activity	Gile Park	Town of Pence Landing	Sucker Hole Landing	Highway C Landing	Reservoir Islands
Bank fishing					
Boat fishing					5
Pleasure boating					

Personal watercraft					5
Picnicking					-
Swimming					-
Sight-seeing					-
Hunting					-
Rafting/Tubing					5
Wildlife viewing					-
Other					5

14. Please indicate if low water levels were a problem for any of the following activities at the recreation area(s) you are visiting today:

Circle one number for each:

Ability to:	No Problem	Small Problem	Neutral	Moderate Problem	Large Problem	No Opinion or N/A
Swim safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Launch/take out boat	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat safely	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use docks	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline fish	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access shoreline	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shoreline scenic quality	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify below)	5	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have regarding recreation on the Gile Flowage:

Has family in town so no need to camp but if weather is nice will camp on the islands

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**Thank you for completing the Recreation Survey!**

**APPENDIX E-24**

**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study Report**

**Gile Flowage Storage Project  
FERC No. 15055**

**Study Plan Report**

**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study**

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## 1. Introduction

Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (NSPW or Applicant), owns and operates the existing Gile Flowage Storage Project (Gile Flowage or Project), which is located on the West Fork Montreal River (West Fork) in Iron County, Wisconsin. The purpose of the Project is to augment flow in the West Fork of the Montreal River during low flow periods for hydroelectric generation at two downstream projects, the Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project (Saxon Falls) and the Superior Falls Hydroelectric Project (Superior Falls). Both downstream projects are owned and operated by the Applicant and are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission). The Applicant is currently seeking an original license from the Commission. To obtain a License, the Applicant must submit a Final License Application (FLA) to the Commission no later than August 18, 2023. The FLA, in part, must include a Whitewater Recreation Flow Study (Whitewater Study) to evaluate the effects of flow releases from the Project on whitewater opportunities on the West Fork downstream of the Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park.

On January 19, 2021, FERC issued Scoping Document 1 and requested stakeholders provide comments on the Pre-Licensing Application (PAD) and study requests within 60 days. During the 60-day comment period, the Applicant received comments and study requests relating to a whitewater recreation flow study from American Whitewater (AW), Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG), and the National Park Service (NPS). AW requested a controlled flow study be conducted by evaluating at least three different river flows between 400 and 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on the West Fork from the Gile Dam downstream to the US Highway 2 bridge (US Hwy 2). FOG requested silent sport recreation, including whitewater kayaking, be one of the recreation activities included in their request for a recreation study. NPS requested a recreation flow study be conducted on the West Fork from below the Gile Falls to US Hwy 2 to determine which flows are acceptable to boaters. Stakeholder requests, if applicable, were incorporated into a Proposed Study Plan (PSP).

On April 30, 2021, the Applicant filed a PSP with the Commission in support of its intent to license the Project. A supplement to the PSP was filed on May 3, 2021. The PSP included nine studies, one of which was a Whitewater Study designed to determine optimal flows for whitewater recreation downstream of the Gile Dam on the West Fork. The Applicant held an initial study plan meeting on May 20, 2021, to discuss the PSP with stakeholders. Comments on the Whitewater Study, as included in the PSP, were filed by AW, FOG, and NPS.

On August 30, 2021, the Applicant filed a Revised Study Plan (RSP) with the Commission. The RSP included revisions to five of the nine studies included in the PSP, and the addition of a project operation model. The Whitewater Study filed in the PSP was revised in the RSP to address comments on methodology, project schedule, and deliverables based on applicable stakeholder input.

On September 24, 2021, the Commission issued a Study Plan Determination (SPD) for the Project for the ten studies included in the RSP. The Whitewater Study was approved with modifications and must include a Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 assessment based on the Whittaker method.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Whittaker method is detailed in Whittaker, D., B. Shelby, J. Gangemi. 2005. Flows and Recreation: A Guide to Studies for River Professionals. Whittaker, Shelby, & Gangemi, and the Hydropower Reform Coalition.

## 2. Study Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Whitewater Study was to evaluate the effects of incremental flow releases from the Project on the availability of whitewater boating opportunities on the West Fork, beginning below the Gile Dam and extending downstream.

The Whitewater Study objectives are as follows:

- Evaluate the incremental flow releases to determine optimal whitewater boating opportunities for different skill sets.
- Based upon updated flow duration curves, determine the number of days per year when river flows equal or exceed optimal whitewater flows; assess the feasibility of potential recreational flow releases.
- Quantify the effect on downstream generation and the impact on Project water levels for any four-hour period of proposed flow releases, adjusted for the month in which flow releases could occur.
- Develop an estimate of potential whitewater boating use if scheduled releases are provided.
- Identify competing recreational needs or environmental concerns associated with scheduled releases up to four hours in length.
- Verify the difficulty rating for each reach at varying flows as listed on the AW website.

## 3. Study Area

Initially, the Whitewater Study area was to include a stretch of the West Fork from the Gile Dam downstream to US Hwy 2 (NSPW, 2021a). This stretch is identified as a class IV whitewater boating reach (AW, 2007). However, a review of property ownership at the US Hwy 2 crossing revealed this area is privately owned and public access to the river would be dependent upon landowner permission.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, the study area was modified to extend from the Gile Dam downstream to Kimball Town Park, which provides public access to the river. Kimball Town Park is located approximately 0.84 miles upstream of US Hwy 2 (NSPW, 2021b). During the Whitewater Study, participants were offered the opportunity to continue downstream to US Hwy 2. However, after a brief discussion, the boaters declined this option and chose to use the additional time and their energy to repeat the run of Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park several times.

The stretch of river from the Gile Dam downstream to Kimball Town Park was divided into three river reaches for study purposes. Study Reach 1 extended approximately 2.07 miles from the Gile Dam to the South Drive bridge. Study Reach 2 extended approximately 2.62 miles from South Drive bridge to the Center Drive bridge. Study Reach 3 extended approximately 1.15 miles from Center Drive bridge to Kimball Town Park (NSPW, 2021b). A map of the study area is shown in **Appendix A**.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sco.wisc.edu/parcels/data-county/>, accessed March 10, 2022.

## 4. Study Methodology

Per the Commission's SPD, the Whitewater Study methodology was modeled after the Whittaker method and included a Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 assessment (Whittaker, D., B. Shelby, J. Gangemi, 2005).<sup>3</sup>

### 4.1 Level 1 Assessment – Desktop Analysis

According to the Whittaker method, a Level 1 assessment is “useful for developing information about existing or potential recreation opportunities, facilities, physical characteristics of the river, and recreation-relevant hydrology.” A desktop analysis can include a combination of literature reviews, hydrological assessment, and/or interviews with recreationists and stakeholders to gain local knowledge about the river, whitewater recreation opportunities, and known flow effects (Whittaker, D., B. Shelby, J. Gangemi, 2005).

The Level 1 assessment included analysis of whitewater recreation on the following reaches:

- West Fork at Gile Dam to its confluence with the Montreal River
- Montreal River from its confluence to Saxon Falls

The West Fork was further divided into the following two reaches for analysis purposes:

- Gile Dam to US Hwy 2
- US Hwy 2 to its confluence with the Montreal River

#### 4.1.1 Literature Review of Whitewater Recreation Resources

An online literature review for whitewater recreation resources was conducted in March 2022. The review focused on the Montreal River, West Fork Montreal River, and Gile Flowage. State and county websites were reviewed, as well as paddle sport and local recreation websites.

Sources with information relevant to whitewater rafting included the following:

- American Whitewater
- Western Upper Peninsula Visitor's Bureau
- Outdoor Michigan
- Wisconsin Trail Guide
- Iron County Economic Development
- Midwest River Inventory
- AdamMartin.SPACE
- Youtube (online videos)

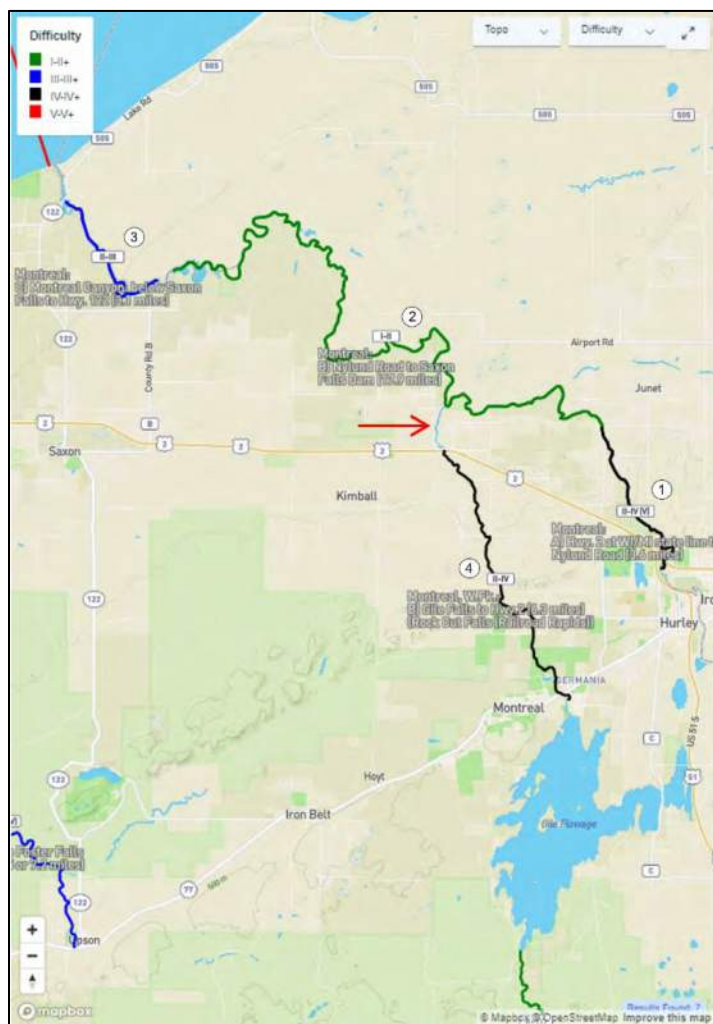
##### 4.1.1.1 American Whitewater

The American Whitewater website was reviewed for information pertaining to the Montreal River, West Fork Montreal River, and Gile Flowage. The website provides an interactive map that allows the user to search for rivers by name or to navigate to a specific area. A search specific to the study area was conducted on March 9, 2022 with the results shown in **Figure 4.1.1.1-1**.

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<sup>3</sup> Federal Energy Regulatory Commission *Study Plan Determination for the Gile Flowage Project*. September 24, 2021 (Appendix B).

**Figure 4.1.1.1-1 Whitewater Rivers in the Vicinity of the Gile Flowage**



The whitewater rivers and difficulty classifications, as defined by American Whitewater, in the vicinity of the Gile Flowage include:

1. Montreal, US Hwy 2 at WI/MI state line to Nylund Road (3.6 miles), Difficulty II-IV(V) (AW, 2022c).
2. Montreal, Nylund Road to Saxon Falls Dam (17.9 miles), Difficulty I-II (AW, 2022d).
3. Montreal, Montreal Canyon: below Saxon Falls to Hwy 122 (3.1 miles), Difficulty II-III (AW, 2022e).
4. Montreal, W.Fk., Gile Falls to US Hwy2 (6.3 miles), Difficulty II-IV (AW, 2022f).

It should be noted that the American Whitewater interactive map does not indicate a whitewater river or difficulty classification for that reach of the West Fork Montreal River downstream of US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (see red arrow in map).

The American Whitewater website includes a description of the West Fork Montreal River and Montreal River, as well as put-in locations with coordinates, alternate access/egress locations, and features such as channel widths, falls, drops, holes, and rapids. Additional information from the American Whitewater website relative to the Level 1 Assessment is provided in **Appendix B** and includes a map of additional class I/II+ whitewater recreation in the area. Two opportunities are located within the same watershed boundary as the Gile Flowage and include the Montreal River from Nylund Road to Saxon Falls Dam (includes a stretch upstream of the confluence with the West Fork), and West Fork south of Gile Flowage from an unnamed logging road to Spring Camp Road. Additional opportunities in the area include two stretches on the Bad River and one on Marengo River, both are approximately 30 miles west of Gile Flowage; one stretch on the Turtle River, approximately 25 miles south; and one stretch on each the Black River and Jackson Creek, approximately 15 to 20 miles east.

The American Whitewater website also provides a link to download a 2007 flow study prepared by Evan Stafford and Thomas O’Keefe.<sup>4</sup> The study, titled “West branch Montreal River Internet Flow Study October 2007”, analyzes the acceptable inflow for whitewater recreation on the West Fork through an

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Document/view/id/243/>, accessed March 1, 2022.

online survey targeted to individuals who may be interested in scheduled flow releases for whitewater recreation. The survey did not collect data for individual skill level, whitewater experience, preferred craft, or familiarity with the West Branch. The online survey was conducted from spring of 2006 to spring of 2007. The study does not indicate how many individuals participated in the survey or the skill level of those surveyed. Based on the individuals' responses, the study concluded that acceptable flows are between 400 and 1,000 cfs, with 600 cfs being acceptable to "the greatest variety of river users" (AW, 2007). The complete study is included in **Appendix B**.

#### 4.1.1.2 Western Upper Peninsula Visitor's Bureau

The Western Upper Peninsula Visitor's Bureau website was reviewed for outdoor recreation opportunities in the area, including kayaking and canoeing.<sup>5 6</sup> The website offers the opportunity to book a guide for various locations, including the mouth of the Montreal River, Superior Falls, and whitewater kayaking. The website also provides information on Whitecap Kayak, a guide company that provides trips on Lake Superior and along the Upper Peninsula, as well as whitewater kayaking lessons.<sup>7</sup> The Western Upper Peninsula Visitor's Bureau website can also be accessed from the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission website (area recreation).<sup>8</sup>

#### 4.1.1.3 Outdoor Michigan

The Outdoor Michigan website was reviewed for outdoor activities throughout the state and includes public and non-profit locations. The user can search for a location based on entering a region, county, township, city, or owner. The website also includes a list of nine activities and 34 features to choose from, one of which is "River".<sup>9</sup> This river feature provides an extensive list of Michigan rivers, including the Montreal River.<sup>10</sup> Recreation activities provided for the Montreal River include the Saxon Falls and Superior Falls waterfalls; however, the website does not include any information on whitewater recreation.

#### 4.1.1.4 Wisconsin Trail Guide

The Wisconsin Trail Guide website was reviewed for outdoor recreation opportunities in the area and included a search option for Paddle Trails, which includes 20 rivers to choose from, including the Montreal River Canyon run of the Montreal River (downstream of Saxon Falls).<sup>11</sup> The website includes general information and a review of the run, as well as links to "Paddlers' Notes", location map, and GPS track and waypoints. Additional information from the Wisconsin Trail Guide website relative to Montreal River is provided in **Appendix C**.

#### 4.1.1.5 Iron County, Wisconsin Economic Development

The Iron County, Wisconsin Economic Development website was reviewed for recreation opportunities in the county, including paddling opportunities on the Montreal River.<sup>12 13</sup> The website indicates this run, called the Montreal River Canyon, is for experts; includes Class V rapids, dams, and inaccessible canyons; and is

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.explorewesternup.com/>, accessed March 15, 2022.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.explorewesternup.com/outdoor-recreation/kayakingcanoeing/>, accessed March 15, 2022.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.whitecapkayak.com/>, accessed March 15, 2022.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.gogebicforestryandparks.com/area-recreation>, accessed March 15, 2022.

<sup>9</sup> <https://outdoormichigan.org/pages/home?fid=2&act=Water+Trail>, accessed March 9, 2022.

<sup>10</sup> <https://outdoormichigan.org/feature/11959>, accessed March 9, 2022.

<sup>11</sup> <https://wisconsintrailguide.com/paddle/montreal-river.html>, accessed March 14, 2022.

<sup>12</sup> <https://ironcountywi.com/recreation/>, accessed March 14, 2022.

<sup>13</sup> <https://ironcountywi.com/recreation/canoe-trips/montreal-river/>, accessed March 14, 2022



located on private property with no egress options once in the canyon. Additional information from the Iron County website relative to Montreal River is provided in **Appendix D**.

#### 4.1.1.6 Midwest River Inventory

An archived website was discovered during the online review for whitewater recreation resources. The archived information includes a pictorial review of the whitewater recreation features starting at Gile Falls and continuing downstream to US Hwy 2 along the West Fork, as well as the Montreal Canyon along the Montreal River. The review states whitewater recreation starts at the Gile Falls with features that can push watercraft tight to river-right. The author states the flows shown in the pictures are “good boatable levels”; however, the level of flow is not defined. The review continues downstream and describes Rock Cut Falls as a class III-IV with a “great, long stretch of waves and holes” that provide continuous action and Kimball Falls as the final major run on the West Fork with a “V-shaped hole at the pool below” the falls. The author states boaters can take-out at Kimball Falls Park or continue downstream for about one mile to US Hwy 2. This final stretch is described as a class II-II+ with small waves. The Montreal Canyon review suggests a minimum flow of about 700 cfs provides good whitewater recreation opportunities, those opportunities are improved at 1,400 to 1,700 cfs.<sup>14</sup> The pictorial review is provided in **Appendix E**.

#### 4.1.1.7 AdamMartin.SPACE

A photo blog, AdamMartin.SPACE, was discovered during the online review for whitewater recreation resources.<sup>15</sup> The photo blog provides photographs and descriptions of the author’s outdoor experiences and includes information about:

- Gile Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2019-gile-falls/>)
- Rock Cut Falls (<https://adammartin.space/?s=Rock+Cut+Falls>)
- Kimball Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2018-kimball-falls/>)
- Saxon Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2018-saxon-falls/>)
- Superior Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2018-superior-falls/>)

The contents of the photo blog do not focus specifically on whitewater recreation; however, they do provide access information (kayak), location coordinates, and river flow pictures and videos. The contents of each link are provided in **Appendix F**.

#### 4.1.1.8 Online Video Review

An online video search was conducted on March 14, 2022 to locate documentation about whitewater recreation flow rates for the West Fork and Montreal Rivers. Numerous videos posted to youtube.com were identified and are linked below with additional information provided by the video owner.

- [west fork montreal rafting - YouTube](#)  
Posted on June 7, 2013 by Duck Wild Productions.  
Rock Cut Falls area with a description of “some rafting from the west fork of the Montreal river in Hurley Wisconsin at 2200 cfs.”  
Snow on ground, lists flow as 2,200 cfs, 3-4+, and water craft includes a Hyside Paddle Cat.

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.occities.org/midwestrivers/F-WI-MONTREAL.html>, accessed March 9, 2022.

<sup>15</sup> <https://adammartin.space>, accessed March 14, 2022.

- [West Fork Montreal Extreme Bucket Boating - YouTube](#)  
Posted on May 12, 2013 by Duck Wild Productions.  
Center Dr (?) to Kimball Town Park.  
Watercraft includes a Hyside Paddle Cat.
- [Lazy River West Fork of Montreal - YouTube](#)  
Posted on August 15, 2021 by Scotty Bartelt.  
West Fork Montreal – unknown specific location.  
Video includes a raft.
- [Wisconsin Boating - Montreal, Tyler Forks, and Bad Rivers - YouTube](#)  
Posted on June 6, 2013 by mjogdahl.  
West Fork Montreal, as well as Tyler Forks and Bad Rivers.  
Video includes a description of 1,750 cfs on the West Fork Montreal.  
West Fork Montreal video footage is from 0:00 to 2:41; 0:52 surfing at Elephant’s Ear is noted.
- [Montreal River Canyon Whitewater Rafting - YouTube](#)  
Posted October 2, 2016 by ringo999999.  
Montreal Canyon below Saxon Falls Dam to US Hwy 122.  
Description includes “The gauge hotline is down from recent storms however we met a dam operator after our paddle and he said this level was around 600 cfs. Can’t wait for 1600 and then some.”  
Video includes a raft, canoe, and kayak.
- [Montreal River Paddle - YouTube](#)  
Posted May 24, 2015 by Ian Shackleford.  
Description includes “Kayaking the Montreal River through Ironwood (MI) and Hurley (WI). April 18, 2015. Video by Nathan Borth, wearing a GoPro camera. Volunteers from Whitecap Kayak paddled the river, collecting garbage and marking locations for future river cleanups. The Montreal River is the border between Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They started near Norrie Park and ended at Peterson Falls (although the video ends before they reached the waterfall).”
- [Montreal River Canyon open boat trip - YouTube](#)  
Posted October 26, 2014 by Wisconsinred.  
Video shows paddlers using the Saxon Falls staircase to access the Montreal River.  
Watercraft includes a canoe, flow not listed.
- [Superior Falls at High Flows from the Air - YouTube](#)  
Posted April 10, 2019 by ringo999999.  
Description includes “Superior Falls is a waterfall on the Montreal River located on the border of Michigan and Wisconsin. This video was captured on April 10th, 2019 at high flows after a weekend of warm temps and rain.”
- [First and Second Drops of Superior Falls, Montreal River - YouTube](#)  
Posted Oct 3, 2016 by ringo999999.  
Description includes “Video was shot from the Michigan side of Superior Falls on October 1st, 2016.”  
No boating occurred.

- [Third and Final Drop of Superior Falls, Montreal River - YouTube](#)  
Posted Oct 3, 2016 by ringo999999.  
Description includes “Video was shot from the Michigan side of Superior Falls on October 1st, 2016.”  
No boating occurred.  
Poster commented “Kinda low water right now but with a bit more water there is certainly a line throughout these 3 drops. We walked down to right on the edge of the falls and then some, so cool to feel the flow beneath your feet.”
- [Superior Falls on Montreal River - Michigan/Wisconsin border - YouTube](#)  
Posted August 19, 2012 by Jonathan Katje.  
Description includes “The Xcel Energy group [sic] has opened a viewing area for these falls to the public, it is a semi-challenging hike but also gives a great view of the cliffs at the Lake Super [sic] rivermouth.” Video is from the bottom of Superior Falls.  
Watercraft includes kayaks.

#### 4.1.2 Hydrological Assessment

A hydrological assessment included an online source review for relevant hydrology data which was conducted in March 2022. Online sources included the United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Water Information System (NWIS) and USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center websites.

##### 4.1.2.1 USGS NWIS Gage Data Review

The following USGS Gages were identified along the West Fork and Montreal in the Gile Project vicinity:

- [USGS 04028987 WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER @ CENTER DR NR HURLEY, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029000 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER AT GILE, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029500 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](#)
- [USGS 04028500 MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029550 MONTREAL RIVER 6 MI NORTHWEST OF IRONWOOD, MI](#)
- [USGS 04029990 MONTREAL RIVER AT SAXON FALLS NEAR SAXON, WI](#)

Each USGS gage linked above includes information on available data, as follows:

- USGS 04028987 – no data is available
- USGS 04029000 – data available from 04-25-1918 to 09-29-1947 (upstream of Gile Dam)
- USGS 04029500 – data available from 06-26-1924 to 12-07-1925 (downstream of US Hwy 2)
- USGS 04028500 – data available from 06-26-1924 to 12-07-1925 (upstream of confluence)
- USGS 04029550 – data available from 07-27-1967 to 07-27-1967 (downstream of confluence)
- USGS 04029990 – data available from 10-01-1986 to 09-29-2017 (Saxon Falls)<sup>16</sup>

The USGS NWIS website states these six gages are maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center. The USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center website provides a link to the National Water Information System (NWIS) Mapper, which was accessed to determine the locations of the five USGS gages with available data as they relate to the study area (shown in parentheses in the list above).<sup>17 18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Daily discharge values for this gage were provided to USGS by NSPW, no physical gage at this location.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/upper-midwest-water-science-center>, accessed March 16, 2022.

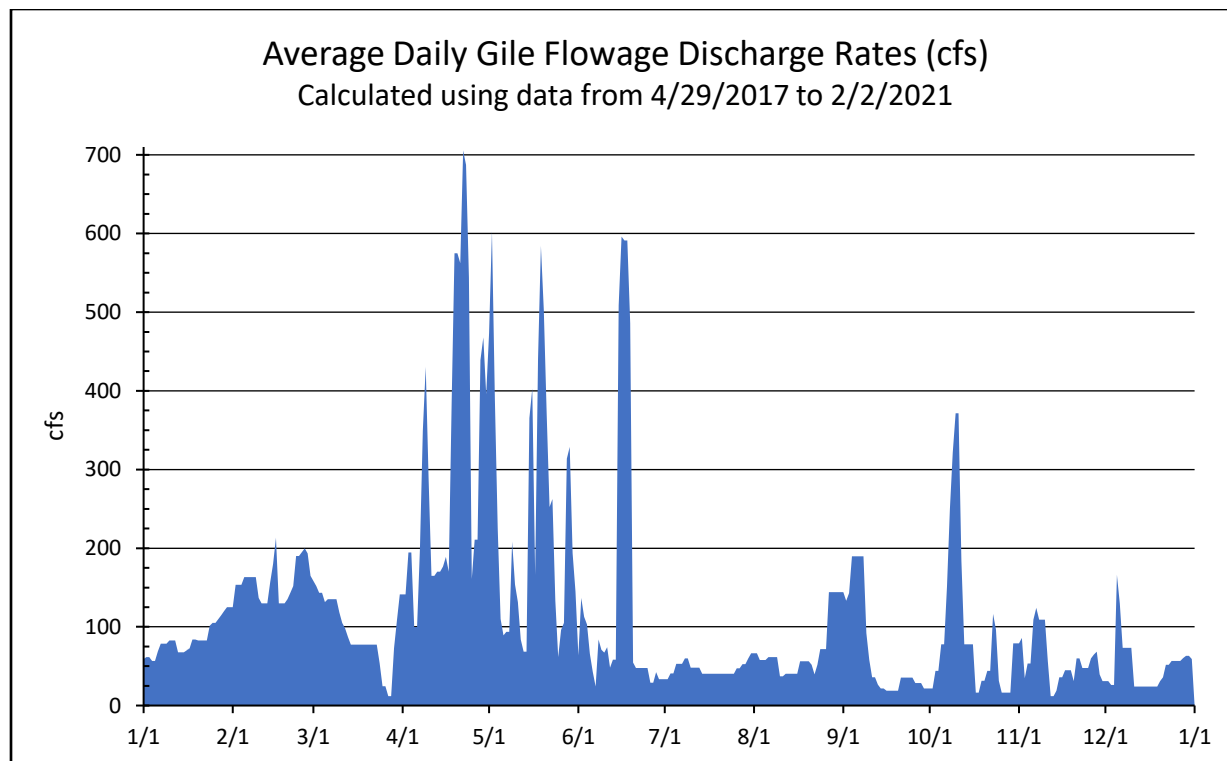
<sup>18</sup> <https://maps.waterdata.usgs.gov/mapper/index.html>, accessed March 16, 2022.

Additional information about the data available on the USGS NWIS and USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center websites is provided in **Appendix G**.

**4.1.2.2 Representative Gile Flowage Discharge Rate**

The average daily discharge rate from the Gile Dam downstream to the West Fork is shown in the graph presented in **Figure 4.1.2.2-1**. The data used to calculate the average daily discharge was provided in Appendix P of the PSP (NSPW, 2021a). Data were available from April 29, 2017 through February 2, 2021, or 1,374 days. The highest daily discharge rate recorded during this time frame was 2,300 cfs and occurred on each of three consecutive days from June 16-18, 2018. The highest average daily discharge rate was calculated at 706 cfs on April 22 for the period of 2017-2021. The lowest daily discharge rate recorded was 12 cfs, which occurred on 498 days or approximately 36% of the time during this period. The lowest average daily discharge rate was also 12 cfs for the period of 2017-2021. It should be noted that a minimum flow of 10 cfs has historically been passed downstream of the Gile Dam in accordance with an agreement with the Village of Montreal (NSPW, 2020).

**Figure 4.1.2.2-1 Average Daily Gile Flowage Discharge Rates**



**4.1.3 Interviews and Local Knowledge**

On May 9, 2022, NSPW began coordinating with Jake Ring, a local boating enthusiast who routinely boats in this area, to identify boaters willing to participate in the June 11, 2022, Whitewater Study. Jake identified 17 boaters to participate in the study.

On May 24, 2022, NSPW notified AW and NPS via email of the Whitewater Study. A portion of the email invited each agency to submit boater recommendations for the study. Mr. Thomas O’Keefe, Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director with AW, responded via email on June 8, 2022, indicating he would not

be able to attend the study. Mr. O'Keefe stated his correspondence with Jake Ring indicated a sufficient number of participants are expected; therefore, he would not promote the study to any additional qualified boaters. Ms. Lilian Jonas, consultant with the NPS, responded via email on June 9, 2022 indicating the NPS will not be able to attend the study. The NPS did not identify any additional boater recommendations.

On May 24, 2022, NSPW notified Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG) via email of the Whitewater Study. Cathy Techtmann, FOG President, indicated the Whitewater Study information would be shared with FOG during a May 28, 2022 annual meeting and also via email to FOG members. Correspondence with Jake Ring, AW, NPS, and FOG is included in **Appendix H**.

A three-part questionnaire was developed to gather information about existing and potential whitewater recreation opportunities in the vicinity of the Gile Flowage. The first part of the questionnaire addressed the reach along the West Fork from the Gile Dam to US Hwy 2 and US Hwy 2 to the Montreal River confluence, the second addressed the reach along the Montreal River from its confluence with the West Fork to Saxon Falls, and the third addressed boating opportunities in the area. This questionnaire was distributed to Jake Ring and all 17 boaters identified to participate in the Whitewater Study. A summary of boater responses is provided in the sections below. A copy of the questionnaire and participant responses are included in **Appendix I**.

#### **4.1.3.1 West Fork**

Boaters were asked to provide information about their use of the West Fork from the Gile Dam to US Hwy 2 and US Hwy 2 to the Montreal River confluence; access to these reaches; flow ranges, watercraft, and boater experience level suitable for the US Hwy 2 to the Montreal River confluence reach; and what characteristics make these reaches suitable or unsuitable for whitewater recreation. Boaters were also given the opportunity to provide any additional comments regarding the West Fork.

##### **4.1.3.1.1 Gile Dam to US Hwy 2**

Five of the 18 boaters stated they previously boated this reach of the West Fork. The boaters indicated they access this reach via County D to the road upstream of Rock Cut Falls (potentially South Drive) and below the Gile Dam. Two of the five boated this reach once, the remaining three stated they boat this reach when flows are high enough, which is typically early spring.

Boaters were asked what characteristics make this reach suitable or unsuitable for whitewater recreation. Five boaters provided comments on suitable characteristics, which included the following:

- Very rocky with high rock walls through rock cut, good gradient, and variety of rapids
- Scenic, pretty continuous, fun but not scary
- Continuous whitewater sections for everyone
- Gile Falls, cool features, rapid under railroad bridge was awesome
- Gile Falls

One boater noted log jams as an unsuitable characteristic. Two boaters provided additional comments, which included requesting an online gage that displays current flows and another stating they appreciate this stretch of the river.

#### **4.1.3.1.2 US Hwy 2 to the Montreal River Confluence**

None of the 18 boaters have used the reach from US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for whitewater recreation due to lack of suitable access; therefore, no boater input was provided for the suitability of flow ranges, watercraft, and boater experience level along this reach. Boaters were asked where they would recommend locating an acceptable access point along this reach. Five boaters stated they did not know where to locate an acceptable access point.

Although no boaters had previously used this reach, they were asked what characteristics make this reach suitable or unsuitable for whitewater recreation. No suitable characteristics were identified. One boater noted downed trees are an unsuitable characteristic, while another stated there is not a lot of documentation on this reach.

#### **4.1.3.2 Montreal River**

Boaters were asked to provide information about their use of the Montreal River from its confluence with the West Fork to the Saxon Falls Project; access to this reach; flow ranges, watercraft, and boater experience level suitable for this reach; and what characteristics make this reach suitable or unsuitable for whitewater recreation.

One of the 18 boaters stated they previously boated this reach of the Montreal River in 2019; however, the recreation activity was not related to whitewater boating. The boater accessed the Montreal River from Nylund Road (46.499585°, -90.215184°), although this location is not ideal. The location is approximately 4.5 miles upstream of the confluence and the boater encountered four log jams prior to reaching the confluence. The boater indicated the nearby railroad (Canada National) may be a more suitable access point; however, all surrounding property is privately owned. The boater stated this reach does not provide whitewater and therefore is not suitable for whitewater recreation. This stretch is suitable for a boater with novice experience level using a float craft such as a canoe or kayak; however, the log jams may require more experience due to portage requirements.

#### **4.1.3.3 Boating Opportunities in the Area**

Boaters were asked to provide information on additional Class I/II boating opportunities within or in the vicinity of the watershed boundary that includes the West Fork and Montreal Rivers. Six of the 18 boaters provided additional information.

Two boaters indicated they were not familiar with any additional Class I/II boating opportunities in the area and one boater suggested looking on the American Whitewater webpage for additional information. Two boaters referred to the Montreal Canyon below Saxon Falls. This stretch of the Montreal River is a Class II/III according to American Whitewater (AW, 2022a).

One boater commented the rivers in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula are rain dependent. This boater also provided four additional boating opportunities in the area, which included the following:

- Montreal Water Trail, Norrie Park to Cemetery: 4 miles, Class I, any flow, some logs
- Montreal Canyon: poor access, flows between 600-2,000+ cfs
- Black River from Blackjack to Hedberg:<sup>19</sup> 5 miles, Class I, flows between 150-800(?) + cfs
- Presque Isle: some of this reach is flat

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<sup>19</sup> Class I/II according to American Whitewater (AW, 2022b).

#### 4.1.4 Level 1 Assessment Summary

The Level 1 Assessment included an online review and boater questionnaire to gather existing and accessible whitewater recreation information for the West Fork and Montreal River, public access locations and constraints, physical attributes of boating reaches, and hydrology for the West Fork from the Gile Dam downstream to its confluence with the Montreal River and the Montreal River from the confluence to Saxon Falls.

##### 4.1.4.1 Literature Review Summary

The online review identified existing information for the West Fork from Gile Dam to US Hwy 2, the Montreal Canyon (downstream of Saxon Falls, outside of assessment area), and Superior Falls (outside of assessment area). The AW website was the only source identified that provided information on the West Fork downstream from US Hwy 2 to the confluence of the Montreal River and the Montreal River downstream from the confluence to Saxon Falls.

The AW website describes the West Fork from Gile Falls to US Hwy 2 as “Tough to catch water, but contains one of the longest IV- rapids in the state.” AW states the run is divided into two sections which include Gile Falls (put-in) to Kimball Town Park (take-out) and Kimball Town Park (put-in) to just downstream of US Hwy 2 (take-out). The Kimball Town Park to US Hwy 2 run is approximately 1.5 miles of class II-III rapids followed by 1.0 mile of flat water (AW, 2022f).

The AW website describes the Montreal River from Nylund Road to Saxon Falls Dam as a 16.8 mile, class I-II stretch. The Nylund Road put-in “is mostly for continuity with the upper section. Virtually throughout this reach, you’ll find low-grade, read-and-run rapids, interspersing flat/flowing water.” AW recommends using the West Fork US Hwy 2 location as a put-in for this stretch under low flow conditions (AW, 2022d).

AW’s October 2007 internet flow study of the West Fork determined acceptable flows for whitewater boating are between 400 and 1,000 cfs, with 600 cfs being acceptable for the majority of boaters (AW, 2007).

Several online videos were identified which included whitewater recreation activities on the West Fork. A review of the videos and commentary indicated flows were between 1,750 and 2,200 cfs, difficulty class was stated as III-/IV+, and watercraft included a raft and Hyside Paddle Cat.

##### 4.1.4.2 Hydrology Summary

A review of the USGS NWIS and USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center concluded no current data is available from gage stations along the West Fork or Montreal River in the study area. The hydrograph provided in [Section 4.1.2.2](#) presents the average daily discharge rate from the Gile Dam from April 29, 2017 through February 2, 2021 shows a range of 12 to 706 cfs. The hydrograph provided in [Section 4.1.2.3](#) displays average daily discharge rate from the Saxon Falls Dam from October 1, 1986 through September 29, 2017 shows a range of 125 to 1,220 cfs.

##### 4.1.4.3 Interview and Local Knowledge Summary

The questionnaire developed to gather information about whitewater recreation opportunities in the vicinity of the Gile Flowage was distributed to 18 local boaters, as described in [Section 4.1.3](#). An analysis of the questionnaire revealed that five of the 18 boaters previously paddled the West Fork from Gile Dam to US Hwy 2 due to suitable whitewater availability and put-in/take-out accessibility.

One boater noted log jams can make this stretch unsuitable for less-experienced boaters. No boaters paddled the reach from US Hwy 2 to the Montreal River confluence due to lack of suitable access and limited available information regarding this reach. One boater indicated they paddled on the portion of the Montreal River from its confluence downstream to Saxon Falls, although the boating activity was not related to whitewater recreation.

## 4.2 Level 2 Assessment

According to the Whittaker method, a Level 2 assessment can include limited field reconnaissance of boating reaches to further develop the information discovered in the Level 1 assessment (Whittaker, D., B. Shelby, J. Gangemi, 2005). The “on-land boating feasibility assessment” methodology was used as a basis for the Level 2 assessment of the Whitewater Study.

Per the Commission’s SPD, the AW 2007 study “does not meet the requirements of a Level 2 assessment because it does not accurately describe the range of optimal flows that may be used to proceed to a Level 3 assessment.” The Commission recommended NSPW consult with AW, NPS, and local boaters as part of the Level 2 assessment to “resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study, determine the need for a site visit, and define study flows” prior to the Level 3 assessment (FERC, 2021). The Level 2 assessment also included field reconnaissance for put-in/take-out locations for the Level 3 assessment and study documentation, potential put-in/take-out locations for the West Fork downstream of US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River and the Montreal River confluence to Saxon Falls, and coordination to determine the starting flow level for the Whitewater Study.

### 4.2.1 American Whitewater 2007 Study

In an effort to resolve inconsistencies with the AW 2007 study, NSPW consulted with AW, NPS, and Jake Ring (local boater) on May 24, 2022, regarding the Level 2 assessment needs. AW responded on June 8, 2022, requesting clarification to the following statement from NSPW, “NSPW has determined it is unable to resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study unless the dates of the boating experiences rated in the 2007 study are provided by American Whitewater.” NSPW responded to AW with the following on June 9, 2022:

*American Whitewater submitted a letter to the Commission on March 17, 2021 regarding “Comments of American Whitewater on the Pre-Application Document and Proposed Study for the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project”, which included the following regarding the West Branch Montreal River:*

*“The study area encompasses [sic] the West Branch Montreal River from Gile Flowage to Highway 2 as identified in American Whitewater’s National Whitewater Inventory. American Whitewater completed a survey-based flow study (i.e. a study where users self report flows and respond to an online survey) in 2007 determining that 400-1000 cfs was the optimal range. While we concluded that a significant population of river users would prefer higher flow releases, we did not evaluate flows greater than 1000 cfs. We determined that while some individuals have run the river at these higher flows, these opportunities are limited and unlikely to be provided for during a controlled release. Based on the results of our study we proposed an optimum release schedule for a weekend of two releases that would begin with a release of 600 cfs on Saturday morning at 10 am and until 4 pm, and a second release day of 800-1,000 cfs on Sunday, which would begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm. If the release schedule had to be limited to one day we concluded a flow of 600-800 cfs should be released between 10 am and 4 pm*



*on a Saturday. A limitation of this study was the fact that users self-reported their runs and in some cases estimating flows and scoring flows that they may not have actually experienced. The study provides a useful starting point but results need to be confirmed to be used as the basis for protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for recreation in a new license.”*

*NSPW held a virtual meeting on May, 20, 2021, which you attended, to discuss the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Proposed Study Plan Meeting. You discussed that American Whitewater has additional data regarding the 2007 study and can e-file that information to the Commission so it can be placed on the Docket. To date, no additional information on the 2007 study has been e-filed to the Docket.*

*In discussions with local boaters, 400 cfs is believed to be too low to adequately boat, which contradicts the 2007 study that says 400 cfs is the minimum boatable flow. The Commission asked NSPW to try to resolve the contradiction or inconsistencies with the 400 cfs flow level in 2007 study as part of a Level 2 assessment for the Gile whitewater study. In order for NSPW to reconcile the discrepancies of the 2007 study, American Whitewater needs to provide the dates boating occurred in the 2007. If the dates are provided, NSPW can review their operational records for those boating dates to determine the flow (cfs) that occurred in the West Fork Montreal River and could then “calibrate” the results of the 2007 study. This calibrated flow (cfs) would be important to determine the starting flow for the Gile whitewater study that will take place starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 11, 2022.*

Correspondence with AW is included in **Appendix J**.

#### **4.2.2 On-Land Field Reconnaissance**

NSPW conducted field reconnaissance prior to the Level 3 assessment based on the following objectives:

- Locate accessible and safe put-in/take-out locations for the Level 3 assessment
- Locate accessible and safe photo/video documentation locations for the Level 3 assessment

In addition, based on Level 1 assessment questionnaire responses, field reconnaissance was conducted to locate potential put-in/take-out locations for the following reaches:

- West Fork downstream of US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
- Montreal River confluence to Saxon Falls

##### **4.2.2.1 Put-In/Take-Out Locations for Level 3 Assessment**

NSPW anticipated the put-in/take-out locations for the Level 3 assessment would be in the vicinity of the Gile Dam, South Drive bridge, Center Drive bridge, Kimball Town Park, and US Hwy 2 bridge. Field reconnaissance was conducted at each location on June 10, 2022. Discharge from the Gile Dam was approximately 10 cfs at this time. All photos in the figures below were taken on June 10, 2022.

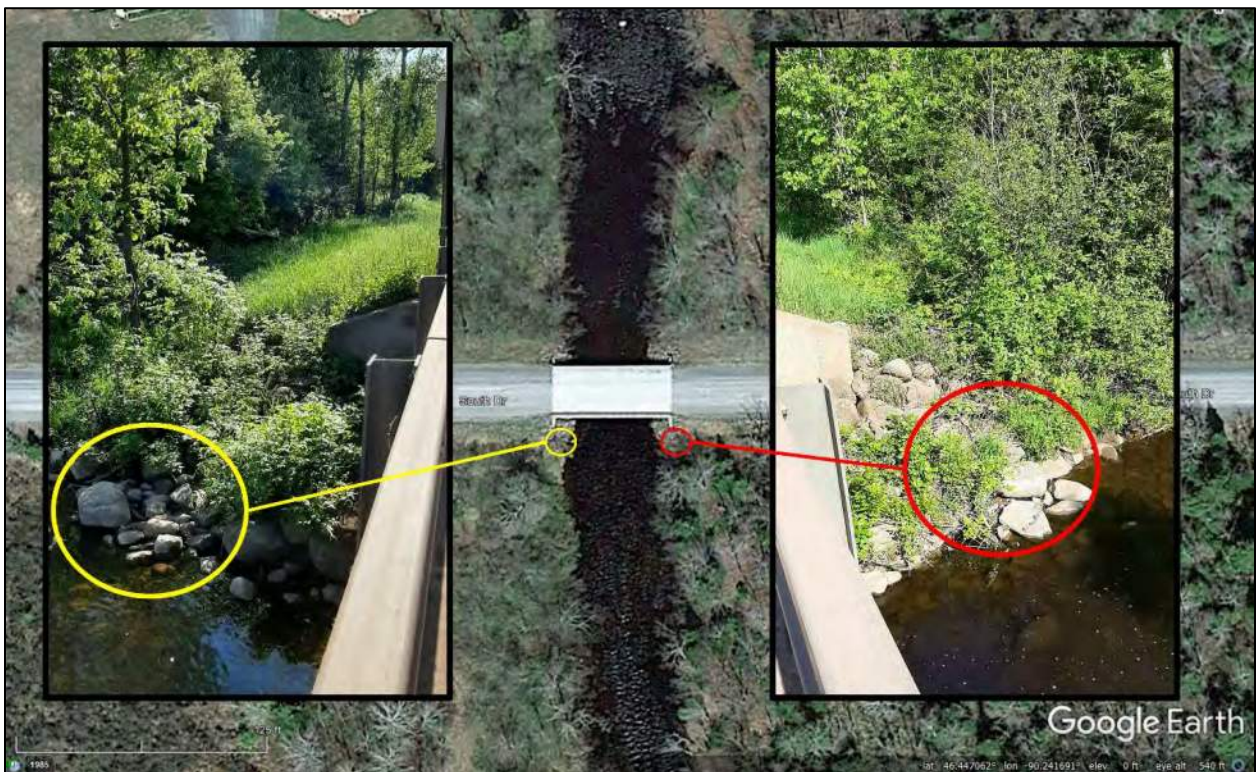
The put-in location (yellow arrow) and access at the Gile Dam was determined safe and accessible, as shown in **Figure 4.2.2.1-1**.

**Figure 4.2.2.1-1 Put-In Location and Access at Gile Dam**



The put-in/take-out location and access at the South Drive bridge was determined safe and accessible from the upstream side, as shown in **Figure 4.2.2.1-2**. Both the east bank (river-right, red circle) and west bank (river-left, yellow circle) could be used by the boaters for put-in/take-out. The AW website lists South Road as an alternate put-in for the Gile Falls to US Hwy 2 reach on the West Fork (AW, 2022f).

**Figure 4.2.2.1-2 Put-In/Take-Out Location and Access at the South Drive bridge**



Note: Google Earth image date is 5/4/2015.

The put-in/take-out location and access at the Center Drive bridge was determined safe and accessible from the downstream side, as shown in **Figure 4.2.2.1-3**. Both the east bank (river-right, red circle) and west bank (river-left, yellow circle) are steep; however, both could be used by the boaters for put-in/take-out. The ideal put-in/take-out site would be via the east or west bank on the upstream side of the bridge; however, the area is posted with “No Trespassing” signs. The AW website lists Center Drive as a reach waypoint that could be used as alternate access for the Gile Falls to US Hwy 2 reach on the West Fork (AW, 2022f).

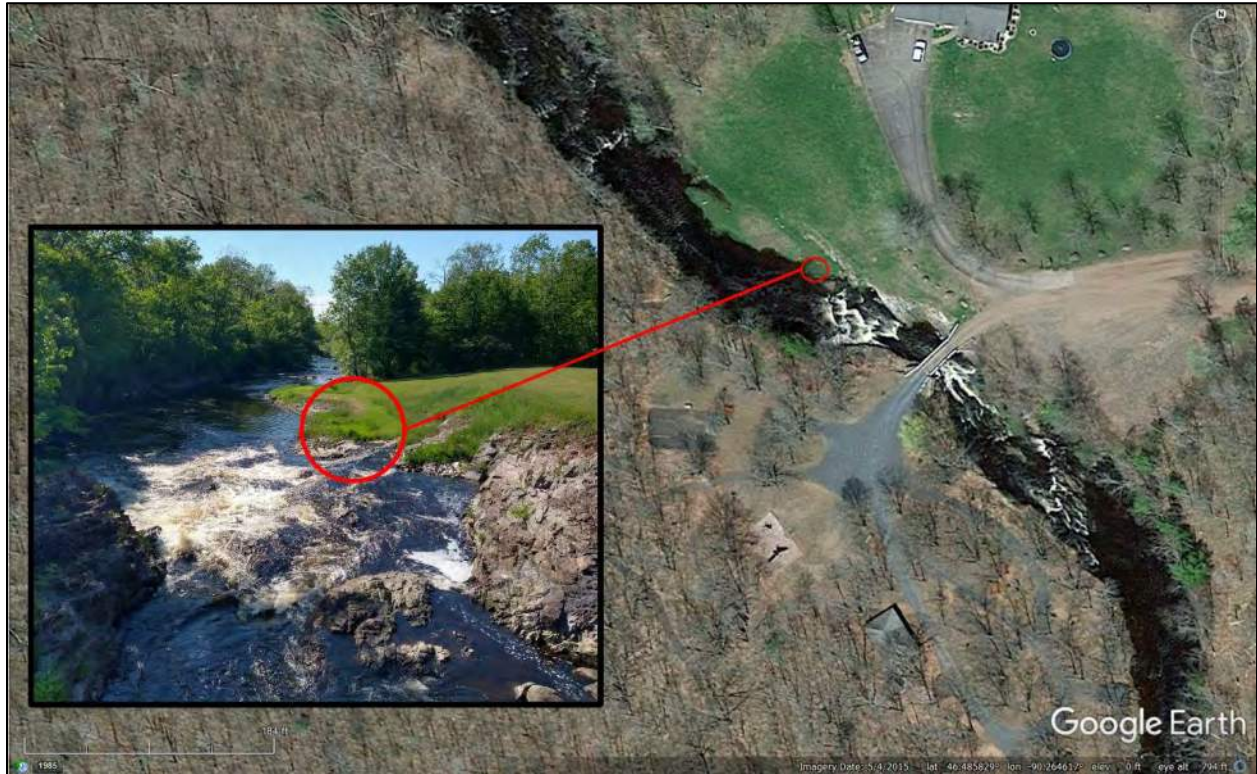
**Figure 4.2.2.1-3 Put-In/Take-Out Location and Access at the Center Drive bridge**



Note: Google Earth image date is 5/4/2015.

The put-in/take-out location and access at Kimball Town Park was determined safe and accessible from the downstream side, as shown in **Figure 4.2.2.1-4**. The east bank downstream of the Park bridge (river-right, red circle) provides plenty of space and a gentle, grass slope for egress. The AW website suggest getting out at river-left well before the Park bridge to scout (AW, 2022f).

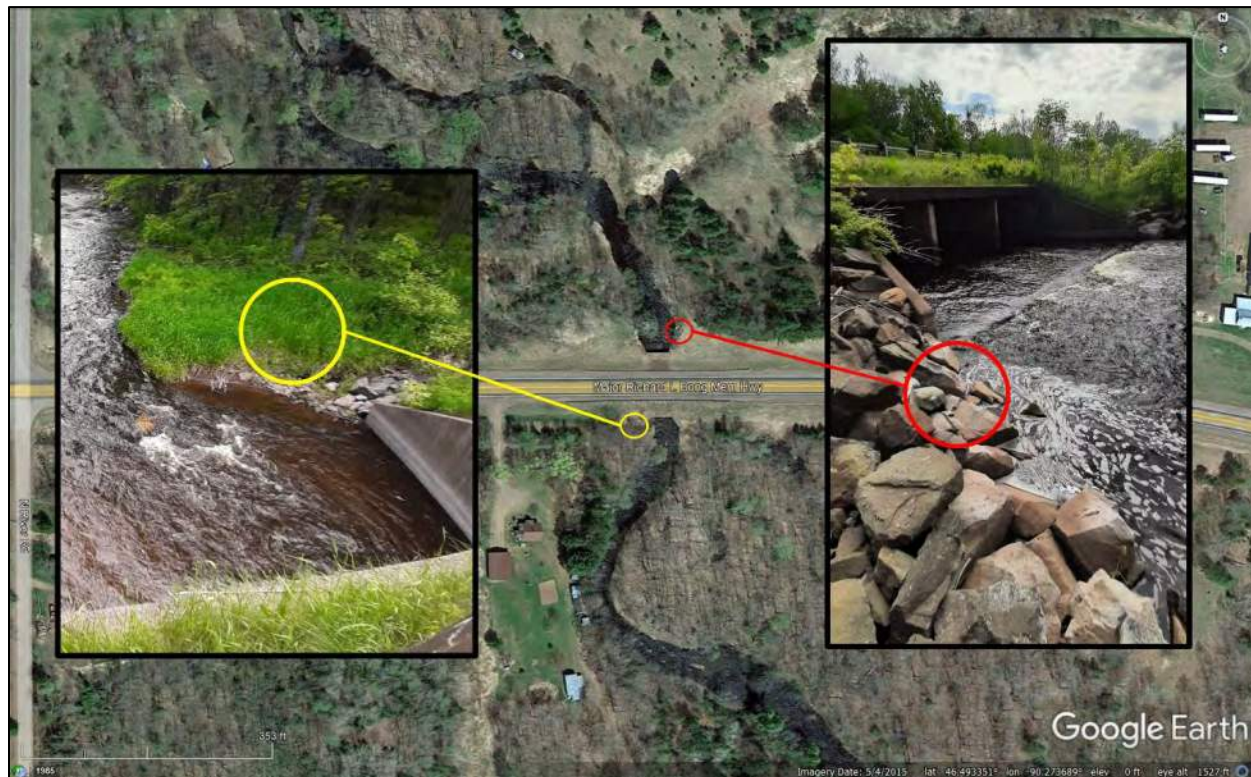
**Figure 4.2.2.1-4 Put-In/Take-Out Location and Access at Kimball Town Park**



Note: Google Earth image date is 5/4/2015.

The put-in/take-out access at the US Hwy 2 bridge was determined accessible from either upstream on either bank or downstream on either bank. Both banks on the downstream side are rocky, while both banks on the upstream side are vegetated. All four banks provide a moderately steep and grassy slope for access, as shown in **Figure 4.2.2.1-5**. Despite suitable access, the location is along a US highway and was therefore deemed unsafe as a put-in/take-out location for the Level 3 assessment.

**Figure 4.2.2.1-5 Put-In/Take-Out Location and Access at US Hwy 2 bridge**



#### 4.2.2.2 Documentation Locations for Level 3 Assessment

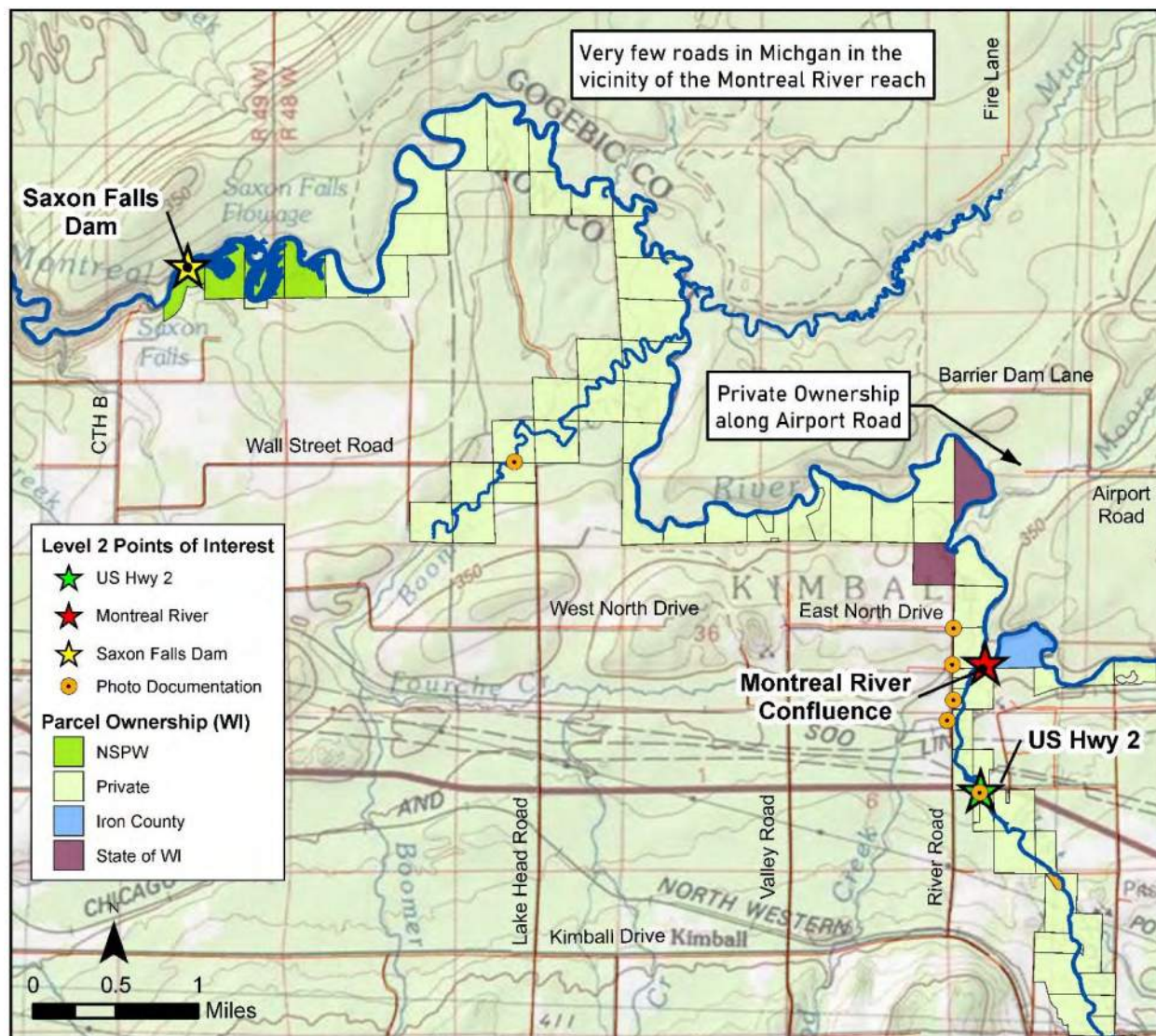
All five locations identified in [Section 4.2.2.1](#) were also considered as a location for photo/video documentation during the Level 3 assessment. The bridge at State Highway 77 (STH 77), which is approximately 3,000 feet downstream of Gile Dam, was also considered during field reconnaissance on June 10, 2022. All six locations would provide an acceptable vantage point upstream and downstream to document the boater experience during the Level 3 assessment. NSPW decided to exclude the bridges at STH 77 and US Hwy 2 as documentation locations due to safety concerns based on their classification as a state and federal highway, respectively.

#### 4.2.2.3 Potential Put-In/Take-Out Locations based on Level 1 Assessment

A portion of the questionnaire developed for the Level 1 assessment, described in [Section 4.1.3](#), included an opportunity for boaters to recommend acceptable egress locations for both the West Fork from US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River and the Montreal River from its confluence to Saxons Falls. No acceptable locations were identified or recommended by the boaters for the reach on the West Fork. One boater stated they accessed the Montreal River reach approximately 4.5 miles upstream of the confluence from Nylund Road; however, the location is not ideal.

NSPW conducted a field reconnaissance on June 10, 2022 to locate potentially acceptable egress locations for the West Fork and Montreal River reaches. A field map for the two reaches, including parcel ownership information where available, is included as **Figure 4.2.2.3-1**. Parcel ownership GIS data was readily downloadable from Iron County, Wisconsin but not for Gogebic County, Michigan.<sup>20</sup> The Gogebic County web-based GIS system was accessed to search property ownership information along the Montreal River reach and was narrowed to parcels adjacent to Airport Road and Barrier Dam Lane.<sup>21</sup> The review showed parcel ownership was private property or Gogebic County Forestry and Parks property.

**Figure 4.2.2.3-1 Field Map for Level 2 Egress Location Field Reconnaissance**



NSPW surveyed egress locations while traveling by vehicle along River Road, north of US Hwy 2 to the intersection of East North Drive and along Wall Street Road between Lake Head Road and CTH B. Photo documentation of the field reconnaissance efforts are included in **Appendix K**. NSPW was not able to locate acceptable egress locations for the West Fork and Montreal River reaches. The property adjoining

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.sco.wisc.edu/parcels/data-county/>, accessed June 6, 2022.

<sup>21</sup> Gogebic County, Michigan GIS system, <https://colligogis.com/web/>, accessed June 6, 2022.

these reaches is mostly privately owned and marked with “No Trespassing” signs. Access to adjoining properties was prohibitive due to locked gates, dense vegetation, long portages, or steep terrain.

#### **4.2.3 Study Flow Determination**

NSPW consulted with Jake Ring between May 9 and June 2, 2022, to determine if the flow releases for the Level 3 Assessment would be between 600-1,000 cfs. The actual flow releases would be determined onsite as part of a limited reconnaissance prior to the start of the Level 3 Assessment. NSPW coordinated with Jake Ring and internal personnel and decided that the Whitewater Study would take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022, after the spring thaw. Sunday, June 12, 2022 was chosen as a back-up date in case of unforeseen weather or safety conditions, or if an additional day was needed to complete the study. Study flow correspondence with Jake Ring is included in **Appendix J**. The flow release determination was communicated with AW and NPS on May 24, 2022. AW responded on June 8, 2022 in support of the 600-1,000 cfs flow range with the understanding the range could be adjusted based on the perspective of those onsite during the Level 3 assessment. NPS responded on June 9, 2022 stating the agency is not able to attend the Level 3 assessment and provided no further comments. Correspondence with AW and NPS is included in **Appendix H**.

#### **4.2.4 Level 2 Assessment Summary**

NSPW was not able to reconcile the inconsistencies with the 400 cfs flow in the AW 2007 study. NSPW requested the study dates from the AW 2007 study in an effort to review its operational records to determine what flows in the West Fork occurred during that time. Those flows could then be used to determine the starting flow for the Whitewater Study. NSPW did not receive the dates of the AW 2007 study and therefore no verification could be made regarding the 400 cfs. NSPW consulted with Jake Ring to determine a flow range for the Whitewater Study; study flows were established from 600-1,000 cfs.

On-land field reconnaissance identified four locations to provide accessible and safe put-in/take-out locations for boaters participating in the Whitewater Study, as well as accessible and safe photo/video locations for NSPW to document the study. Those locations include the Gile Dam, South Drive bridge, Center Drive bridge, and Kimball Town Park.

On-land field reconnaissance was conducted to locate potential put-in/take-out locations for the following reaches: West Fork downstream of US Hwy 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River and Montreal River confluence to Saxon Falls. NSPW did not identify potential put-in/take-out locations for either reach. The majority of property adjoining these reaches is privately owned. Access to government-owned adjoining properties was prohibitive due to locked gates, dense vegetation, or steep terrain.

### 4.3 Level 3 Assessment

According to the Whittaker method, a Level 3 assessment should be conducted for flow-dependent whitewater recreation opportunities (Whittaker, D., B. Shelby, J. Gangemi, 2005). A controlled flow assessment was used to analyze whitewater boating opportunities on the West Fork for two flow releases. NSPW developed the study plan, evaluation forms, and study logistics. NSPW also coordinated with its Gile Dam operators to evaluate the study.

#### 4.3.1 Level 3 Assessment Coordination

Jake Ring coordinated the logistics with the boaters and informed them the Whitewater Study was scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022. Participants would meet in the parking lot of Gile Park at 14 Park Street in Gile, Wisconsin. The first run was anticipated to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Jake Ring notified NSPW of a log jam at the Rock Cut Rapids area on May 16, 2022 and inquired if it could be removed prior to the study. NSPW responded on May 17, 2022 stating log jam and debris removal from a river is not the responsibility of the Utility. See correspondence in **Appendix L**. In addition, the American Whitewater website indicates Rock Cut Falls is known “to collect snags” and boater scouting is advised.<sup>22</sup>

NSPW distributed a press release on June 6, 2022 notifying the public of the Whitewater Study. The press release was distributed to NSPW’s northern distribution list, which includes Ashland Daily Press, Duluth News Tribune, Ironwood Daily, WPR-Superior, Up North News, Price County Review, Washburn County Register. The press release is provided in **Appendix M**.

#### 4.3.2 Whitewater Study Participant Background Information

Prior to the Whitewater Study, boater participants were asked to complete a questionnaire about their preferred boating craft, boating skill level, frequency, previous experience with whitewater studies and the West Fork, and preferred river characteristics. Boaters were also asked how far they traveled for this study and if they previously participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boater study. A summary of the boaters’ responses is provided below and a copy of the questionnaire and participant responses are included in **Appendix N**.

**Table 4.3.1-1** summarizes the boater responses for boating skill level and boating frequency. Each boater determined their own skill level. Ten boaters (56%) ranked themselves at an expert skill level, while the remaining eight boaters were equally split between intermediate (22%) and advanced (22%). Intermediate boaters have been boating an average of 4.5 years at this level; the greatest number of years was seven and the fewest was two. Advanced boaters have been boating an average of 9.75 years at this level; the greatest number of years was 20 and the fewest was four. Expert boaters have been boating an average of 8.5 years at this level; the greatest number of years was 20 and the fewest was three.

Intermediate boaters recreated an average of 29 to 31 days a year; the greatest number of days was 50 and the fewest was 10. Advanced boaters recreated an average of 50 to 65 days a year; the greatest number of days was 100 and the fewest was 40. Expert boaters recreated an average of 54 to 58 days a year; the

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2300/main>, River Description, accessed May 16, 2022.



greatest number of days was 100 and the fewest was 15. No boaters ranked themselves with an elite skill level. Ten boaters indicated their preferred craft is a kayak, while six preferred a raft. Two boaters did not indicate a preferred boating craft.

**Table 4.3.1-1 Boater Skill Level and Boating Frequency**

Skill Level	Number of Boaters	Years at this Level (Boater Average)	Days a Year Boating (Boater Average)*	Craft Preference	
				Kayak	Raft
Intermediate	4	4.5	29 to 31	2	2
Advanced	4	9.75	50 to 65	4	0
Expert	10	8.5	54 to 58	4	4
Elite	0	0	0	0	0

\* Six boaters provide a range for boating days; therefore, the average was calculated using both the low and high number of days.

**Table 4.3.1-2** summarizes the number of boaters who previously participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater study, how many previously boated the West Fork, and how far each boater travelled in miles for this Whitewater Study.

**Table 4.3.1-2 Boater Skill Level and Boating Frequency**

Skill Level	Participated in Relicensing Study		Previously Boated West Fork		Miles Travelled for the Whitewater Study (Boater Average)*
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Intermediate	0	4	0	4	213
Advanced	0	4	1	3	165
Expert	2	8	5	5	151

\* Some boaters listed a city rather than miles. NSPW calculated the miles travelled based on that city's center to the Gile Park parking lot in Gile, Wisconsin (46.425582°, -90.224064°) using Google Earth.

Two expert-level boaters previously participated in the Saxon Falls and Superior Falls hydroelectric projects relicensing recreation flow study for the Montreal River Canyon in May 2021.

One advanced-level and five expert-level boaters previously boated the West Fork. Boaters were given the opportunity to provide information about their previous experience including frequency, flows, and craft. Four boaters ran the West Fork once or twice, one boater ran it over 100 times, and another stated they run it when water levels allow. Boaters experienced flows between 650 to 2,000 cfs. Five boaters used a kayak and one used a raft.

The Whitewater Study included participants who reside in the following states: Michigan (6 boaters), Minnesota (5 boaters), Wisconsin (4 boaters), Missouri (1 boater), and South Dakota (1 boater). Boaters were asked how many miles they travelled specifically for the Whitewater Study. The average distance travelled for intermediate-level boaters was 213 miles, advanced-level boaters was 165 miles, and expert-level boaters was 151 miles. The shortest distance travelled was five miles and the longest was 450 miles. One boater declined to provide their zip code, but did indicate they travelled 200 miles to participate in the Whitewater Study.

Boaters were asked to respond to nine statements about their preferred river reach characteristics and rate them as strongly agree (5), agree (4), neutral (3), disagree (2), or strongly disagree (1). **Table 4.3.1-3** lists the reach characteristic statements and the average rating for each statement based on boater responses.

**Table 4.3.1-3 Boater Rated Preferred Reach Statements**

Preferred Reach Characteristic Statement	Average Rating
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	2.1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	4.6
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	3.7
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	4.1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	4.3
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	2.8
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	4.8
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	3.9
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	3.6

In general, the boaters that participated in the Whitewater Study prefer rivers with more challenging rapids versus rivers with fast water and small to no rapids. Boaters prefer river segments under 2 miles if the run includes challenging rapids and whitewater play areas, less preference is placed on a unique or interesting river location. Boaters are almost neutral on their preference to whitewater play areas versus challenging rapids. Boaters are especially willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater. When planning whitewater recreation trips, boaters base their trips on challenging whitewater, but would plan a trip regardless of flow if boating could occur on a weekend.

### 4.3.3 Level 3 Assessment Methodology

Based on the RSP, the Level 3 assessment would include analysis of whitewater recreation on the following reaches of the West Fork:

- Reach 1 – Gile Dam (put-in) to South Drive Bridge (take-out) (2.07 miles)
- Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge (put-in) to Center Drive Bridge (take-out) (2.62 miles)
- Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge (put-in) to Kimball Town Park (take-out) (1.15 miles)

These reaches were chosen based on put-in/take-out accessibility and bridge visibility as a waypoint for boaters from the West Fork, and study documentation accessibility and vantage point along and above the West Fork. The three reaches and associated put-in/take-out and study documentation locations are show in **Figure 4.3.2-1**.

Boaters were provided the opportunity to scout the reaches prior to the start of each of the two flow releases. Jake Ring and several boaters scouted the area prior to the start of the study and removed the log jam on June 10, 2022 (Mead & Hunt, 2022). Jake Ring was unable to participate in the boating portion of the study on June 11, 2022; however, he was present throughout the study to provide logistical support, including boater transportation between reach locations.

Figure 4.3.2-1 Gile Flowage Whitewater Study Location Map



Boater evaluation forms were developed for each reach (3) and each flow release (2), for a total of six evaluations per boater. In addition, boaters were asked to complete an overall evaluation form to compare the two flow releases. A copy of each evaluation form is included in **Appendix O**. The evaluation form asked boaters to rate the whitewater difficulty classification, flow rate preference, boatable flow, features, safety, length, and aesthetics for each run; and provide details for specific challenges, portages, and safety issues they experienced during each run.

Study methodology directed all boaters to take-out at the end of each reach to complete the corresponding evaluation form (example: Reach 1, Flow 1) and then put-in and run the subsequent reach. Take-out locations were established at South Drive bridge (Study Reach 1), Center Drive bridge (Study Reach 2), and Kimball Town Park (Study Reach 3). Once the final reach was completed for the first flow release, boaters would return to the Gile Dam and begin the study for the same three reaches at the second flow release. All 17 boaters participated in the first run while 11 participated in the second run.

The overall evaluation form asked boaters to provide an optimal flow range for the West Fork from Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park; highest safe flow based on boater skill level and craft; optimal flow for a standard and high challenge run; and if only one flow was released, what would that optimal flow be. Additional information was collected about boating experience to gauge interest in the study run, best time of year for boating this run, suitable flows for beginners and play boating, preference on method to receive flow information, and other boating opportunities in the area. Boaters were also asked to rank ten various flow releases from acceptable, marginal, or unacceptable to gather information on optimal flow releases.

After all evaluation forms were completed, the remaining boaters, Jake Ring, and NSPW personnel participated in a post-evaluation discussion to collect additional information and input from the boaters pertaining to the whitewater recreation opportunities available on the West Fork.

All evaluation forms and the post-evaluation discussion are summarized in [Section 5](#).

## 5. Whitewater Study Level 3 Assessment Results and Discussion

The Whitewater Study results for the Level 3 assessment are based on the input provided by the boater participants using the boater evaluation form (completed after each reach/run), Overall Evaluation Form (comparison of flow releases at completion of all reaches/runs), and post-evaluation discussion. The responses on the evaluation forms, and notes from the post-evaluation discussion, were compiled and compared between the two flow releases to refine the minimal and optimal flow needed to provide a quality boating experience on the West Fork.

All 17 boaters ran the first run at a flow release of 600 cfs, with 12 boaters in kayaks and five in rafts (two in one raft, three in the other). All boaters exited at the end of the first reach (South Drive bridge) at 600 cfs to complete the evaluation form. The biting insects at this location were overwhelming for all participants. In response, Jake Ring consulted with the boaters and all agreed to continue the 600 cfs run to the final take-out at Kimball Town Park, and skip the take-out at the Center Drive bridge. Once at Kimball Town Park, boaters completed the evaluation forms for both Reach 2 and Reach 3 for 600 cfs.

Jake Ring consulted with the boaters after the completion of the first run (600 cfs) to determine if any boaters were interested in continuing the run downstream to US Hwy 2. They also discussed what the preferred flow release should be for the second run. Boaters were not interested in continuing the run downstream to US Hwy 2 at 600 cfs because the reach would be too boney. Additionally, boaters requested the second run be completed at a flow release of 1,200 cfs rather than 1,000 cfs, as included in the RSP. Boaters also agreed to complete the second run using the put-in at Gile Dam and take-out at Kimball Town Park, and skip the take-outs at South Drive bridge and Center Drive bridge due to biting insects.

NSPW personnel stood on the South Drive bridge (end of Reach 1) and Center Drive bridge (end of Reach 2) during the second run as a visual marker for the boaters. 11 boaters participated in the second run at a flow release of 1,200 cfs, with nine boaters in kayaks and two boaters in one raft. The evaluation forms for all three reaches at the 1,200 cfs flow release were completed at Kimball Town Park (end of Reach 3). Boaters were again offered the opportunity to continue the run at 1,200 cfs downstream to US Hwy 2, and again, no boaters chose to continue. Rather, several boaters chose to run Kimball Falls repeatedly as time and energy allowed.

All evaluation forms were collected in the field on the day of the Whitewater Study (June 11, 2022). Three boaters that participated in one or both runs of the study did not complete all the associated evaluation forms on June 11, 2022. NSPW coordinated with Jake Ring, who emailed the evaluation forms to each of the three boaters to give them another opportunity to provide their input on the study. NSPW received the completed evaluations from Jake Ring for two of the three boaters on July 8, 2022.

Boater evaluation forms were received for the first run (600 cfs) from 17 boaters for Reach 1 and Reach 2, and 15 boaters for Reach 3 and are included in **Appendix P**. Boater evaluation forms were received for the second run (1,200 cfs) from 10 of the 11 boaters for all three Reaches and are included in **Appendix Q**. These same ten boaters also completed the overall evaluation form, which are included in **Appendix R**, and participated in the focus-group discussion.

### 5.1.1 Boater Rated Whitewater Difficulty

Boater input regarding whitewater difficulty for the two flow releases, based on the American version of the International Whitewater Scale of River Difficulty, is shown in **Table 5.1.1-1**.<sup>23</sup> The majority of boaters rated all reaches at both flow releases as a Class III and/or Class IV. The range of difficulty identified from boater responses is also included for each reach of each flow release.

**Table 5.1.1-1 Boater Rated Whitewater Difficulty Class for each Reach at each Flow Release**

Difficulty	Reach 1 Majority	Reach 1 Range	Reach 2 Majority	Reach 2 Range	Reach 3 Majority	Reach 3 Range
<b>Flow 1 (600 cfs)</b>	<b>Class III</b>	Classes III, III+, IV	<b>Class IV</b>	Classes III, III+, III-IV, IV	<b>Class III</b>	Classes III, III+, III-IV, IV
<b>Flow 2 (1,200 cfs)</b>	<b>Class IV</b>	Classes III, IV, IV+	<b>Class IV</b>	Classes I-II, II-III, III, IV, IV+	<b>Class III-IV</b>	Classes III-IV, IV

### 5.1.2 Boater Rated Optimal Flow Rate

Boaters were asked to indicate if each flow release was optimal for the three reaches, or if the boater would prefer a higher flow or lower flow for that reach. The results are shown in **Table 5.1.2-1**. The majority of boaters indicated the 600 cfs was insufficient, with 13 (76%) boaters indicating a higher flow would be preferable in Reach 1, 14 (82%) in Reach 2, and 13 (87%) in Reach 3. One boater indicated they would prefer a much higher flow rate than 600 cfs in Reach 1. The majority of boaters indicated 1,200 cfs was too high or optimal, with seven boaters (70%) indicating a lower flow would be preferred for Reach 1 and eight boaters (80%) stating the flow was optimal for Reach 2 and Reach 3.

**Table 5.1.2-1 Boater Rated Optimal Flow for each Reach at each Flow Release**

Flow Rate	Much Higher	Higher	Optimal	Lower	Much Lower
<b>Flow 1 (600 cfs) Reach 1</b>	1 (6%)	<b>13 (76%)</b>	3 (18%)	0	0
<b>Flow 1 (600 cfs) Reach 2</b>	0	<b>14 (82%)</b>	3 (18%)	0	0
<b>Flow 1 (600 cfs) Reach 3*</b>	0	<b>13 (87%)</b>	4 (27%)	0	0
<b>Flow 2 (1,200 cfs) Reach 1^</b>	0	0	5 (50%)	<b>7 (70%)</b>	0
<b>Flow 2 (1,200 cfs) Reach 2</b>	0	0	<b>8 (80%)</b>	2 (20%)	0
<b>Flow 2 (1,200 cfs) Reach 3#</b>	0	0	<b>8 (80%)</b>	3 (30%)	0

\* Flow 1, Reach 3 is greater than 100%, two boaters chose both higher and optimal.

^ Flow 2, Reach 1 is greater than 100%, two boaters chose both optimal and lower.

# Flow 2, Reach 3 is greater than 100%, one boater chose both higher and optimal.

<sup>23</sup> [https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:internation\\_scale\\_of\\_river\\_difficulty](https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:internation_scale_of_river_difficulty), accessed May 23, 2022.

### 5.1.3 Boater Rated Whitewater Characteristics

Boater were asked to rate various whitewater characteristics of the West Fork including how likely they would return for future boating at 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs flow releases; if each reach is boatable at 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs; if each reach has acceptable water features, play spots, overall whitewater challenge and portages; and if each run is safe, a good length, and aesthetic. Boaters rated these characteristic statements on a scale of one to five, with one being “Strongly Disagree”, two being “Disagree”, three being “Neutral”, four being “Agree”, and five being “Strongly Agree”.

A comparison of the average and median boater rating of the characteristics for each of the two flow releases for the three reaches is shown in **Table 5.1.3-1**. The boatability and safety of the reach at each flow were rated, as well as the likelihood to boat a reach at each flow release in the future. All reaches received an average rating equal to or greater than 4.4 (median is Strongly Agree) for boatability and safety at both flow releases, with the exception of Reach 1 at 1,200 cfs, which was rated at 4.1 (median is Agree) for boatability and 3.8 (median is Agree) for safety. All ten boaters who ran the 1,200 cfs flow release stated they would return for whitewater recreation opportunities along Reach 2 (average and median are Strongly Agree) and Reach 3 (average and median are Strongly Agree) if the same flow release was offered in the future. Reach 1 at 1,200 cfs received an average rating of 4.1 (median is Strongly Agree). Boaters indicated they were less likely to return for whitewater recreation opportunities to any of the reaches at 600 cfs; however, the average rating for each reach was greater than 4.0. In general, the average rating for reach water features, play spots, whitewater challenge, portages, length, and aesthetics were higher for the 1,200 cfs flow release.

**Table 5.1.3-1 Comparison of Average and Median Characteristic Statement Rating**

West Fork	Statement Regarding Flow						The following characteristics are acceptable at this flow											
	Boatable		Safe		Will Boat Again		Water Features		Play Spots		Whitewater Challenge		Portages		Length		Aesthetics	
	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med	Avg	Med
Reach 1 600 cfs	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	2.7	3.0	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.6	5.0
Reach 2 600 cfs	4.6	5.0	4.4	5.0	4.4	5.0	4.6	5.0	3.2	3.0	4.4	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.5	5.0	4.8	5.0
Reach 3 600 cfs	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.5	5.0	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.7	5.0
Reach 1 1,200 cfs	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.1	5.0	4.1	4.0	3.1	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.0
Reach 2 1,200 cfs	5.0	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.6	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.8	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.0
Reach 3 1,200 cfs	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.6	3.5	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Results of the boater rated characteristics for both flow releases are shown in **Table 5.1.3-2** for Reach 1, **Table 5.1.3-3** for Reach 2, and **Table 5.1.3-4** for Reach 3.

**Table 5.1.2-2 Boater Rated West Fork Characteristics for Reach 1**

Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Average	Median
<b>Likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided</b>							
600 cfs	5	10	2	0	0	4.2	4.0
1,200 cfs	7	0	1	1	1	4.1	5.0
<b>Boatable at this flow</b>							
600 cfs	10	7	0	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	4	4	1	1	0	4.1	4.0
<b>Provides nice water features (waves, holes, drops)</b>							
600 cfs	6	8	3	0	0	4.2	4.0
1,200 cfs	4	4	1	1	0	4.1	4.0
<b>Good play spots</b>							
600 cfs	0	4	6	5	2	2.7	3.0
1,200 cfs	2	2	2	3	1	3.1	3.0
<b>Offers good overall whitewater challenge</b>							
600 cfs*	1	11	3	1	0	3.8	4.0
1,200 cfs	4	3	2	1	0	4.0	4.0
<b>Portages are acceptable/usable</b>							
600 cfs*	8	4	4	0	0	4.3	4.5
1,200 cfs	5	4	1	0	0	4.4	4.5
<b>This is a safe run</b>							
600 cfs*	9	7	0	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	2	5	2	1	0	3.8	4.0
<b>Acceptable run length</b>							
600 cfs**	4	6	4	1	0	3.9	4.0
1,200 cfs	4	3	1	2	0	3.9	4.0
<b>Aesthetically pleasing run</b>							
600 cfs*	11	4	1	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	4	5	1	0	0	4.3	4.0

\* One boater did not rate this characteristic.

\*\* Two boaters did not rate this characteristic.



**Table 5.1.2-3 Boater Rated West Fork Characteristics for Reach 2**

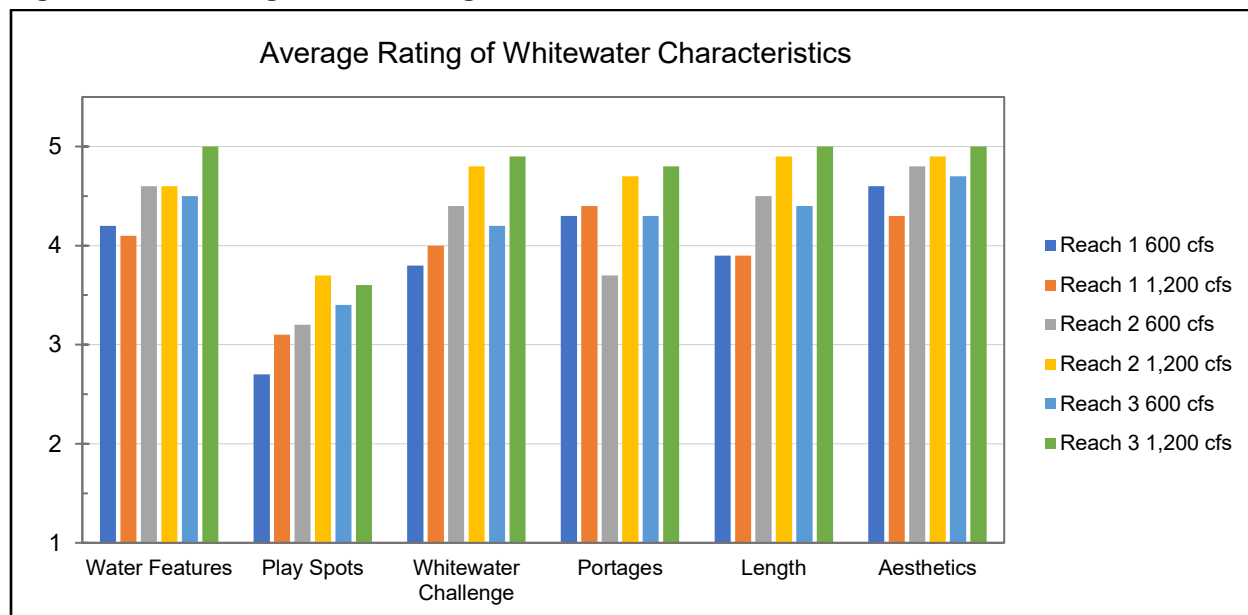
Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Average	Median
<b>Likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided</b>							
600 cfs	9	6	2	0	0	4.4	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Boatable at this flow</b>							
600 cfs	12	4	1	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Provides nice water features (waves, holes, drops)</b>							
600 cfs	11	5	1	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	8	1	0	1	0	4.6	5.0
<b>Good play spots</b>							
600 cfs	3	3	8	1	2	3.2	3.0
1,200 cfs	3	3	2	2	0	3.7	4.0
<b>Offers good overall whitewater challenge</b>							
600 cfs	9	6	2	0	0	4.4	5.0
1,200 cfs	9	0	1	0	0	4.8	5.0
<b>Portages are acceptable/usable</b>							
600 cfs	3	6	8	0	0	3.7	4.0
1,200 cfs	8	1	1	0	0	4.7	5.0
<b>This is a safe run</b>							
600 cfs	9	6	2	0	0	4.4	5.0
1,200 cfs	6	3	1	0	0	4.5	5.0
<b>Acceptable run length</b>							
600 cfs	10	6	1	0	0	4.5	5.0
1,200 cfs	9	1	0	0	0	4.9	5.0
<b>Aesthetically pleasing run</b>							
600 cfs	14	3	0	0	0	4.8	5.0
1,200 cfs	9	1	0	0	0	4.9	5.0

**Table 5.1.2-4 Boater Rated West Fork Characteristics for Reach 3**

Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Average	Median
<b>Likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided</b>							
600 cfs	10	3	2	0	0	4.5	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Boatable at this flow</b>							
600 cfs	10	4	1	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Provides nice water features (waves, holes, drops)</b>							
600 cfs	8	6	1	0	0	4.5	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Good play spots</b>							
600 cfs	2	6	4	2	1	3.4	4.0
1,200 cfs	3	2	3	2	0	3.6	3.5
<b>Offers good overall whitewater challenge</b>							
600 cfs	7	4	4	0	0	4.2	4.0
1,200 cfs	9	1	0	0	0	4.9	5.0
<b>Portages are acceptable/usable</b>							
600 cfs	7	6	2	0	0	4.3	4.0
1,200 cfs	9	0	1	0	0	4.8	5.0
<b>This is a safe run</b>							
600 cfs	11	2	2	0	0	4.6	5.0
1,200 cfs	7	3	0	0	0	4.7	5.0
<b>Acceptable run length</b>							
600 cfs	8	5	2	0	0	4.4	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0
<b>Aesthetically pleasing run</b>							
600 cfs	10	5	0	0	0	4.7	5.0
1,200 cfs	10	0	0	0	0	5.0	5.0

**Figure 5.1.3-1** shows the average rating of each acceptable characteristic statement of the West Fork based on boater input. All three reaches at both flow releases received an average rating of greater than 4.0 for water features and aesthetics. Play spots were rated the least acceptable for all three reaches at both flow releases, with average ratings between 2.7 and 3.7. All three reaches at the 1,200 cfs flow release received a higher average acceptable rating than the same reach at 600 cfs for water features, play spots, whitewater challenge, portages, length, and aesthetics except for the following: acceptable length for Reach 1 at each flow release were rated the same (3.9), acceptable water features for Reach 2 at each flow release were rated the same (4.6), acceptable water features for Reach 1 were rated slightly higher at 600 cfs (4.2) than 1,200 cfs (4.1), and acceptable aesthetics for Reach 1 were rated higher at 600 cfs (4.6) than 1,200 cfs (4.3). The lowest acceptable rating was received for play spots for Reach 1 at the 600 cfs flow release (2.7). The highest acceptable rating was received for water features, length, and aesthetics for Reach 3 at 1,200 cfs flow release (5.0 for each).

**Figure 5.1.3-1 Average Boater Rating of West Fork Whitewater Characteristics**



#### 5.1.4 Boater Reported Hits, Stops, Drags, and Portages

Boaters were asked to estimate the number of hits, stops, drags, and portages they experienced on each reach for each flow release. If the boater portaged, they were given the opportunity to state the location and rate the portage difficulty from one to four, with one being “Extremely Difficult”, two being “Moderately Difficult”, three being “Slightly Difficult”, and four being “Easy”. **Table 5.1.4-1** summarizes the number of hits, stops, drags, and portages the boaters experienced during the study.

Boaters reported they experienced more frequent hits, stops, or drags at the 600 cfs flow release versus the 1,200 cfs flow release. No drags were reported for Reach 1 at the 600 cfs flow release, and no stops or drags were reported for any of the reaches at the 1,200 cfs flow release. All reported hits were due to rocks, with the exception of one hit on the bottom of the Gile Falls bridge for Reach 1 at the 1,200 cfs flow release. Boaters stated the rock hits were typically due to a misjudged line or shallow water in wide spots, but all hits were manageable. The stops reported in each Reach at the 600 flow releases were also due to a misjudged line and were manageable (paddled off). One boater reported they had to get out and drag their kayak off an obstacle two times (Reach 2, 600 cfs) and another reported one drag (Reach 3, 600 cfs); neither boater indicated the obstacle type (rock, log, other). Six boaters portaged Gile Falls (Reach 1) at the 1,200 cfs flow release due to the low bridge. Those boaters exited river-left and put-in after the bridge. Four boaters rated the portage as “Easy”, one as “Slightly Difficult”, and one did not provide a rating. No other features were portaged during the study.

**Table 5.1.4-1 Boater Reported Hits, Stops, Drags, and Portages**

	Reported Hits		Reported Stops		Reported Drags		Reported Portages	
	# of Boaters	Hit Average	# of Boaters	Stop Average	# of Boaters	Drag Average	# of Boaters	Rating Average
<b>Reach 1 600 cfs</b>	10	1.3	2	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Reach 1 1,200 cfs</b>	4	2.5	-	-	-	-	6	Easy
<b>Reach 2 600 cfs</b>	12	7.8	3	1.7	1	2.0	-	-
<b>Reach 2 1,200 cfs</b>	7	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reach 3 600 cfs</b>	11	6.8	4		1	1.0	-	-
<b>Reach 3 1,200 cfs</b>	6	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

**5.1.5 Boater Identified Challenging Features and Safety Issues**

Boaters were asked to identify challenging features, such as rapids or sections of a reach, and rate the class based on the American version of the International Scale of River Difficulty.<sup>24</sup> **Table 5.1.5-1** summarizes the features boaters identified for each reach of the study, as well as the difficulty class as provided by American Whitewater. Gile Falls (Reach 1) was rated as III to IV at 600 cfs and IV to V at 1,200 cfs. Both Rock Cut Falls (Reach 2) and Kimball Falls (Reach 3) were rated as Class III to IV for both flow releases. Boaters identified a stretch in Reach 2 with two drops followed by a continuous section with plenty of rapids and holes (boogie water). The drops were rated as Class III to III+ at 600 cfs and Class III to IV at 1,200 cfs, the boogie water was rated as Class III for both flow releases. Several boaters commented the water sections between each of the falls provided a great Class I to II opportunity for beginner boaters. The boater difficulty class ratings were similar to those of American Whitewater.<sup>25</sup>

**Table 5.1.5-1 Boater Identified Challenging Features and Difficulty Class**

Features (upstream to downstream)	Difficulty Class		Difficulty Class American Whitewater
	600 cfs	1,200 cfs	
<b>Reach 1</b>	<b>600 cfs</b>	<b>1,200 cfs</b>	<b>American Whitewater</b>
Giles Falls*	III to IV	IV to V	IV
Flatwater	II	I	Flatwater (NR)
<b>Reach 2</b>	<b>600 cfs</b>	<b>1,200 cfs</b>	<b>American Whitewater</b>
Rock Cut Falls	III to IV	III to IV	IV
Two drops/Boogey Water	III to III+	III to IV	III (Zig-Zag)
<b>Reach 3</b>	<b>600 cfs</b>	<b>1,200 cfs</b>	<b>American Whitewater</b>
Water to Kimball Falls	NR**	II	I-II
Kimball Falls	III to IV	III to IV	III+

\* Six boaters portaged Gile Falls at 600 cfs.

\*\* Not rated.

<sup>24</sup> [https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:internation\\_scale\\_of\\_river\\_difficulty](https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:internation_scale_of_river_difficulty), accessed May 23, 2022.

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2300/main>, accessed September 22, 2022.

Boaters were asked to provide information on safety issues they observed or experienced along the West Fork during the study. General observations for the three reaches at both flow releases included tree strainer potential, abundant rocks which become harder to see as flow increases, and riverbank brush obstacles. Several boaters observed a swim at Gile Falls at the 600 cfs flow release. A kayak got stuck on an obstacle and overturned, the swimmer was able to get downstream and recover in a hole. Boaters recommended to have individuals on the shore to provide assistance with ropes, if necessary, for safety during future runs at Gile Falls due to the low bridge, large hole, and potential pin or sweeper hazard at river-right. Boaters also indicated there is a swim potential at Rock Cut Falls (Reach 2), and the Kimball Falls bridge and flashy holes along Reach 3 could be a concern at higher flow releases.

**5.1.6 Whitewater Study Overall Evaluation and Discussion**

At the conclusion of the last run (Reach 3 at 1,200 cfs), 10 of the 11 boaters who participated in both the 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs flow releases completed the overall evaluation form (**Appendix R**) and participated in the focus-group discussion. A summary of boater responses to the questions asked on the overall evaluation form are included below and provided in **Tables 5.1.6-1** through **5.1.6-6**.

**Table 5.1.6-1** summarizes boater responses assessing flow levels for various whitewater boating opportunities on the West Fork. Boaters indicated a flow range between 600 and 3,000 cfs would provide the optimal whitewater boating experience on the entire reach of West Fork (median 1,000 to 1,200 cfs). This wide flow range may be due in part to boater skill level, previous boating experiences, and personal preference of whitewater boating features. Boaters indicated the highest safe flow for their skill level and preferred craft is between 1,200 and 3,000 cfs (median 1,600 cfs). Boaters preferred a lower flow range of 600 to 1,500 cfs (median 900 to 1,200 cfs) for a standard trip and a notably higher flow range of 1,100 to 5,000 cfs (median 1,300 to 1,450 cfs) for a high challenge trip. It should be noted that the higher flow value for a high challenge trip (5,000 cfs) exceeds the highest safe flow value for the boater skill level and preferred craft (3,000 cfs). Boaters were asked to indicate their preferred flow if only one flow were to be released on the West Fork. Boater preferred flow ranged from 800 to 2,000 cfs, with the average and median nearly identical at 1,220 cfs and 1,200 cfs, respectively.

**Table 5.1.6-1 Boater Preferred Flow for Whitewater Boating Opportunities on the West Fork**

Statement for Entire Reach	Boater Response Range (cfs)*	Average (cfs)	Median (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	600 to 3,000	1,278 to 1,422	1,000 to 1,200
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	1,200 to 3,000	1,900	1,600
What is the optimal flow for a “standard” trip	600 to 1,500	1,011 to 1,133	900 to 1,200
What is the optimal flow for a “high challenge” trip	1,100 to 5,000	2,025 to 2,075	1,300 to 1,450
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	800 to 2,000	1,220	1,200

All ten boaters stated they would return for future boating on the West Fork if their optimal flow were provided, with nine stating they would absolutely return and one stating they would probably return. Boaters were asked during which months they would return to boat the West Fork from April through November. All ten boaters would return during the summer months of June, July, and August. Nine boaters stated they would return in September, six in October, five in May, and three in both April and November. One boater commented that a flow release should be coordinated so it does not overlap with other whitewater boating opportunities in the Midwest, such as the Wausau Whitewater Park, Paddlemania and Charles City Challenge, as boaters are likely to attend these larger events.

Boaters were asked if the flows provided during the study (600 cfs and 1,200 cfs) would be suitable for boaters with a novice skill level. Boaters were asked to select “Absolutely”, “Probably”, “Maybe”, or “No” and were given the opportunity to state which flow would be suitable. **Table 5.1.6-2** summarizes boater responses. Two boaters (20%) indicated the West Fork is absolutely suitable for novice boaters at a flow of 1,500 cfs; however, a flow release of 1,500 cfs was not included in this study. The majority of boaters (40%) indicated the West Fork is not suitable for novice boaters at 600 cfs or 1,200 cfs. These boaters stated that novice boaters should not use this reach due to the hazards at Gile Falls and the long rapids throughout; should a boater swim, it could make for a bad day.

**Table 5.1.6-2 Boater Input on Study Flow Suitability for Novice Boaters**

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters?				
	Absolutely	Probably	Maybe	No
# of Boater Responses	2 (20%)	2 (20%)	2 (20%)	4 (40%)
Recommend flow (cfs) for novice skill level	1,500	800 to 1,000	400 to 750	-

Boaters were asked if the flows provided during the study (600 cfs and 1,200 cfs) were suitable for play boating. Boaters were asked to select “Absolutely”, “Somewhat”, “Not Really”, or “No” and were given the opportunity to state which flow was or would be suitable. **Table 5.1.6-3** summarizes boater responses. Boater responses were mixed. Two boaters (20%) indicated the West Fork is absolutely suitable for play boating at both flows. The majority of boaters indicated the West Fork is somewhat suitable (30%) or not really suitable (40%) for play boating and indicated a variety of flow options for play boating ranging from 600 to 1,500 cfs. One boater indicated the West Fork is not suitable for play boating because it is shallow at 1,200 cfs, while another indicated a confident boater could perform water play in a half-slice kayak at 1,200 cfs.

**Table 5.1.6-3 Boater Input on Study Flow Suitability for Play Boating**

Were the flows provided today suitable for play boating?				
	Absolutely	Somewhat	Not Really	No
# of Boater Responses	2 (20%)	3 (30%)	4 (40%)	1 (10%)
Recommend flow (cfs) for play boating	600 and 1,200	600, 700, 800 to 1,100, and 1,200	1,200 and 1,500	-

Boaters were asked to choose their preferred methods to receive flow release information in the West Fork. Boaters could select one or more of the following communication options: email, website, call number with recorded message. **Table 5.1.6-4** summarizes boater preferences. The majority of boaters (90%) prefer to receive flow information via a website, which can include a website provided by AW, NSPW, or Facebook. Half the boaters prefer to call a number and listen to a recorded messages, while a minority of boaters (30%) would prefer email notification.

**Table 5.1.6-4 Boater Preferred Communication Method for Flow Information**

Communication Method	Email	Website	Call Number
# of Boater Responses	3 (30%)	9 (90%)	5 (50%)

Boaters were asked if they were aware of other whitewater boating opportunities in the area and if they were preferable to the West Fork at the study flows (600 cfs and 1,200 cfs). Three boaters provided information regarding other area opportunities, which are included in **Table 5.1.6-5**. All three area opportunities are within 15 to 30 miles of the West Fork and were identified as a Class III+ or Class IV-V by the boater(s). The boater(s) that identified the additional opportunities indicated the Black River and Presque Isle River are more challenging than the West Fork, while the Montreal Canyon along the Montreal River is not as challenging. The boater(s) also indicated the Montreal Canyon and Black River are more boatable than the West Fork, while the Presque Isle River is less boatable. One additional boater did not provide any specifics on other whitewater boating opportunities in the area but stated each run in the area has different characteristics and the decision to boat a given run is based on the flow of the others in the area.

**Table 5.1.6-5 Boater Identified Additional Whitewater Boating Opportunities in the Area**

Opportunity	Distance from West Fork (Gile, WI)	Difficulty Class		Compared to West Fork is this opportunity:	
		Boater Identified	American Whitewater	More Challenging	More Boatable
<b>Montreal River Montreal Canyon</b>	15-20 miles (near Saxon Falls, WI)	III+	II-III <sup>26</sup>	No	Yes
<b>Black River*</b>	20-25 miles (near Bessemer, WI)	IV - V	IV-V(V+) <sup>27</sup>	Yes	Yes
<b>Presque River</b>	25-30 miles (near Tula, MI)	IV - V	II-IV <sup>28</sup> III-V <sup>29</sup> IV-V <sup>30</sup>	Yes	No

\* Opportunity identified by two boaters.

Boaters were asked to consider the 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs flow releases provided during the study and rate ten hypothetical flow releases based on their experiences and preferences to assess if the flow release would provide an acceptable boating opportunity. Boaters were asked to consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety,

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2825/map>, accessed September 22, 2022.

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2640/main>, accessed September 22, 2022.

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/939/main>, accessed September 22, 2022.

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/940/main>, accessed September 22, 2022.

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2643/main>, accessed September 22, 2022.

aesthetics, and length of run. Boaters were asked to rate each hypothetical flow as Acceptable (rating of 5), Marginal (rating of 3), or Unacceptable (rating of 1). If a boater did not have previous experience with or was unfamiliar with a particular flow, they were given the option to not rate it. Boater ratings are provided in **Table 5.1.6-6**. One of the ten boaters did not provide a response to this question; therefore, the results are based on nine boater responses.

**Table 5.1.6-6 Acceptable West Fork Flow Releases for Whitewater Boating Opportunities**

Hypothetical Flow Release	Acceptable (Rating 5)		Marginal (Rating 3)		Unacceptable (Rating 1)		Not Rated	Total Score	Boater Rating	
	Responses	Score	Responses	Score	Responses	Score	Responses		Average	Median
400 cfs	-	-	3	9	6	6	-	15	1.7	1
600 cfs	2	10	5	15	2	2	-	27	3.0	3
800 cfs	7	35	2	6	-	-	-	41	4.6	5
1,000 cfs	8	40	1	3	-	-	-	43	4.8	5
1,100 cfs	8	40	1	3	-	-	-	43	4.8	5
1,300 cfs	6	30	1	3	-	-	2	33	4.7	5
1,500 cfs	5	25	1	3	-	-	3	28	4.7	5
1,700 cfs	2	10	2	6	1	1	4	17	3.4	3
2,000 cfs	2	10	1	3	2	2	4	15	3.0	3
2,500 cfs	2	10	1	3	2	2	4	15	3.0	3

The data provided in **Table 5.1.6-6** can be analyzed a number of ways. If basing the results solely on the highest total score, boater responses suggest a hypothetical flow release of 1,000 cfs and 1,100 cfs are equally the highest acceptable option with a total score of 43 each; with 800 cfs as the second highest acceptable option with a total score of 41; followed by 1,300 cfs (33); 1,500 cfs (28); 600 cfs (27); 1,700 cfs (17); and 400 cfs, 2,000 cfs, and 2,500 cfs tied as least acceptable with a total score of 15 each.

If basing the results on the average boater rating, the top hypothetical flow release results are the same with 1,000 cfs and 1,100 cfs equally the highest acceptable option with an average rating of 4.8; followed by both 1,300 cfs and 1,500 cfs with an average of 4.7 each; 800 cfs (4.6); 1,700 cfs (3.4); 600 cfs, 2,000 cfs, and 2,500 cfs tied with an average of 3.0 each; and 400 cfs with the lowest average of 1.7. When reviewing the median boater rating, five hypothetical flow releases received a median rating of 5 (800 cfs, 1,000 cfs, 1,100 cfs, 1,300 cfs, and 1,500 cfs); four received a median rating of 3 (600 cfs, 1,700 cfs, 2,000 cfs, and 2,500 cfs); and 400 cfs received a median rating of 1.

After boaters completed the overall evaluation form, they gathered in the parking area at Kimball Town Park with NSPW personnel and Jake Ring to discuss the study and capture immediate feedback. All boaters agreed the 600 cfs flow release was too low for an enjoyable boating experience due to the number of rocks (boney), flashy holes, and long flat water sections. The 1,200 cfs flow release did provide an enjoyable boating experience; despite a number of flat water sections - Rock Cut Falls and Kimball Falls are worth it because of the fast and constant flow. Boaters stated they would not return to the West Fork to boat at 600 cfs, but definitely would at 1,200 cfs. Boaters commented they would skip Reach 1



due to the hazards at Gile Falls and begin near Reach 2 and continue through to Kimball Falls for future boating opportunities at 1,200 cfs or 900 cfs. Kimball Town Park provides the opportunity to run Kimball Falls repeatedly with a decent take-out (stairs would be preferred) and easy put-in.

Boaters appreciated the parking area, camping options, picnic tables, and portable restroom facilities at Kimball Town Park. Boaters inquired what the maximum flow at Gile Dam could be and NSPW stated a maximum of 2,500 cfs could be released from the gates. Boaters mentioned with higher flow releases, bridge clearance becomes a safety issue, especially at Gile Falls (Reach 1). Boaters agreed the West Fork is not a suitable run for beginners and requires a higher boating skill level with the ability to read the water and navigate hazards. Boaters asked NSPW to consider a late summer or early fall flow release since few opportunities are available in the area/region at that time.

**5.1.7 Whitewater Study Photos/Video Documentation at Each Surveyed Flow**

NSPW personnel were stationed on the downstream side of Gile Dam (start of Reach 1), South Drive bridge (end of Reach 1/start of Reach 2), Center Drive bridge (end of Reach 2/start of Reach 3), and at Kimball Town Park (end of Reach 3) to photo/video document the Level 3 assessment. Representative photos of each reach at each flow releases are included in **Appendix S**. Videos of each run taken by a volunteer boater have been posted to the relicensing webpage at <http://hydrorelicensing.com/gile-flowage/>.

Based on NSPW observations during the study, the length of time boaters took to complete each reach at each flow release is include in **Table 5.1.7-1**. The start time is based on when the first boater entered the water or began the reach and the end time is based on when the final boater completed their take-out or passed the end marker of the reach. The boating times are approximately equal for both flow releases in Reach 1 and Reach 3; Reach 2 took over twice as long at 600 cfs than 1,200 cfs. The longer completion time can be attributed to the take-out at Center Drive bridge during the 600 cfs flow release, scouting, and the length of flat water in Reach 2.

**Table 5.1.7-1 Boater Time to Complete Study Runs**

First boater at put-in to last boater at take-out	Reach 1		Reach 2		Reach 3	
	600 cfs	1,200 cfs	600 cfs	1,200 cfs	600 cfs	1,200 cfs
Completion Time (minutes)	42	39	62	27	10	8

## 6. Impacts of Whitewater Boating Releases on Generation

Scheduled water releases from the Gile Dam, to provide whitewater recreation boating opportunities on the West Fork, have the potential to affect downstream generation at the Saxon Falls and Superior Falls Hydroelectric Projects, as well as the reservoir elevation of Gile Flowage. The West Fork is immediately downstream of the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir. Historically, the primary objective of the Gile Flowage is to store water during periods of high inflow and release the stored water downstream to augment low river flow, primarily during the summer months, to supplement downstream power generation. Periods of high inflow occur when the combined inflow from the West Fork and main branch of the Montreal River exceed the maximum hydraulic capacity of the downstream power generating facilities. The maximum hydraulic capacity of the downstream powerhouses is 170 cfs at Saxon Falls and 220 cfs at Superior Falls.

Flow releases of 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs were run during the study. Feedback from completed boater evaluation forms and post-evaluation discussion indicate an optimal flow range for the West Fork is 800 to 2,000 cfs, while a flow release of 1,000 cfs and 1,100 cfs received the highest rating, followed by 800 cfs, 1,300 cfs, and 1,500 cfs. Boaters indicated they would travel to the West Fork for flows at 900 cfs.

Daily flow release records for the Gile Dam were reviewed from 1994 to 2020 (27 years). **Table 6-1** shows the total days, average number of days a year, and monthly frequency of the flow releases included in the study (highlighted) and preferred flow releases identified by the boaters. In general, during spring runoff or major storm events, flows released from the Gile Dam are sufficient to support whitewater boating in the West Fork at 600 cfs or 1,200 cfs (study flow releases). Spring runoff events typically occur from mid-March through mid-June, with the highest frequency typically occurring in May, followed by April, June, and March. Higher natural flow releases in July and October are likely the result of heavy rainfall events. Statistically, the higher flow events that occurred in September, November, and December were negligible and no events were noted in August.

All ten boaters would travel to the West Fork if optimal flow releases were available during the summer months of June, July, and August; nine would return in September; six in October; five in May; and three in both April and November. The months identified by 50% or more boaters are outlined in the table below. Based on boater flow release and travel preferences, May would likely provide the best opportunity for whitewater boating recreation opportunities on the West Fork.

**Table 6-1 Gile Dam Flow Release to the West Fork (Data from 1994–2020)**

Flow Release	Total Days (27 Years)	Average (Days/Year)	Natural Flow Occurrence Frequency per Month									
			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
≥ 600	225	8.3	16	74	83	23	12	5	5	2	5	
≥ 800	158	5.9	5	57	65	16	11	-	4	-	-	
≥ 900	128	4.7	5	47	54	15	3	-	4	-	-	
≥ 1,000	121	4.5	5	43	52	15	3	-	3	-	-	
≥ 1,100	96	3.6	5	31	43	12	2	-	3	-	-	
≥ 1,200	89	3.3	5	30	42	7	2	-	3	-	-	
≥ 1,300	74	2.8	5	19	39	7	2	-	2	-	-	
≥ 1,500	50	1.9	4	9	30	5	2	-	-	-	-	
≥ 2,000	30	1.1	4	2	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	

The 600 cfs and 1,200 cfs study flows do not appear to occur in the West Fork downstream of the Gile Dam on regular or predictable basis outside of the spring runoff months. According to the flow release records from 1994 through 2020, any flow release outside of natural spring runoff events would need to be planned and would lower the reservoir elevation. The extent to which the reservoir elevation would decrease would be dependent on the amount of flow released and the duration of said release. For example, if the Gile Flowage elevation was between 1,490.0 to 1,485.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) during a release of 1,200 cfs for a period of three hours (approximately 300 acre-feet released), the reservoir would be expected to drop approximately 0.1 feet. At a starting elevation of 1,480.0 feet NGVD, the elevation would be reduced by approximately 0.16 feet with the same 1,200 cfs release.

Typically, the Gile Flowage is at near maximum elevation each year from the end of spring runoff until late June. A volume of 300 acre-feet released from the Gile Flowage would provide enough flow to the downstream Saxon Falls and Superior Falls Hydroelectric Projects to generate approximately 21 and 17 additional hours, respectively, at full capacity each year. The maximum capacity at Saxon Falls and Superior Falls is 1,500 kilowatts (kW) and 1,650 kW, respectively. This corresponds to a generation of approximately 31,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) at Saxon Falls and 28,050 kWh at Superior Falls for each 300 acre-feet of flow release. If the allowable operational range for the flowage could be adjusted slightly downward to compensate for the additional elevation reduction encountered for each flow release, the impact to downstream generation could be significantly reduced eliminated entirely. It could be eliminated completely if there is enough inflow into the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir for it to refill completely the following spring. The potential operational, recreational, and environmental impacts associated with lowering the Gile Flowage for whitewater flow releases will be further discussed in the Draft License Application.

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**Appendix A    Gile Flowage Whitewater Recreation Flow Study Area**

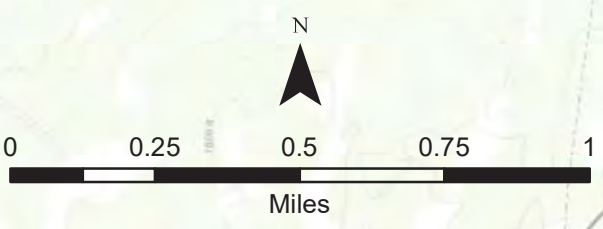
**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project  
FERC Project No. 15055)**

**West Fork of the Montreal River  
Iron County, Wisconsin**

**Level 3 Assessment  
Whitewater Recreation Flow Study**



- Whitewater Study Points of Interest**
- ★ Gile Dam
  - ★ South Drive Bridge
  - ★ W Center Drive
  - ★ Kimball Falls Park Bridge
  - ★ USH 2 Bridge

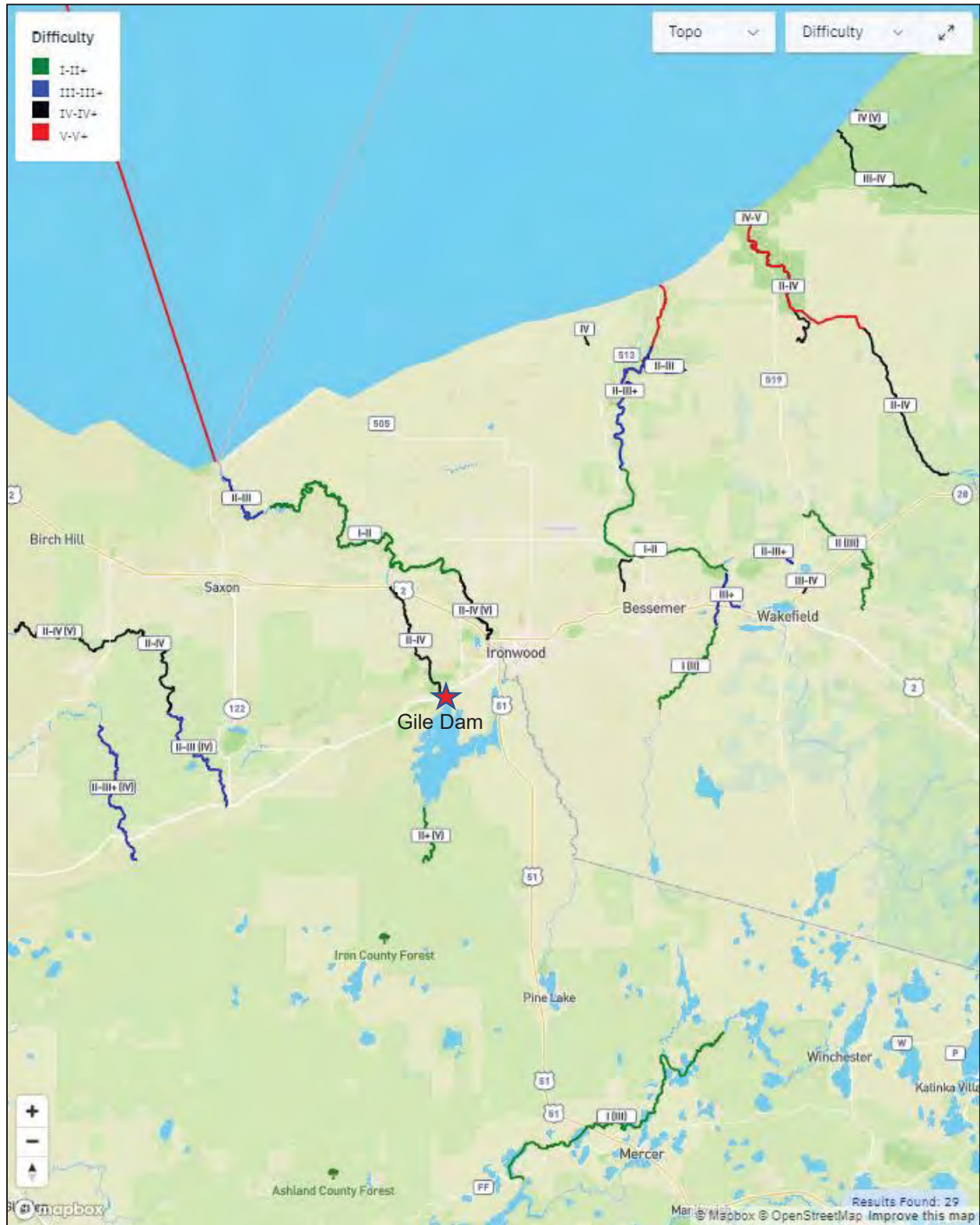


**Map Note:**  
The distances between successive points of interest are indicated on the map in miles and are approximate. Distances were calculated using hydrographic data available on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources GIS Open Data Portal (data accessed March 2022).  
Topographic Map Source - ESRI

**Appendix B    Level 1 Assessment – Literature Review American Whitewater**

# American Whitewater River Info Interactive Map

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-index> (accessed March 9, 2022)





### **American Whitewater River List (name, class, section)**

Information is based on Interactive Map extent on previous page:

- Black - II-III+  
[D\) Narrows Park to Conglomerate Falls \(8 miles\)](#)
- Black - IV-V (V+)  
[E\) Lower: Conglomerate Falls to Lake Superior \(2.0-2.6 miles\)](#)
- Black - I-II  
[C\) Gabbro \(Baker\) Falls to Narrows Park \(9.86 miles\)](#)
- Black - II-III  
[B\) Upper: Ramsey \(Mill St\) to Gabbro \(Baker\) Falls \(2.42 miles\)](#)
- Black - I (II)  
[A\) E7178 \(Elm Lane\) to Ramsay \(Mill St, Old US2\) \(6.0 miles\)](#)
- Black, Little - III+  
[Stub off US2 to Black River above Gabbro \(2.35 miles\)](#)
- Carp (Porkies) - IV (V)  
[Above Shining Cloud Falls to Lake Superior \(1.7 miles\)](#)
- Copper Creek - II-IV  
[Logging road to Presque Isle \(2.6 + 4.75 miles\)](#)
- Jackson Creek - II (III)  
[Morgan Mine Road to CR519 \(8 miles\)](#)
- Lake Superior - I-V  
[Various 'South Shore' \(Wisconsin\) locations](#)
- Little Carp (Porkies) - III-IV  
[Greenstone Falls trail to Lake Superior \(5.5 miles\)](#)
- Maple Creek - IV  
[Unknown/unnamed Road to Maple Creek Road \(1.3 miles\)](#)
- Montreal - II-III  
[C\) Montreal Canyon: below Saxon Falls to Hwy. 122 \(3.1 miles\)](#)
- Montreal - II-IV (V)  
[A\) Hwy. 2 at WI/MI state line to Nylund Road \(3.6 miles\)](#)
- Montreal - I-II  
[B\) Nylund Road to Saxon Falls Dam \(17.9 miles\)](#)
- Montreal, W.Fk. - II-IV  
[B\) Gile Falls to Hwy.2 \(6.3 miles\) \(Rock Cut Falls \(Railroad Rapids\)\)](#)  
**(Note: part of this run is included in the Whitewater Study, more details provided below)**
- Montreal, W.Fk. - II+ (V)  
[A\) ? \(Logging Road?\) to Spring Camp Road \(3.76 miles\)](#)
- Planter Creek - II-III+  
[B\) Hwy.519 to conf.w.Jackson Creek \(2.2 miles\)](#)

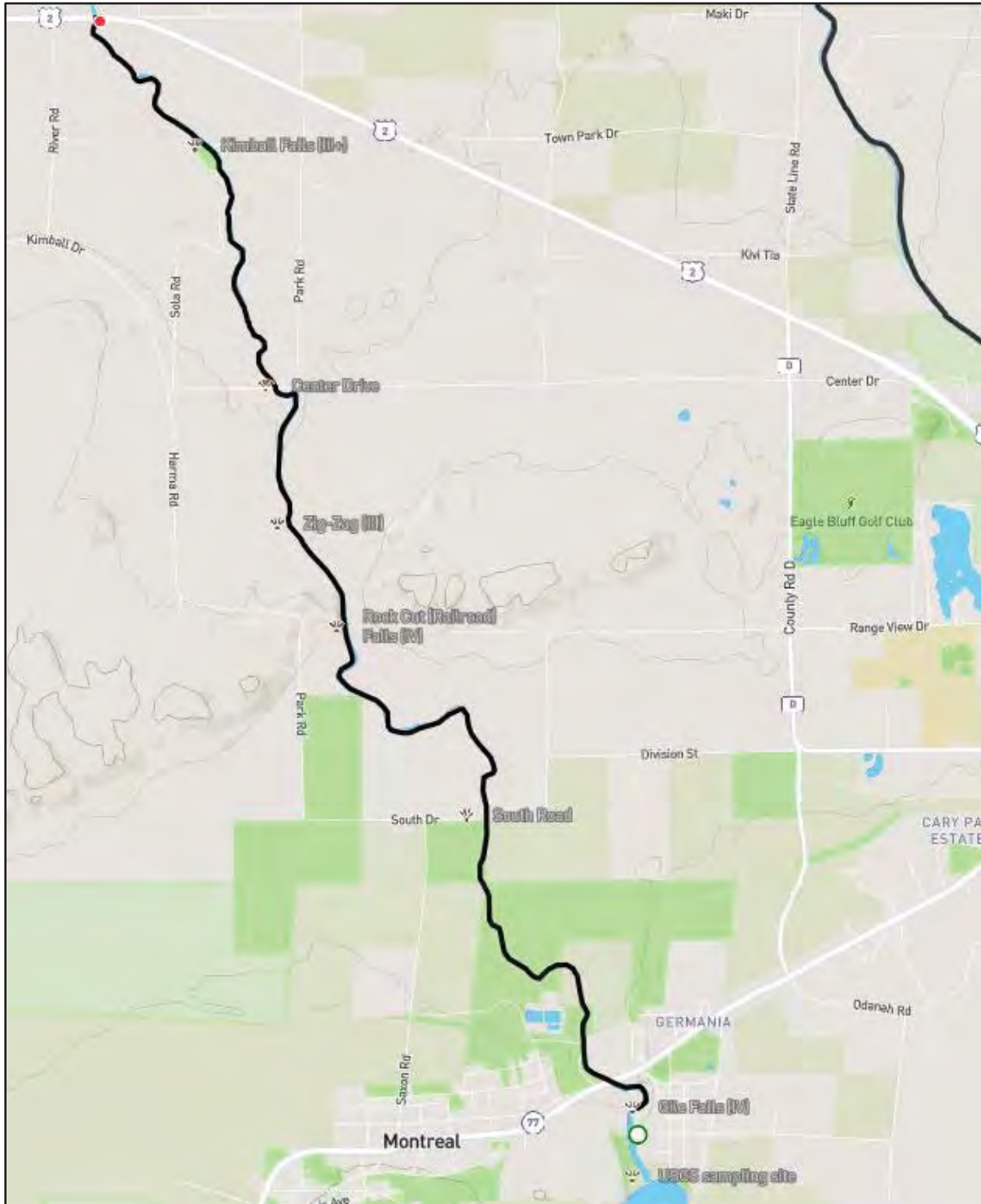
- Planter Creek - III-IV  
[A\) Hwy.28 to Wertanen Rd \(0.15-0.96 miles\)](#)
- Potato - II-IV  
[B\) Foster Falls \(Sullivan Rd\) to Hwy.169 \(7.5 miles\)](#)
- Potato - II-III (IV)  
[A\) Upson Falls to Foster Falls \(Sullivan Rd\) \(2.5 or 7.2 miles\)](#)
- Potato - II-IV (V)  
[C\) Hwy.169 to Potato River Rd \(6.5 miles\)](#)
- Powder Mill Creek - II-IV+  
[above Powderhorn Falls to Cty.513 \(2 miles\)](#)
- Presque Isle - III-V  
[C\) Steigers Bridge to South Boundary Road \(8.2 miles\)](#)
- Presque Isle - II-IV  
[B\) Underwood Tower Rd to Steigers Bridge \(7.5 miles\)](#)
- Presque Isle - IV-V  
[D\) 'Bottom Presque': South Boundary Rd to Lake Superior \(1.1 miles\)](#)
- Sand Island Creek - II-III  
[logging road \(off of Camp 6 road\) to Black River \(2 + 1 miles\)](#)
- Turtle - I (III)  
[Shays Dam to CTH.FF \(Turtle/Flambeau Flowage\) \(16.5 miles\)](#)
- Tyler Forks - II-III+ (IV)  
[A\) Moore Park to Vogues Rd \(up to 8.5 miles\)](#)

## American Whitewater Details for Montreal, W.Fk. - II-IV

The following information is provided from the American Whitewater's webpage at [American Whitewater](https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2300/map) or <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2300/map> (accessed March 9, 2022).

### Montreal, W.Fk.

B) Gile Falls to Hwy.2 (6.3 miles) (Rock Cut Falls (Railroad Rapids))



The information provided below is copied verbatim from the "General" tab at <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2300/main> (accessed March 9, 2022).

## **River Description**

*Tough to catch with water, but contains one of the longest IV- rapids in the state.*

*Some river guide descriptions break the run into two sections, using Kimball Town Park as the intermediate take-out/put-in. This shortens the upper trip to 5.0 miles, and yields a 'section 2' run with 1.5 miles of II-III rapids (down to just below Hwy.2) followed by about a mile of much lesser gradient before the confluence with the main Montreal River (midway through a described reach of that river). Breaking this reach as described here, you get virtually all of the whitewater on the West Fork in one reach.*

*Alternatively, put-in may be possible from backroads north of the town of Montreal, skipping Gile Falls and thus also skipping 1.6 miles of flatwater.*

*Gile Falls (at/near the put in) is a scenic area where the river is squeezed between rock walls to plunge over a short falls. At most boatable flows you will be best advised to avoid the reversal that forms here by skirting as far left as possible. Just downstream, the river is diverted 90 degrees left through vertical walls of rock.*

*Much flatwater intervenes until **Rock Cut Falls (a.k.a. Railroad Rapids)** is encountered. Scouting is highly advised, as this area has been known to collect snags. There are virtually no eddies to the bridge, and only a few small ones below. A great series of (almost unavoidable) offset holes in a relatively narrow boulder-lined channel lead to a bit of slack water under the (defunct) railroad bridge. The action resumes (only slightly diminished) leading to a river-right ledge and rock jumble creating a final slide into a pool.*

*A short distance downstream, another river-wide irregular ledge creates a fairly nasty reversal at most runnable levels. The best route is a 'sneak' well to the right, with a short boof ledge, then enjoying the rapids which lead toward and past a fine rock outcropping on the right. Fairly continuous I-II action and flat but swift water will bring you to Kimball Falls, easily recognized by the clearing and park buildings on the left. Again, take out well in advance to scout. A fun series of small ledges lead down to a bridge, immediately after which the river is twisted and contorted into wrapping diagonal waves funneling into a final, wicked-looking hole.*

*Use the park at Kimball Falls (above or below the drop) as a short-run take-out, or proceed the next 1.5 miles through fairly continuous I-II action (with a couple boat-scoutable larger drops bordering on III) to the Hwy.2 bridge. A sweet, surfable wave forms in the downstream end of the culvert to finish off your trip.*

## **River Features**

### **USGS Sampling Site**

USGS lists a sampling site just downstream of the Gile Flowage dam, showing drainage at this point as 78 square miles.

### **Put-In**

Location: 46.42839216292123, -90.22770881652832

### **Gile Falls**

Class: IV

Gile Falls (at/near the put in) is a scenic area where the river is squeezed between rock walls to plunge over a short falls. At most boatable flows you will be best advised to avoid the reversal that forms here by skirting as far left as possible. Just downstream, the river is diverted 90-degrees left through vertical walls of rock.

### **South Road**

Alternate put-in, skipping Gile Falls and ~1.75 miles of flat water.

### **Rock Cut (Railroad) Falls**

Class: IV

Just past a short zig-zag you'll come to a powerline crossing/clearing. Almost immediately you'll want to get out and scout from river-right (where the 'Iron Horse Trail' passes through). This is one of Wisconsin's (and among the upper Midwest's) longest class IV rapids (nearly an unrelenting quarter-mile). The narrow channel is filled with action, with only a brief pause right at the (defunct) railroad bridge (now part of the 'Iron Horse Trail'). Downstream of the bridge, the channel is slightly wider and the action slightly more manageable than above the bridge.

### **Zig-Zag**

Class: III

As the river takes a sweeping right-hand bend, it encounters a few good bedrock intrusions (ledges). At some flows, there will be keepy-looking holes, but there are sneak-routes available.

### **Center Drive**

Mostly just as a 'way point' to measure progress, but could also be an alternate (emergency) access.

### **Kimball Falls**

Class: III+

Located in a county park, the lead-in is a bit less-than straightforward. Get out (river-left) to scout well-before the bridge. As you pass under the bridge (which no longer allows vehicular traffic, but provides access to the park) the main drop has a steep wrapping wave to the right, a fine tongue leading to a diagonal wave/hole below.

West Branch Montreal River Internet Flow Study, dated 10/30/2007, accessed March 1, 2002 from [https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/article\\_id/29874/display/full/](https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/article_id/29874/display/full/)



## Flow Study Completed for West Branch Montreal

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**By: Thomas O'Keefe**

The West Branch of the Montreal is a low-volume river located on the south shore of Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin, USA. On the stretch of the West Branch between Gile Falls and Highway 2 a popular class IV- whitewater run exists. Although this stretch hosted the National Wildwater Championships in 1992 and the Pan Am races in the early 1980's, paddlers can generally only find adequate flows for whitewater runs during a week or two in early spring when the reservoir upstream spills.

Dam operations upstream of Gile Falls could allow for scheduled whitewater releases into the West Branch providing additional paddling opportunities in the Lake Superior area. To explore this possibility an internet flow survey was conducted between the spring of 2006 and 2007. Results of the survey provided information on optimal flows for whitewater recreation.

Local volunteers will be able to use this report and the information provided in their discussions with the utility and local community. While the Gile Flowage is not part of a federally-licensed hydropower facility there may be opportunities to provide recreational opportunities on this great river. The project has been used to provide flows for recreation in the past and paddlers throughout the region have expressed interest in future opportunities. The report provides a common framework for those discussions to take place.

The report was prepared by AW member Evan Stafford. We thank all our members and supporters who provided information and feedback on this study.

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# WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER INTERNET FLOW STUDY OCTOBER 2007

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## **ABSTRACT**

*The West Branch of the Montreal is a low-volume, popular class IV-whitewater river located on the south shore of Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin, USA. Those seeking whitewater recreation can generally only find adequate flows during a week or two in early spring when the reservoir upstream spills. In this study researchers have utilized the structural norm approach and impact acceptability curves to examine instream flows for recreation on the West Branch of the Montreal. The range of acceptable flows, as determined by the impact acceptability curve was from 400-1,000 cfs. All average evaluations for flows between these levels were above the neutral line. 600 cfs received the highest average evaluation and is therefore considered to be the optimal flow. According to these data, a release of 600 cfs would appeal to the greatest variety of river users. Dam operations upstream of Gile Falls could allow for scheduled whitewater releases into the West Branch extending the recreation season for paddling in the Lake Superior area.*

## **KEY WORDS**

*instream flows, flow management, recreation flows, flow study*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The West Branch of the Montreal is a low-volume river located on the south shore of Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin, USA. On the stretch of the West Branch between Gile Falls and Highway 2 a popular class IV- whitewater run exists. Although this stretch hosted the National Wildwater Championships in 1992 and the Pan Am races in the early 1980's, paddlers can generally only find adequate flows for whitewater runs during a week or two in early spring when the reservoir upstream spills.

Researchers have utilized the structural norm approach and impact acceptability curves to examine instream flows for recreation on a variety of river stretches across the United States including the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in Arizona (Whittaker & Shelby, 2002). River managers can manipulate instream flows through controlled dam releases. On river stretches where manipulation is possible, flow management has become a central issue in recreation management. Dam operations upstream of Gile Falls could allow for scheduled whitewater releases into the West Branch extending the recreation season for paddling in the Lake Superior area. To explore this possibility an internet flow survey was conducted between the spring of 2006 and 2007.

Whitewater paddlers who responded to the internet survey were enthusiastic about the possibility of scheduled releases. Many expressed difficulty in predicting runnable flows for the West Branch and some respondents had never done the run due to the extremely short season when adequate flows spilled from the dam. Respondents articulated a need for whitewater opportunities in the warm weather summer months in the upper Midwest and many were willing to travel long distances for scheduled releases on the weekend. Results from the impact acceptability curve suggest that instream flow releases of 600-1,000 cfs would be acceptable to a majority of river users. A Saturday release was favored by 56% of respondents and the average preferred time and duration for instream releases were 10am and 6 hours respectively.

### **METHODS**

The structural norm approach is a technique used to represent social norms graphically. Structural characteristics of norms are displayed visually through a device referred to as an impact acceptability curve. This visual representation has proven useful to the process of communicating normative concepts to resource managers. The potential for conflict index (PCI) developed by Manfreda, Vaske, and Teel (2003) advanced the graphic representation of social norms by visually displaying information about their central tendency, dispersion and form simultaneously (Vaske, Needham, Newman, Manfreda, & Petchenik, in press).

Instream flow is the amount of water in a river at a given time. Understanding the relationship between instream flows and resource values can aid in the creation of standards for recreation use (Whittaker & Shelby, 2002). Using the structural norm approach, impact acceptability curves and the PCI (Figures 1 & 2) researchers have described optimum flows, ranges of tolerable flows, intensity and crystallization (i.e., respondent agreement) for numerous specific river settings (Shelby, Vaske, & Donnelly, 1996; Whittaker, Shelby, & Abrams, in press). The impact acceptability curve takes norms related to the acceptability of specific instream flows, measured at the individual level and then aggregates them to describe social norms by plotting the averages of individual's response evaluations (Shelby et al., 1996). The set of specific instream flows measured are displayed on the horizontal axis. Average evaluations are displayed on the



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vertical axis, with negative evaluations on the bottom, a neutral line in the middle, and positive evaluations on top (Whittaker & Shelby, 2002).

The highest point or peak of the curve represents the optimum flow. The range of flows with average evaluations above the neutral line represents the range of tolerable flows. The points where the curve intersects with the neutral line define the standards to be associated with too high and too low a flow. The relative distance of the curve in relationship to the neutral line defines the intensity of a norm. The variation among evaluations at each flow level constitutes the crystallization of the norm but is typically not visually displayed on a impact acceptability curve. In this study we use the PCI bubbles (Figure 2) to describe crystallization graphically on the curve, where the larger the PCI bubble, the less agreement between respondents and the smaller the bubble, the greater the agreement.

An internet specific instream flow survey was conducted between the spring of 2006 and 2007. The survey was advertised on the American Whitewater website through a number of articles. The Wisconsin Hoofers Outing Club also played a role in attracting respondents to the internet based survey. Individuals interested in the possibility of scheduled whitewater releases on the West Branch were invited to take part in the survey regardless of their skill level, whitewater experience, craft used or familiarity with the stretch.

A wide range of variables were measured for this study. Respondents evaluated the acceptability of 13 specific flows from the West Branch dam. The flows ranged from 100 cfs to 1,000 cfs (see Table 1 for a complete listing of flow levels measured). Each flow was evaluated on a 7-point scale: totally unacceptable (-3), moderately unacceptable (-2), slightly unacceptable (-1), neutral (0), slightly acceptable (1), marginally acceptable (2) and totally acceptable (3). Acceptable flows, optimal flows, and norm crystallization were determined for all respondents. Three release preference variables were measured including preferred release time of day (i.e. 9am, 10am etc.), preferred release duration (i.e. 1 hour, 2hours, etc.) and preferred day of release (Saturday, Sunday., or either). A set of open ended flow related variables were also measured including optimum, standard, increased challenge, and preferred release flow.

**TABLE 1**

Mean acceptability rating, Standard Deviation and Potential for Conflict Index value for measured specific cfs flows on the West Branch Montreal, Wisconsin, USA

Specific Flow CFS	Mean Acceptability	Standard Deviation	PCI
100	-2.82	0.40	0
150	-2.60	0.84	0
200	-2.10	1.45	0.06
250	-1.88	1.54	0.07
300	-0.90	2.13	0.40
350	-0.70	2.45	0.53
400	0	2.49	0.74
450	0.54	2.34	0.49
500	1.33	1.92	0.27
600	1.5	1.83	0.12
700	1.33	1.72	0.22
800	1.27	1.74	0.17
1000	0.83	1.80	0.28

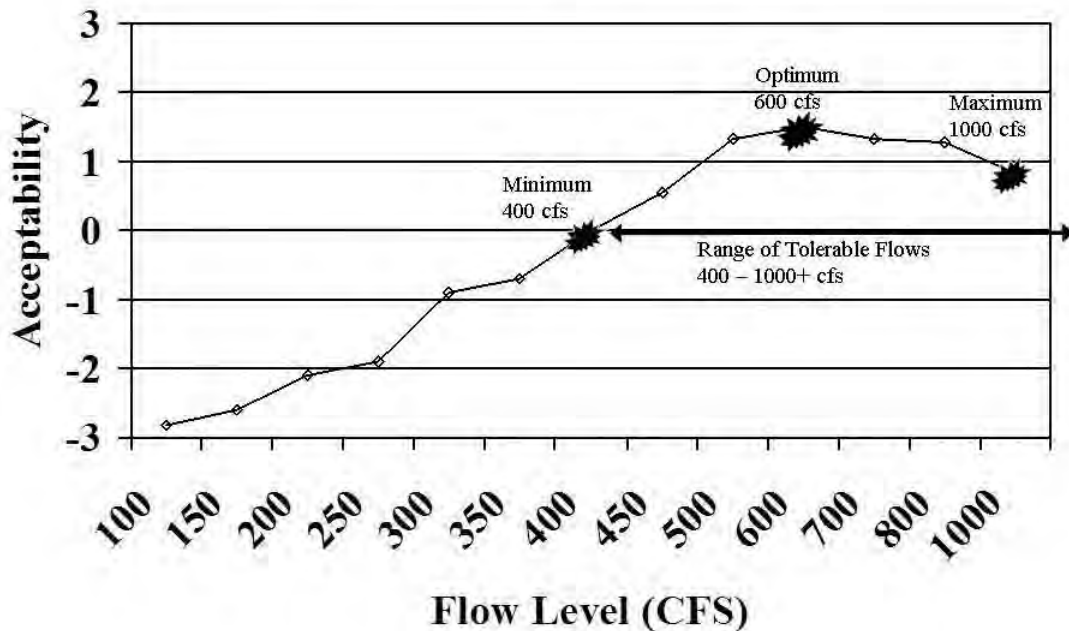
**RESULTS**

Under the structural norm approach, flows between 100 cfs and 350 cfs were, on average, unacceptable (Figure 1). Flows of 450 cfs and greater were within the range of acceptable flow conditions. Flows of 600, 700 and 800 cfs were considered optimal. Flows of 1,000 cfs were, on average, considered acceptable. Flows greater than 1,000 cfs were not measured. While some individuals have run the river at these higher flows these opportunities are limited and unlikely to be provided for during a controlled release.

Under the set of open ended flow response questions 905 cfs was considered, on average, to be the optimum flow, with responses ranging from 400-2,500 cfs. The average standard flow was 730 cfs on average, with a response range of 400-2,000 cfs. A flow of 1,310 cfs was the average flow for an increased challenge trip, with a range of 600-5,000 cfs. The average preferred release flow was 875 cfs, with a range of 400-2,500 cfs. The average preferred duration or length of a release was on average 6 hours, with a range from 4 hours to 1 week in length. The average preferred time of day for a release was 10 am, with a range from 9 am – 1 pm. When asked what their preferred day for a release would be, 56% of respondents chose Saturday, 3% preferred a Sunday release and 41% responded that either day of the weekend was acceptable.

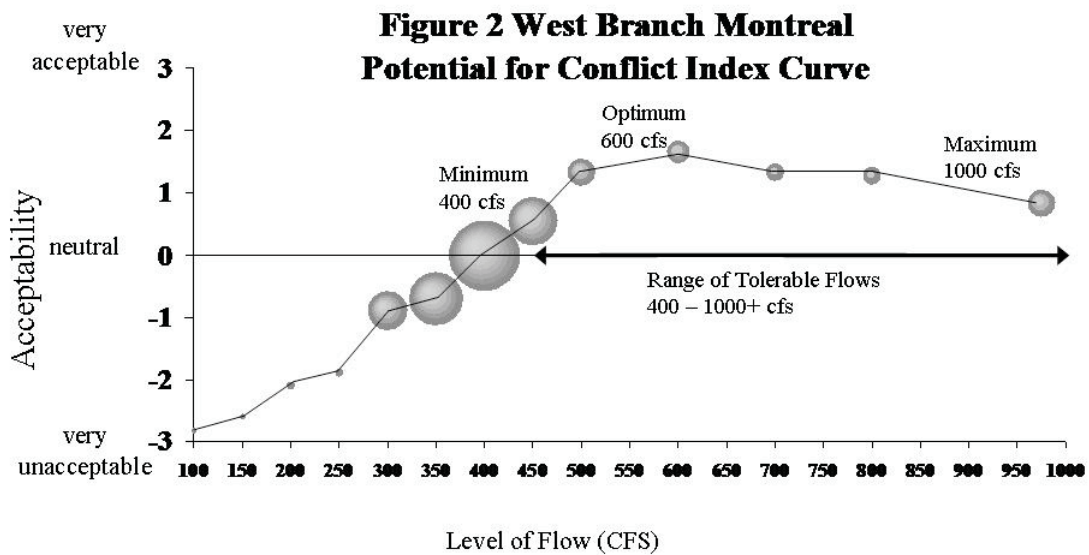
The Potential for Conflict Index ranges from 0 (no conflict, high consensus) to 1 (high conflict, low consensus). PCI scores for the acceptability of specific flows ranged from .00 (100 and 150 cfs), to .73 (400 cfs). Using the traditional norm acceptability curve (Figure 1), the average flow evaluation for 400 cfs was at the neutral line, suggesting that

**Figure 1 Impact Acceptability Curve  
West Branch Montreal**



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a flow of 400 cfs was within the acceptable range of flows. When the curve is displayed with PCI bubbles (Figure 2), it is apparent that some boaters evaluated a flow of 400 as unacceptable. The bubble straddles the neutral line and the PCI value is the largest measured for any of the specific flow evaluations (.73). PCI scores at the optimal flows of 600, 700, and 800 cfs were .22, .17 and .17 respectively, the lowest for any of the flows measured with average ratings above the neutral line. These relatively low PCI values (small bubbles, Figure 2) suggest that across all boaters there was considerable consensus regarding the acceptability of these optimum flow levels. PCI values, as well as mean evaluations and standard deviations, for the flows evaluated under the impact acceptability curve are displayed in Table 1.



## DISCUSSION

Understanding the impact acceptability curves for river stretches where instream flow manipulation is possible is fundamental to the proper recreation management of these stretches. Instream flow releases can provide unique recreation opportunities for multiple user groups and can help flow diversion and storage operations meet their protection, mitigation and enhancement measures necessary to re-license their operations under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (Whittaker & Shelby, 2002). Xcel Energy manages Gile Flowage which provides water to their Saxon Falls Hydroelectric Project and Montreal Hydroelectric Project downstream. Gile Flowage is a storage impoundment and not a licensed project, but paddlers are still interested in determining the potential for a scheduled flow release or releases.

This study was implemented to help determine the instream flow-recreation relationship and to help determine at which flow level a scheduled release would be most appropriate.

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The range of acceptable flows, as determined by the impact acceptability curve (Figure 1), is from 400-1,000 cfs. All average evaluations for flows between these levels were above the neutral line. 600 cfs received the highest average evaluation (1.5) and is therefore considered to be the optimal flow. According to these data, a release of 600 cfs would appeal to the greatest variety of river users.

Where respondents were able to identify flow characteristics in an open ended response format, average flow evaluations were slightly higher. This combined with the above neutral acceptability evaluation on the impact acceptable curve for 1,000 cfs, suggests that there is a significant population of river users who would prefer higher flow releases. When asked directly what flow level would be their preferred release, the range of responses was from 400-2,500 cfs, with a mean of 875 cfs. Respondents interested in release flows over 1,000 cfs were most likely looking for an increased challenge whitewater experience. Evidence of this phenomenon comes from the mean response to an open ended, preferred flow question for an increased challenge trip of 1,310 cfs. Users who are not as experienced river runners, or who preferred a more moderate whitewater challenge, are more likely to be comfortable with flows closer to the minimum acceptable flow of 400 cfs. All river users are likely to find these lower flows to be acceptable, but more experienced and daring river users may not find the level of whitewater challenge that they are looking for.

The Potential for Conflict Index (PCI) helps to identify the agreement between respondents at each individual flow level. Table 1 and Figure 2 reveal a PCI score trend that is similar to previous studies (Vaske, Stafford, Shelby & Whittaker, in review). Users are in the most agreement at flow levels which are highly unacceptable and highly acceptable. Users are in the least agreement when average response evaluations are near the neutral line. At the instream flow of 400 cfs, users are highly divided over the acceptability of this flow for whitewater recreation. Some respondents felt that this flow was too low for a meaningful whitewater experience, while other users found this to be an acceptable flow. It is possible that the acceptability of flows on the lower end of the flow spectrum have been influenced by the limited availability of days during the year when this stretch is runnable. Some users may find lower flows acceptable because these are the only flows they have been able to catch on this stretch.

PCI scores on the higher end of the flow spectrum show strong agreement between users. Flows of 600, 700, and 800 cfs had PCI scores of .22, .17, and .17 respectively. For whitewater river running a certain amount of flow is necessary just to navigate a stretch. In general, once that minimum flow level is passed, the stretch becomes runnable up to a certain much higher level of flow, which can be dictated by a number of variables, including skill level, experience and craft type. For the West Branch Montreal the majority of river users were in agreement that flows up to and beyond 1000 cfs are acceptable and are not out of their range of acceptable flows.

This study has a number of limitations. Internet studies are by nature a biased and hard to control medium for conducting research. For instream flow related research they may prove to be acceptable because instream flow research normally does not look to sample the general population. For most studies only experienced river users are surveyed because prior research suggests that experienced boaters are more knowledgeable about how flows affect recreation attributes and are most capable of evaluating specific flows (Shelby, Brown, & Baumgartner, 1992). Reaching out to experienced users through internet surveys is a very real possibility. There is also the chance that less experienced users who are not truly capable of estimating and determining the difference between specific flow levels will respond and should therefore be considered a limitation of this

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study. 63% of respondents estimated flow levels for their previous runs and 95% of respondents recalled their level of flow from memory. Flow level estimations can be a reliable source for actual levels from experienced river users, but in this study there is no way to determine the experience level of different respondents.

Another limitation to this study was the amount of respondents who had not run this stretch prior to responding to the survey. 38% of respondents had not completed the West Branch Montreal and an average of 31 respondents skipped the questions referring to specific flow levels. This can be attributed to the extremely short season for whitewater recreation on this stretch, but this also shows that there is strong interest in scheduled releases for this run. Respondents who have not completed this run were very likely the same respondents who skipped flow related questions and therefore would have little, if any affect on the variables used to determine the acceptability of instream flows.

This survey provides most, if not all of the necessary components to determine an acceptable instream flow level, a time of day, duration and day of the week for scheduled whitewater releases on the West Branch Montreal. The data strongly suggest that a minimum release level should be 600 cfs, as this flow level was found to be acceptable to the greatest variety of river users. The data also suggest that varying the flow levels released over multiple release days or a release weekend may provide for an even more varied group of river runners. An optimum release schedule for a weekend of two releases, according to this study, would begin with a release of 600 cfs on Saturday morning at 10 am and would last until 4 pm, and would have a second release day of 800-1,000 cfs on Sunday, which would begin at 10 am and would last until 4 pm. If the release schedule had to be limited to one day then a flow of 600-800 cfs should be released between 10 am and 4 pm on a Saturday. Considering this studies limitations, a follow up survey of participants is recommended subsequent to an initial whitewater release in order to obtain a more accurate instream flow – recreation relationship for the West Branch.

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**Appendix C    Level 1 Assessment – Literature Review Wisconsin Trail Guide**

The Wisconsin Trail Guide website includes search options for Paddle Trails, which includes 20 rivers to choose from, including the Montreal River. The information provided below is copied verbatim from <https://wisconsintrailguide.com/paddle/montreal-river.html> (accessed March 14, 2022).

## Montreal River

(MO1) Montreal River Canyon

Distance: 3.2 miles

Skill Level: Advanced

Whitewater: Class II-IV

Approx. Paddle Time: 2+ hours

Elevation Drop: 168 feet

Average Gradient: 52.5 fpm



### Trail Review

Many consider this as one of the premier, advanced whitewater runs in the Upper Midwest. The canyon run features long continuous stretches of wavy class II to III rapids and ledges with numerous holes and excellent play spots. At high water levels, a few of the drops and long pitches rate class IV forming large haystacks and wave trains.

Most of the three-mile stretch is through the incredibly scenic Montreal River Canyon where sheer conglomerate walls reach heights of up to 300 feet above the river. The rugged scenery in the canyon is among the best in Wisconsin. Pine, spruce and hemlock often cover the steep slopes and cliffs along with stands of birch and aspen.

While the gorge has spectacular scenery, it also creates a somewhat precarious situation, once you are committed to making the run you will not be able to change your mind. It is very, very difficult to get out of the canyon on foot after the first quarter mile. Jim Rada, author of 'Northwoods Whitewater', basically states that; in the interest of safety, "it's good to have a group mentality here" when attempting this run. Good advice.

***This run should only be attempted by advanced and expert whitewater paddlers.***

The Montreal River Canyon sits between two of the tallest waterfalls in the upper midwest. The first, Saxon Falls, is located just above the put-in and has a total drop of 90 feet. Unfortunately, the falls normally run at a trickle, only providing a full cascade during a dam release from the Saxon Falls Dam a short distance upstream. The second waterfall is Superior Falls, located a few hundred yards north (downstream) of the Highway 122 Landing. Superior Falls are 110 feet high over several drops. There is a scenic overlook that offers a partial view of the falls off Highway 122 on the Michigan side.



This segment of the Montreal West Branch forms part of the upper northern border between Wisconsin and the Upper Michigan Peninsula. The Montreal River is one of the few rivers in the US that flows north, emptying into Lake Superior.

The Montreal West Branch is used for Hydro-electric power which means water levels fluctuate greatly! You must call the hotline (see below) before making the run to find out when the next release is (if there is one!). During a dam release, water levels rise rapidly without warning and will change the character of the river dramatically. Always wear proper safety equipment, don't paddle alone, and be sure to let a friend or relative know where you are just in case.

## Camping

### Wisconsin State Park Campgrounds

[Copper Falls State Park](#) is about a 35 minute drive from the intersection of County B and Highway 122. The family campground offers 56 secluded campsites, and a group camp for tent camping (up to 40 people). This is the most scenic gorge and waterfall area in Wisconsin and the [Doughboys Trail](#) is featured in this guide.

*“Ancient lava flows, deep gorges and spectacular waterfalls make Copper Falls one of Wisconsin's most scenic parks. Log buildings built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s add to the park's charm. There is plenty to do; hiking, bicycling, picnicking, fishing and swimming. The North Country National Scenic Trail passes through Copper Falls State Park.”*

*\_source: Wisconsin DNR.*

## Season

The water levels are controlled by release from the Saxon Falls Dam. Excel Energy Power Company has set up a hotline with a recorded message about current conditions at 715.893.2213.

Opinions vary when it comes to good water levels for enjoyable paddling. For experienced paddlers, the best action occurs: during a dam release; during the spring melt-off; and/or occasionally in late fall. The river is normally too shallow to navigate in summer and fall.

***Exercise common sense, and know your limitations!***

## River Level Information

**Phone Contact for Info:** Excel Energy hotline (recording); 715.893.2213

**USGS Website:** There is no USGS River Gauge for this segment.

The "Guide MO1" link on the Montreal River (MO1) Montreal River Canyon webpage provides the following at <https://wisconsintrailguide.com/paddle/pdf/guide-montreal.pdf>:

MONTREAL RIVER (MO1)			
<b>Put-in</b>	Access at Saxon Falls Powerhouse	<b>Elevation Drop</b>	168 feet
<b>Take-out</b>	Highway 122 Landing	<b>Average Gradient</b>	52.5 feet per mile
<b>Distance</b>	3.2 miles	<b>Minimum Suggested Flow</b>	250 cfs (from Excel Energy)
<b>Approximate Time</b>	2+ hours	<b>Water Level Info / Phone</b>	Excel Energy hotline 715.893.2213
<b>Most Difficult Rapids</b>	Class 2 - 4		
Paddlers' Notes			
<p><b>It is strongly recommended that you DO NOT paddle the Montreal River Canyon solo!</b></p>			
<b>3.9 Mile</b>	<p><b>Access at Saxon Falls Powerhouse River:</b> After the steel footbridge, you will paddle through a stretch of class 1 rapids that continues around a left bend. The easy rapids occur intermittently for some distance downstream. The current after the powerhouse and footbridge varies with release and water levels from moderately quick to very fast. <b>Shuttle:</b> On County Highway B, turn north on to Saxon Falls Road. As you near the landing, a sign at an intersection reads 'boat landing' and points to the right, ignore this and continue straight ahead down a curved decline. The parking area is at the end of the road. There is a steel stairway down to the river that is fenced off with 'no trespassing' signs and a gate that is usually locked. There is a 'trail' down a very steep slope along the right side of the staircase, about 125 vertical feet down to the landing. The footing is treacherous so you should attach a rope to your boat and lower it down ahead of you. Once you are down to the riverbank, you can put-in above or below the steel footbridge. Parking, trailer turnaround, hand carry access.</p>		
<b>3.6 Mile</b>	<p><b>Rapids (Class 2-4)</b> The first significant rapids occur where the river constricts into a small s-turn. The river rushes over a pair of ledges which together drop about 3 feet. When the river is running these drops can produce class 3 waves. After the drops, the river widens and slows for a short distance before entering into the first of several long stretches of exciting and challenging rapids and ledges. The river drops more than 73 feet over the next 1.4 miles.</p> <p><b>The whitewater continues for the next 1.8 miles to the end of the canyon</b> Many of the rapids and ledges occur where steep canyon walls rise sharply above the river. In some places, you will not be able to land and scout a route.</p> <p>The water levels can vary widely from 250 cfs all the way up to 1700 cfs. These variances are due to seasonal events such as: snow melt in spring, heavy rain, ... and dam releases. You should call the hotline before attempting the run!</p>		
<b>1.8 Mile</b>	<p><b>Canyon Ends</b> The Montreal River Canyon gradually gives way to low, sloping wooded banks. The river widens and becomes shallower with several long stretches of class 1 and 2 boulder gardens. During lower water conditions gravel bars appear where you can land your kayak or canoe and rest. Within approximately half a mile, the high banks give way to lowland forest and marsh as you enter the Superior Falls Flowage. Several islands appear and you will likely see more wildlife than in the canyon. Eagles and other bird life are common.</p>		
<b>0.7 Mile</b>	<p><b>Highway 122 Landing River:</b> The river is calm and slow as you approach the Highway 122 Bridge. The roadside access is before the bridge on the left bank. <b>Do not paddle past the orange buoys!</b> <b>Shuttle:</b> The river access is located at the southeast corner of the Highway 122 Bridge. Park at the scenic overlook a few hundred yards north of the bridge on the Michigan side. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.</p> <p><b>Superior Falls</b> North of the dam (<i>downstream</i>), the river flows through an very scenic gorge and tumbles over several falls. There are numerous trails that lead to several scenic overlooks with awesome views of the final cascade. Do not enter the water to wade or swim period! When there is a dam release, the water rises dramatically and you will have very little time to react.</p>		
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## MONTREAL RIVER (MO1)

### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Powerhouse, River Access

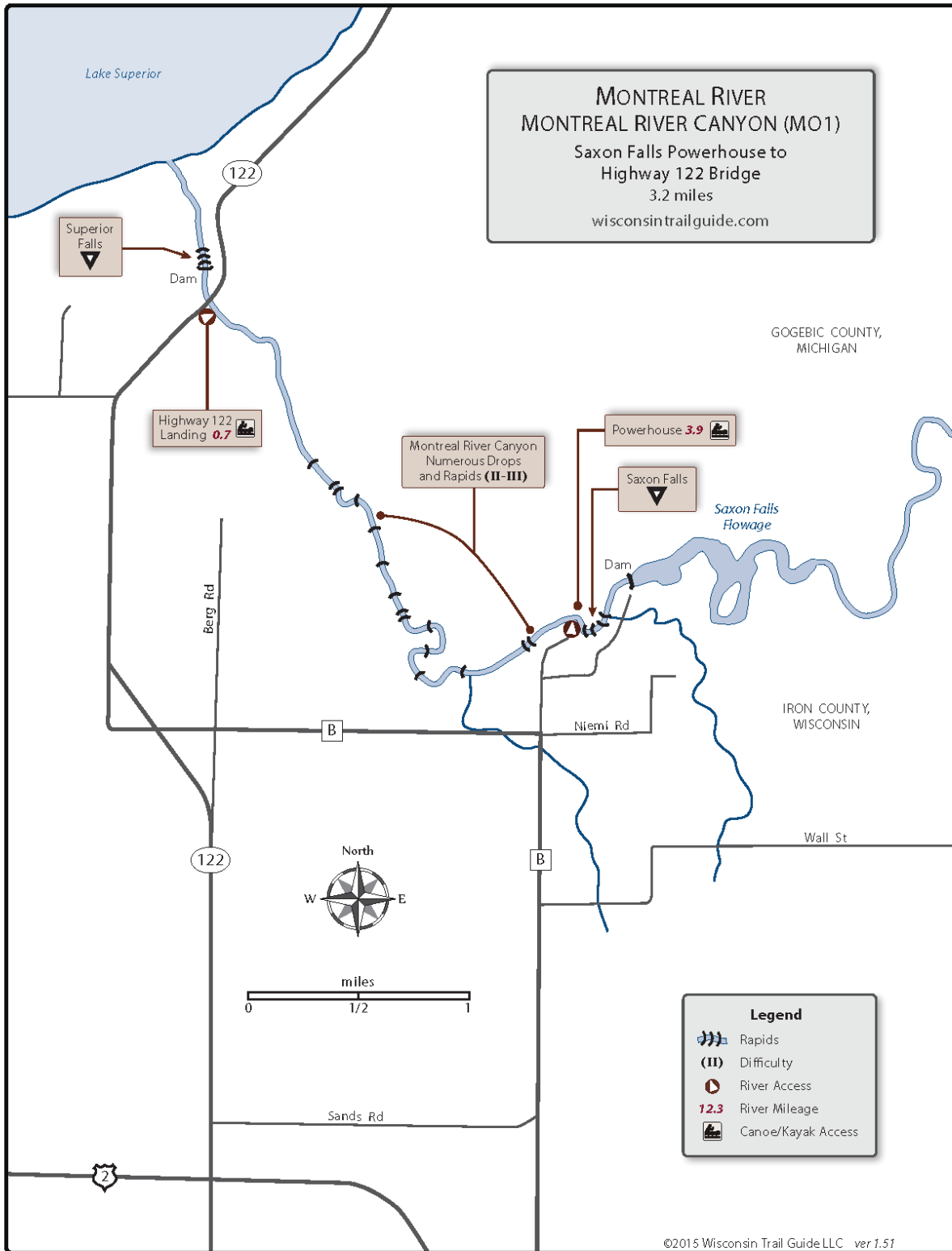


Highway 122 Bridge Landing

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Powerhouse, River Access	46.53658,-90.37957
Class III Rapids	46.53488,-90.38429
Highway 122 Landing	46.55675,-90.41437

The "Map MO1" link on the Montreal River (MO1) Montreal River Canyon webpage provides the following at <https://wisconsintrailguide.com/paddle/pdf/map-montreal.pdf>:



**Appendix D    Level 1 Assessment – Literature Review Iron County Economic  
Development**

## Iron County Wisconsin

The Iron County Economic Development website (accessed March 14, 2022) provides a link to recreation, which includes 17 additional links, one of which is “Paddling”. The Paddling link includes additional links for Canoe and Kayak, Bear River, Flambeau River, Manitowish River, Montreal River, Turtle Flowage, and Turtle River Trail. The Canoe and Portage link (<https://ironcountywi.com/canoe-and-kayak/>) includes information on individual routes and indicates the Montreal River Trail – West Branch as “Expert”. The Montreal River link (<https://ironcountywi.com/recreation/canoe-trips/montreal-river/>) provides the following:



The screenshot shows the Iron County Economic Development website. The header features the title "Iron County Economic Development" and the subtitle "Iron County, Wisconsin". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Recreation, Business, Events Calendar, Area Links, and Contact Us. A sidebar menu on the left lists various recreational activities, with "Paddling" selected and expanded. The main content area displays information about the Montreal River Trail-West Branch, including its expert rating, a description of the river, safety warnings, and contact information for more details.

### Iron County Economic Development

Iron County, Wisconsin

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- Wisconsin Heritage Area
- Iron County "Fall Color Tour"

#### Montreal River Trail-West Branch

**Ratings:** Expert

The Montreal River is among the handful of the world's rivers that flow north ward. It was well known to the Indians, the Chippewa called it "Kawasiji-wangsepi" or White Falls River or "where there is a strong foaming current in the river".

**Expert only. Kayak or covered canoe.** Note: This river route has not been officially surveyed and includes high hazard Class V rapids, dams and inaccessible canyon-like areas. Water levels fluctuate greatly since the West Branch is used for hydro-electric power generation. The river marks the boundary between Michigan and Wisconsin.

During spring high water conditions, the West Branch can offer thrilling white water experiences for experienced kayakers. The river was the site of the 1985 Pan-Am white water competition. In summer, water levels are usually too low.

The Montreal River Canyon is located on *private property*. *Permission should be asked of landowners before entering this area*. Canyon walls are steep-sided and not barricaded or marked. Paddlers should be cautioned that there is no land access out of the canyon once it is entered.

Before planning a trip on this river, we encourage paddlers to check the water flow information at 715-893-2213 for condition updates on this route.

For Canoe/Kayak guide maps request our "Iron County Sportsman's & Recreation Map" here: [Contact Us](#)

**Appendix E    Level 1 Assessment – Literature Review Midwest River Inventory**

## Midwest River Inventory

Archived website provided by Geocities.org showing a pictorial of the West Fork Montreal River.

<https://www.geocities.org/midwestrivers/F-WI-MONTREAL.html> (accessed March 9, 2022)

# Midwest River Inventory

Montreal River  
Montreal, WI (3 miles southwest of Hurley/Ironwood area)

West Fork



Action on the West Fork of the Montreal River starts at *Gile Falls* (above left) where a footbridge crosses the stream (seen in the background, with mining tailings 'mountain' in the distance). The main drop (seen in the left photo) tends to be a sticky pourover which can cartwheel even old-style long boats tight to river-right, while a good river-left 'sneak' presents itself at good boatable levels (as shown in the photo).

Just downstream of the falls, the river meets a wall of rock and is diverted sharply left through a sweet little dell (above right).



After *Gile Falls* you'll encounter a long uninteresting stretch of river until reaching *Rock Cut Falls*. The river is constricted between banks of large boulders, and pours through a series of offset holes, the first of which is shown above left.





Seen from the former railroad trestle/bridge, *Rock Cut Falls* is a great, long stretch of waves and holes. The photos show the view upstream (above left) and down (above right). The action is quite continuous (class III-IV), save for a brief breather right under the bridge.



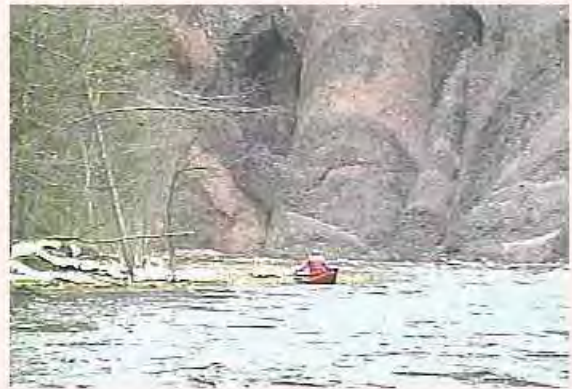
Some distance downstream, one of the few areas of some concern is a river-wide ledge/hole (shown above left). A river-right sneak is available to run this, and the rapids which follow.

The final major action on this run occurs as the river enters a small county park. A sweet series of short ledges and waves accelerate the flow toward *Kimball Falls* (above right). As seen from a one-lane bridge which crosses the river into the park, wrapping diagonal waves (over shallow jutting bedrock) precede a large V-shaped hole at the pool below. Boaters can either take out here or proceed an additional mile to culverts at Hwy.2. The remaining action is fun class II-II+, and finishes with a small wave inside the downstream end of the highway culvert.

Montreal Canyon



A run on the Montreal Canyon begins with a steep descent down a long flight of metal stairs (shown above left). At the put-in, the impressive sight of *Saxon Falls* awaits the boater. At low flows, only the river-right falls will have significant water. At moderate flows, the river-left falls kicks in. At higher flows, a narrow center falls (center frame, above right) pours between two towers of rock for a most spectacular sight.



This is one of the Midwest's best scenic play rivers, when you can catch it with good water (minimum about 700cfs, better at 1400-1700cfs). Flanked on alternating sides of the river by tall conglomerate cliffs, the river spills across numerous short ledges to form a great series of waves and holes.

**Appendix F    Level 1 Assessment – Literature Review AdamMartin.SPACe**

## AdamMartin.SPACE

The AdamMartin.SPACE website (<https://adammartin.space>, accessed March 14, 2022) provides photographs and descriptions of the author's outdoor experiences. The author includes information about:

- Gile Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2019-gile-falls/>)
- Rock Cut Falls (<https://adammartin.space/?s=Rock+Cut+Falls>)
- Kimball Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2018-kimball-falls/>)
- Saxon Falls (<https://adammartin.space/2018-saxon-falls/>)
- Superior Falls. (<https://adammartin.space/2018-superior-falls/>)

The contents of each link above have been screen captured and provided below.

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## Gile Falls

2019-07-04 by Adam Martin

Quick stop but a surprisingly good one at Gile Falls in the very small mining neighborhood of Gile in Montreal, Wisconsin. To be perfectly honest I'm not sure what parts of this area are private property or public (all the maps I find are in disagreement) but there are historic signs for the Penokee Iron Range Trail and footpaths nearest the park. Don't take my word for it – be sure to check for yourself before trespassing if you visit.



It's a relatively short walk to reach the falls and you will hear rushing water quickly. Shown here are the fantastic upper falls as seen from a distance. Again I'm sure you can see this from other angles but public/private property lines are blurred here so I visited only briefly.



And from nearly the same spot here are the lower falls section. The upper falls has a more pronounced single drop whereas the lower part drops farther across a distance of maybe 100 yards. All around here are old businesses and houses – just driving by you would never know this existed!



Video

Here's a short clip of the falls in action. Enjoy!



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## Rock Cut Falls

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### Rock Cut Falls [Failed]

2019-07-04 by Adam Martin

Intentionally failed visiting Rock Cut Falls in Hurley, Wisconsin because I was in the area & wanted to confirm via boots on the ground. Everything is posted "Private Property" and there is no longer public access.



Previously you could access Rock Cut Falls & Rapids via the Iron Horse trail but this is now closed (still mention on the Mercer website but obviously very outdated). Some interesting history & speculation on the topic can be found [here](#).

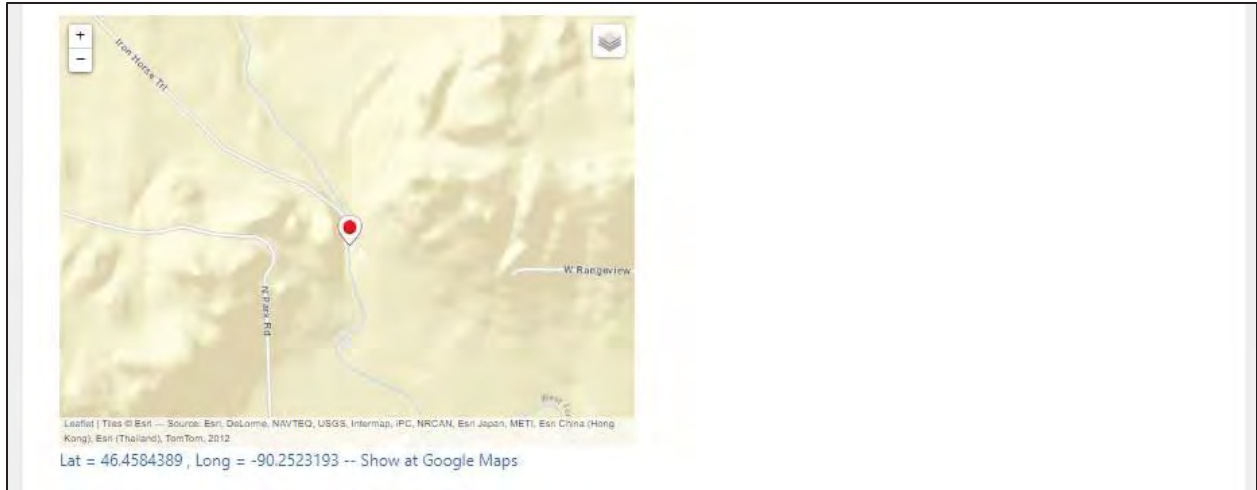


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I'm not quite giving up on this one yet. Kayak access is still a possibility but I need much more research & practice (IMPORTANT: This area is reportedly quite dangerous, don't try this at home!). For now this is just a dream.







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## Kimball Falls

2018-07-02 by Adam Martin

Heading back towards Copper Falls State Park I took a short detour for my checklist and found Kimball Falls. Yet another waterfall on the Montreal River (west fork) located in the small village of Kimball at the Town Park.



Not a huge drop like some other recent spots but the park area is very quiet and peaceful. I'd imagine come autumn the scenery here would rival anything you can find on a postcard.

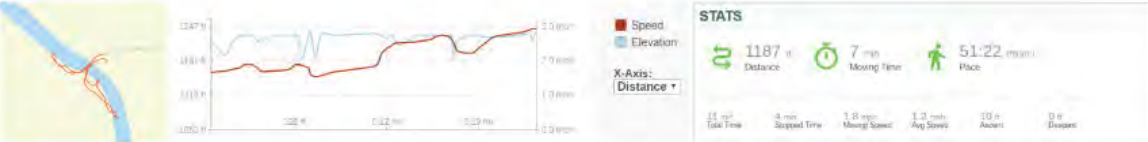


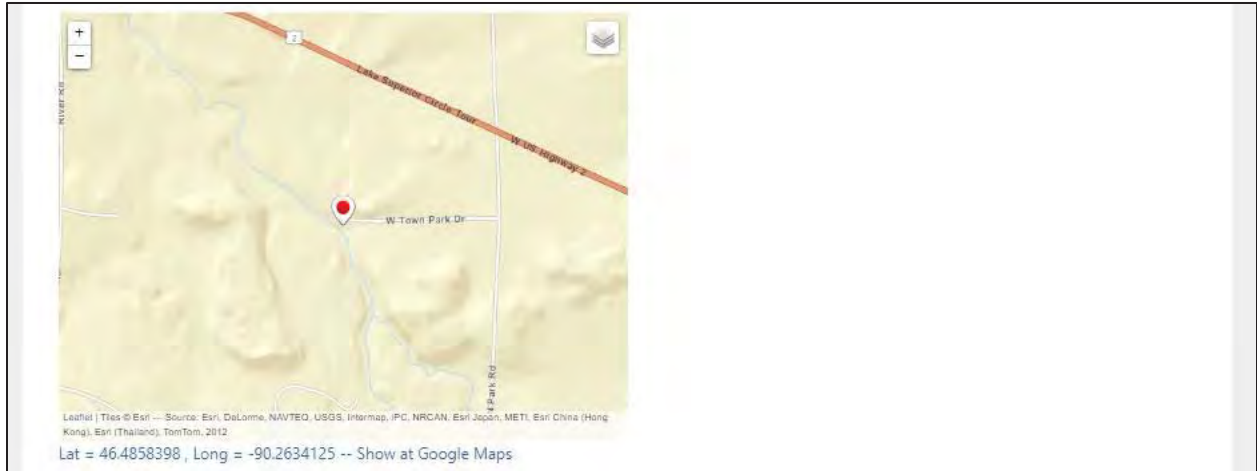
Short video of the falls in each direction:



**Hiking Data**

Not much of a hike – just a short stroll through Kimball’s Town Park. Super easy to access and doesn’t appear to get many visitors so you will likely have the place to yourself.





## Saxon Falls

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## Saxon Falls

2018-07-02 by Adam Martin

Heading farther north and closer to the city of Hurley, Wisconsin I found myself at a hydro-power dam that I thought was a waterfall. Thankfully one of the trail signs cleared up my mistake and confirmed I was near Saxon Falls. Pipes leading from the hydro dam cross the Montreal River into Michigan and eventually meet up with a powerhouse closer to the real falls.



This area is quite beautiful with a mix of trees favoring pines. Needles cover much of the trail and the micro-climate from the river is cooler and pleasant.



Hard to photograph the trees, but as the trail nears completion you start to get glimpses of the falls through the branches.



A hundred yards down, another opening in the trees and the full top section appears.



Just a little further the trail ends with a spectacular view of the full falls.

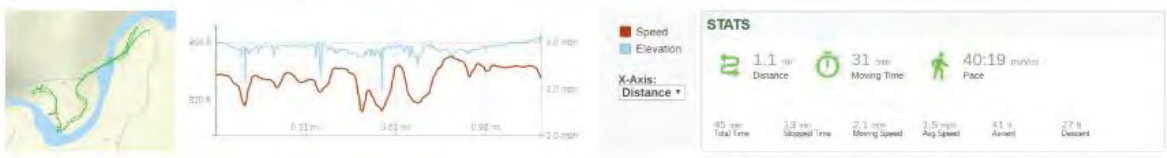


Notice in the center the water turns sharply 90 degrees and bends back downwards for the final drop. Hard to photograph that section but can be seen in the video below.



**Hiking Data**

Overall this is a relatively easy hike as far as physical exertion is concerned. I would caution anyone with a fear of heights (or dying) be careful near the cliff edges – seems quite easy to get close to the edge with a sense of misguided comfort while enjoying the views. Otherwise this one is quite a hidden gem!



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## Superior Falls

2018-07-02 by Adam Martin

Not far from Saxon Falls is another waterfall that many of the locals suggest visiting. Also located on the Montreal River at the point it flows into Lake Superior is the aptly named Superior Falls. I wasn't aware at the time you could view the falls from above, so my trip details hiking to the bottom. To get there, it takes hiking down a huge hill covered in a rough concrete runoff, around a hydro power mill, and across a rock beach that is very uneven.



View from the main rock beach is impressive but I wanted to see more.



Here's where the pucker factor amps up: to reach the final alcove for a front-on view of the falls, you have to become something of a tight-rope walker and carefully make your way along the rocks. One missed step and you go into the water and possibly get hurt. I forgot all my dry bags in the car – realized this when half-way around the bend!



Views are getting more impressive...



Looking up at the large rock cliffs. Shear pattern of these rocks is very interesting, almost cubic. Wouldn't want to be here when boulders fall!





Final view of the falls from a frontal perspective. Monday night at 5pm – I had the entire place to myself.



Here's a short 1 minute video at this farthest point of the lower viewpoint.



One final view of Lake Superior before hiking back up that brutal concrete sludge hill. The Montreal River is the state boundary line here – directly behind me 180° is Michigan.



### Hiking Data

Not a very long hike, but the main hill down to the river/lake was not particularly fun after hiking all day. Nothing here is flat and even, and I find these kind of rocky conditions are always the most exhausting. Still totally worth it and I would go again!



Speed  
Elevation  
X-Axis:  
Distance

#### STATS

4885 ft Distance	30 min Moving Time	39:22 min/mi Pace
35 min Total Time	5 min Skipped Time	2.4 mph Moving Speed
1.3 mph Avg Speed	127 ft Ascent	150 ft Descent



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**Appendix G    Level 1 Assessment – Hydrological Assessment**

### USGS Gages along the West Fork

- [USGS 04028987 WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER @ CENTER DR NR HURLEY, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029000 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER AT GILE, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029500 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](#)

The USGS 04028987 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Latitude 46°28'18.6", Longitude 90°15'29.2" NAD83 Iron County, Wisconsin, Hydrologic Unit 04010302 Datum of gage: 1,298 feet above NAVD88.			
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<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Count</b>
<a href="#">Revisions</a>	Unavailable (site:0) (timeseries:0)		
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center <b>Email questions about this site to <a href="#">Wisconsin Water Science Center Water-Data Inquiries</a></b>			

The USGS 04029000 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Latitude 46°25'35", Longitude 90°13'35" NAD27 Iron County, Wisconsin, Hydrologic Unit 04010302 Drainage area: 78.00 square miles Datum of gage: 1,468.00 feet above NGVD29.			
<b>AVAILABLE DATA:</b>			
<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b><a href="#">Daily Data</a></b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1918-04-25	1947-09-29	4602
<b><a href="#">Daily Statistics</a></b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1918-04-25	1947-09-29	4602
<b><a href="#">Monthly Statistics</a></b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1918-04	1947-09	
<b><a href="#">Annual Statistics</a></b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1918	1947	
<b><a href="#">Peak streamflow</a></b>	1918-05-28	1947-06-15	13
<b><a href="#">Field measurements</a></b>	1918-04-25	1947-07-22	65
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center <b>Email questions about this site to <a href="#">Wisconsin Water Science Center Water-Data Inquiries</a></b>			

The USGS 04029500 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Latitude 46°30'09", Longitude 90°16'30" NAD27  
 Iron County, Wisconsin, Hydrologic Unit 04010302  
 Drainage area: 96.00 square miles

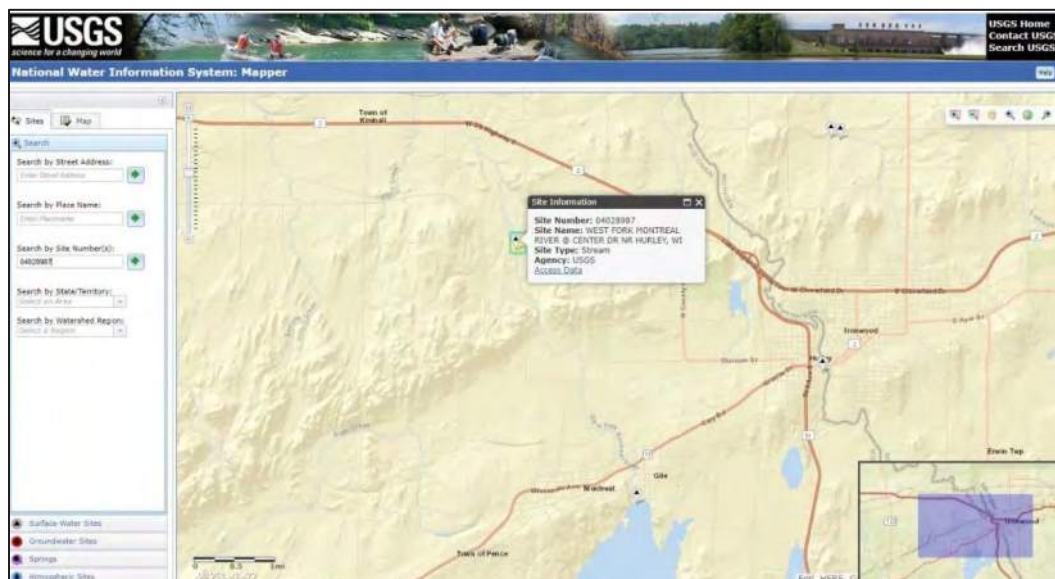
**AVAILABLE DATA:**

Data Type	Begin Date	End Date	Count
<b>Daily Data</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06-26	1925-12-07	530
<b>Daily Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06-26	1925-12-07	530
<b>Monthly Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06	1925-12	
<b>Annual Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924	1926	

**OPERATION:**  
 Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center  
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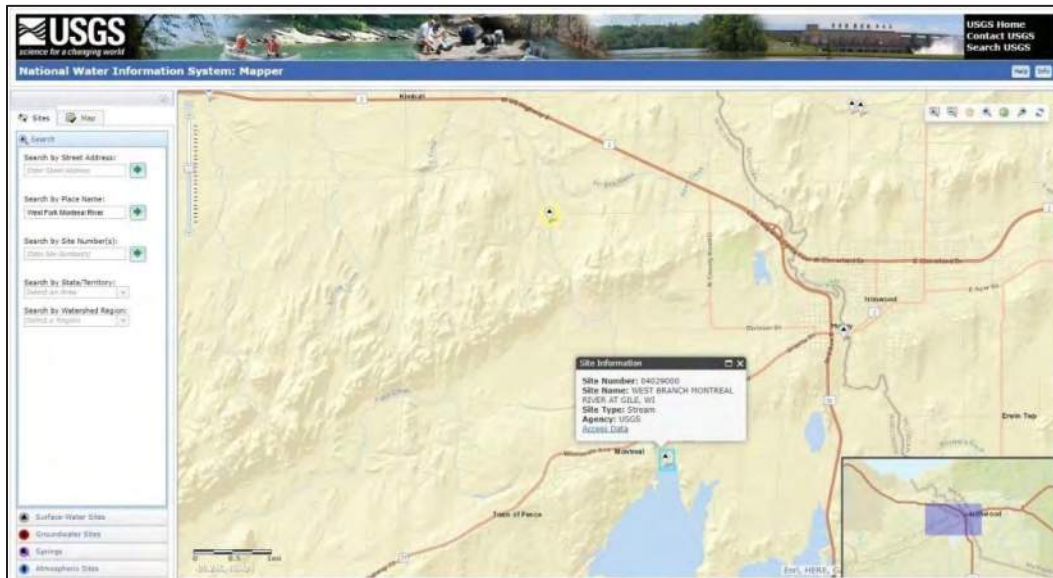
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The location of USGS Gage 04028987 is shown below as a screen capture:



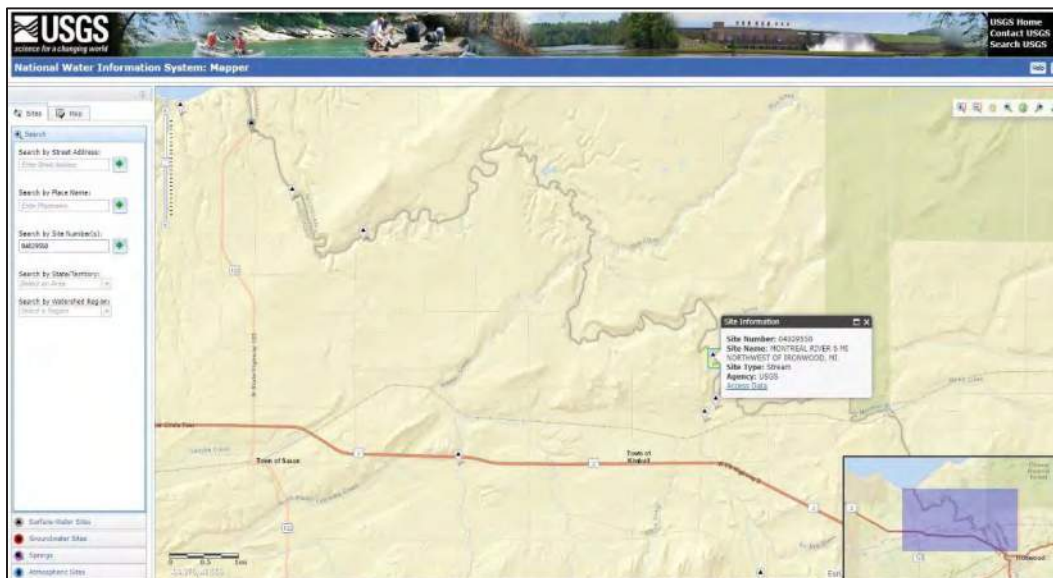
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The location of USGS Gage 04029000 is shown below as a screen capture:



When the "Access Data" link is chosen, the website routes back to [USGS 04029000 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER AT GILE, WI](#). NSPW concludes no data for USGS Gage 04029000 is readily available.

The location of USGS Gage 04029500 is shown below as a screen capture:



When the "Access Data" link is chosen, the website routes back to [USGS 04029500 WEST BRANCH MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](#). NSPW concludes no data for USGS Gage 04029500 is readily available.

## USGS Gages along the Montreal

- [USGS 04028500 MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](#)
- [USGS 04029550 MONTREAL RIVER 6 MI NORTHWEST OF IRONWOOD, MI](#)
- [USGS 04029990 MONTREAL RIVER AT SAXON FALLS NEAR SAXON, WI](#)

The USGS 04028500 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Latitude 46°30'18", Longitude 90°16'18" NAD27 Iron County, Wisconsin, Hydrologic Unit 04010302 Drainage area: 98.60 square miles			
<b>AVAILABLE DATA:</b>			
<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Count</b>
<u>Daily Data</u>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06-26	1925-12-07	530
<u>Daily Statistics</u>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06-26	1925-12-07	530
<u>Monthly Statistics</u>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924-06	1925-12	
<u>Annual Statistics</u>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1924	1926	
<u>Field measurements</u>	1924-06-26	1925-07-27	15
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center <b>Email questions about this site to <a href="#">Wisconsin Water Science Center Water-Data Inquiries</a></b>			

The USGS 04029550 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>			
Latitude 46°30'48", Longitude 90°16'21" NAD27 Gogebic County, Michigan, Hydrologic Unit 04010302			
<b>AVAILABLE DATA:</b>			
<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Begin Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Count</b>
<u>Field measurements</u>	1967-07-27	1967-07-27	1
<u>Revisions</u>	Unavailable (site:0) (timeseries:0)		
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Michigan Water Science Center <b>Email questions about this site to <a href="#">Michigan Water Science Center Water-Data Inquiries</a></b>			



The USGS 04029990 gage description is shown below as a screen capture:

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 Drainage area: 262 square miles

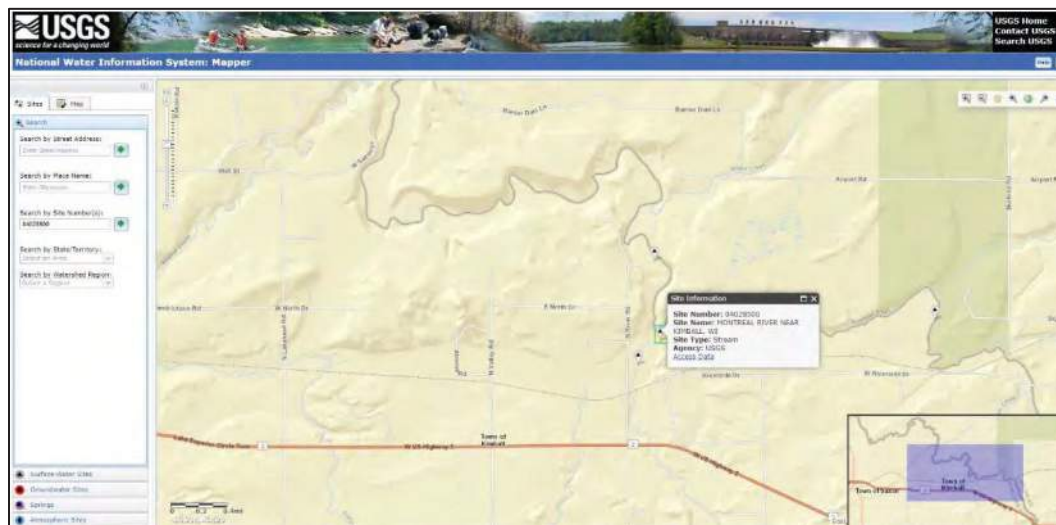
**AVAILABLE DATA:**

Data Type	Begin Date	End Date	Count
<b>Daily Data</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1986-10-01	2017-09-29	11322
<b>Daily Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1986-10-01	2017-09-29	11322
<b>Monthly Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1986-10	2017-09	
<b>Annual Statistics</b>			
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1987	2017	
<b>Peak streamflow</b>	1939-04-26	2016-07-12	61
<b>Field measurements</b>	1938-09-12	2017-08-23	148
<b>Field/Lab water-quality samples</b>	2011-08-09	2011-08-09	1
<b>Water-Year Summary</b>	2006	2017	12

**OPERATION:**  
 Record for this site is maintained by the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center  
 Email questions about this site to [Wisconsin Water Science Center Water-Data Inquiries](mailto:WisconsinWaterScienceCenter@usgs.gov)

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The location of USGS Gage 04028500 is shown below as a screen capture:



When the "Access Data" link is chosen, the website routes back to [USGS 04028500 MONTREAL RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, WI](https://www.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/stations/04028500). NSPW concludes no data for USGS Gage 04028500 is readily available.

The location of USGS Gage 04029550 is shown below as a screen capture:



When the “Access Data” link is chosen, the website routes back to [USGS 04029550 MONTREAL RIVER 6 MI NORTHWEST OF IRONWOOD, MI](#). NSPW concludes no data for USGS Gage 04029550 is readily available.

The location of USGS Gage 04029990 is shown below as a screen capture:



When the “Access Data” link is chosen, the website routes back to [USGS 04029990 MONTREAL RIVER AT SAXON FALLS NEAR SAXON, WI](#). NSPW concludes no data for USGS Gage 04029990 is readily available.

**Appendix H    Level 1 Assessment – Correspondence**

## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** jake@ringoproductions.com  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile  
**Attachments:** GileWhitewaterStudy\_ClassIV\_Reach\_Level 1\_2\_3.pdf  
  
**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hello Jake:

I am assisting Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin dba Xcel Energy (Xcel) with a whitewater boating study for the Gile Flowage Storage Project (Gile), which will be similar to the study you participated in for the Saxon Falls in May 2021.

Xcel is planning to conduct the study on three reaches between the Gile Dam and Kimball Town Park (map attached). A fourth reach may be included from Kimball Town Park to US Hwy 2 based on boater input/interest.

We are hoping you will be able to participate in the Gile study, your participation was fundamental to the success of the Saxon Falls study.

Xcel is tentatively planning the Gile study for Saturday, June 11, 2022, with the potential of a second day (if needed) on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Questions for you:

1. Are you available to participate on June 11-12?
2. If these days will not work, what are other options that will fit your schedule/availability?
  - a. We are aiming for a weekend study to accommodate participant travel time. A weekday study is possible if it works for participants.
  - b. The following dates do not work on our end to conduct the study: June 18-19, June 25-26, or July 1-4.
3. Are you able to locate nine or more boaters that would be available/interested in the study?
  - a. Study protocol requires a minimum of 10 participants.
4. Do you have an idea of an appropriate starting flow?
  - a. Study protocol states each reach will be boated under two or three different flow releases ranging between 600 - 1,000 cfs.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you,

Jen

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**From:** Jake Ring <jake@ringoproductions.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 9, 2022 12:02 PM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hi Jen,

That weekend works for me. I will put out a notice to regional whitewater paddlers and should be able to get 9 or more people to participate.

I will survey the interested paddlers and paddlers who have boated this section and see what the consensus is for optimal flow range.

What other questions do you have for me? Always happy to help.

Jake

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## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 11:47 AM  
**To:** Okeefe@AmericanWhitewater.org; tokey\_boswell@nps.gov; susan\_rosebrough@nps.gov; David Thomson (dave\_thomson@NPS.gov); lillian\_jonas@contractor.nps.gov; angietornes@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Miller, Matthew J; Crotty, Scott A; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** Gile Flowage Project Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
**Attachments:** Gile Whitewater Study\_Level 3 Assessment Map.pdf

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hello:

Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Study Plan Determination for the Gile Flowage Project dated September 24, 2021, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation (NSPW) will be conducting a Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Assessment (Whittaker et al., 2005) for a whitewater flow study at the Gile Project on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Boaters will gather at the Gile Park parking lot prior to the start of the Level 2 and Level 3 Assessments, which are anticipated to start at 10 am local time.

### **Level 1 Assessment**

The Level 1 Assessment has been completed for the three reaches on the West Fork Montreal River from Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park. The initial study report will include a summary of literature reviewed, the hydrologic assessment, and transcripts and notes from interviews with recreationists and stakeholders. Based upon the Level 1 Assessment, flows between 600 - 1,000 cfs are being targeted for the Level 2 and Level 3 Assessments, which are scheduled to be completed on June 11, 2022.

For the West Fork Montreal River reach downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River and on the Montreal River reach from the confluence to the Saxon Falls Project, NSPW will collect existing river recreation information, including other class I/II boating opportunities in the project area, public access locations and constraints to public access, and the physical attributes of the reaches from the boaters attending the Level 3 Assessment. Hydrology information will be assembled independently by NSPW for the initial study report.

### **Level 2 Assessment - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

As part of the initial Level 2 assessment in consultation with Jake Ring, flow releases for the Level 3 Assessment are anticipated between 600 – 1,000 cfs. The actual flow releases will be determined on site as part of the limited reconnaissance prior to the start of the Level 3 Assessment. NSPW has determined it is unable to resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study unless the dates of the boating experiences rated in the 2007 study are provided by American Whitewater.

### **Level 3 Assessment – Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

The Level 3 Assessment will involve a minimum of ten boaters; NSPW is currently working with Jake Ring, to assemble a boater participant list.

Boaters will evaluate up to three varying flow releases on three reaches between the Gile Dam and Kimball Town Park along the West Branch Montreal River (see attached map). The actual flow releases will be determined on site as part of the Level 2 Assessment (Limited Reconnaissance) prior to the start of the Level 3 Assessment. Water will be released from the Gile Flowage for each flow evaluated for the Level 3 Assessment.

Boaters will begin each Level 3 Assessment run at the Gile Dam and will take-out at three locations to assess the flow using a provided evaluation form. The take-out locations were determined based on the Level 1 Assessment.

Based on information gathered for the Level 2 Assessment, it was determined the Rock Cut Falls (Railroad Rapids) currently has a log jam. This area is known to collect snags ([American Whitewater](#)). If the area continues to be impassable during the study, it will have to be portaged by the boaters and noted on the evaluation forms.

### **Additional Information**

If you have boater recommendations for this study, information beneficial for the Level 1 Assessment of the reaches downstream of US Highway 2, additional information beneficial for the Level 2 Assessment, or additional date information for the 2007 study, please send the information to Jen Schuetz with Mead & Hunt at [jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com](mailto:jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com).

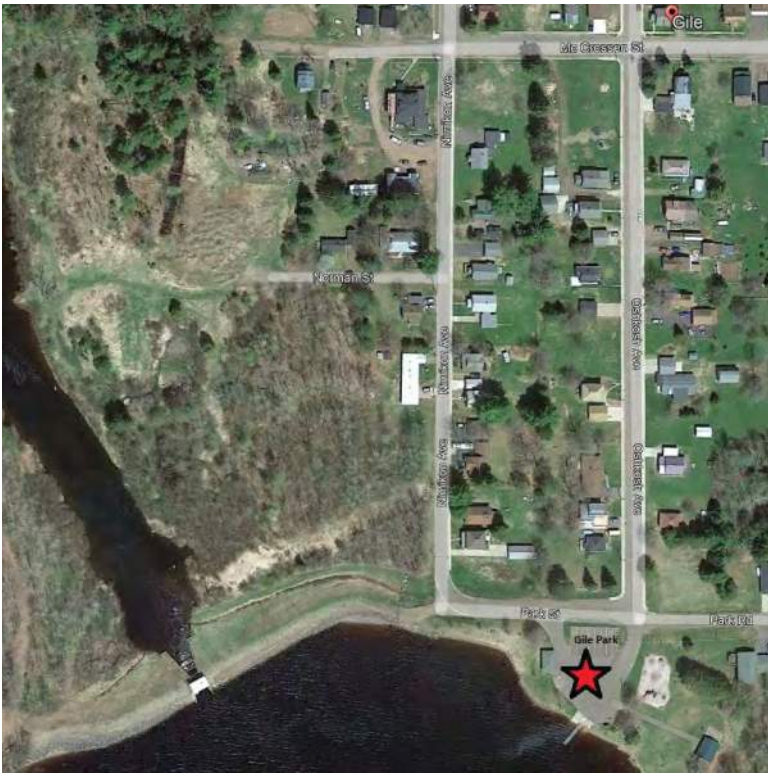
Any boater planning to attend or participate in the study will need to RSVP to Jen Schuetz with Mead & Hunt at [jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com](mailto:jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com) no later than June 3, 2022 to ensure the correct number of liability waivers and evaluation forms are available. If there are not enough liability waivers or evaluation forms available, a boater may not be able to participate in the study.

### **Gile Park Meeting Location**

14 Park Street, Gile, WI 54525

Latitude: 46.425635°

Longitude: -90.224094°



You are also hereby invited to attend and observe the study. If you plan to attend, an RSVP is appreciated.

Thank you.

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**From:** Miller, Matthew J <Matthew.J.Miller@xcelenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 12:14 PM  
**To:** Cathy Techtmann (cathyt220@hotmail.com)  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Crotty, Scott A  
**Subject:** Whitewater Study

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hello Cathy,

Xcel Energy is planning to conduct a Whitewater Flow Study below the Gile Dam on **June 11 and 12**. There will likely be a modest drop in the reservoir elevation ( $\approx 2''$ - $3''$ ) during the flow releases. Below is an excerpt from the study plan. Can you please share this information with the Friends of the Gile? Let me know if you have questions.

### Excerpt from Gile Whitewater Flow Study

#### Study Area

The study area, as identified in the Study Plan, will include three or four reaches along the West Fork Montreal River from the Gile Dam downstream to Kimball Town Park or U.S. HWY 2, as follows:

- Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge (2.07 miles)
- Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge (2.62 miles)
- Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park (1.15 miles)
- Reach 4 – Kimball Town Park to U.S. HWY 2 (0.84 miles)

#### Study Flows

Each river reach will be boated under two or three different flow releases ranging between 600 - 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). Discussions about preferred flows during the Level 2 Study will be considered when determining actual flow releases to be used for the Level 3 Study. Flow releases will be calculated based on spillway gate settings at the Gile Dam so that releases can be duplicated in the future.

#### Study Participants

A minimum of ten volunteer boaters will be identified through coordination with local boater, Jake Ring. American Whitewater and the National Park Service will be notified at least two weeks prior to the study date so each agency may recruit additional volunteer boaters.

#### Boater Evaluations

Evaluation forms will be developed for use during the Level 3 Study and will include the following:

- Boater Background Information: gather information about boater skill level and preferences.
- Boater Post-Run Evaluation:
  - One form for each reach (3) and each flow release (3), for a total of 9 evaluations per boater.
  - Gather information on difficulty, enjoyment, satisfaction, navigability, challenges, portages, and safety.
- Comparative Flow Evaluation: gather information on overall experience, preferred flow releases, boating dates, and flow communication methods.

At the conclusion of each run, boaters will be asked to participate in a focus group discussion. Topics of discussion may include the following:

- Access to and use of put-in and take-out locations.
- Identification of additional access points, if needed.
- Optimal and minimum flow releases for boating.
- Ideal time of year for boating this reach.
- Reach characteristics, such as local names for rapids or features.

- Difficulty rating (Class I-V) and suitability for different types of watercraft.
- Safety concerns along the reach.
- Other boating resources in the area and how they compare.

**Matthew Miller**

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## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Cathy Techtmann <cathyt220@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 3:04 PM  
**To:** Miller, Matthew J  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Crotty, Scott A  
**Subject:** Re: Whitewater Study

Hi Matt:

Yes, I would be happy to share this info through the FOG network. We have an annual meeting coming up this Saturday and I can share the news there and also through an email blast to members.

Will you be putting out a press release on the water level drop to the local media?

Cathy

## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Miller, Matthew J <Matthew.J.Miller@xcelenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2022 1:18 PM  
**To:** Cathy Techtmann  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Crotty, Scott A  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Study

We had not planned for a press release. I can discuss with our media folks.

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## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Thomas O'Keefe <okeefe@americanwhitewater.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 8, 2022 2:54 PM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz  
**Cc:** tokey\_boswell@nps.gov; susan\_rosebrough@nps.gov; David Thomson (dave\_thomson@NPS.gov); lillian\_jonas@contractor.nps.gov; angietornes@gmail.com; Miller, Matthew J; Crotty, Scott A; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Jake Ring  
**Subject:** Re: Gile Flowage Project Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Jen,

Thank you for the update and information. I will not be able to make it out for this but have communicated with Jake Ring and understand he anticipates sufficient turn out. Given that, I have not done any further promotion but please let me know if you need additional assistance in identifying qualified boaters. I am unclear on the meaning of this comment: "NSPW has determined it is unable to resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study unless the dates of the boating experiences rated in the 2007 study are provided by American Whitewater." Could you clarify what inconsistencies you are trying to resolve.

I don't believe I have seen the survey instrument you will be using. My apologies if I have missed it but could you please circulate that.

The target flow range sounds right to me with the caveat you have to refine based on perspectives of those on site.

Your plan for Rock Cut Falls makes sense to me. If that site does require a portage, boaters should still do a land-based assessment of the rapid during the capture—i.e. please make sure you capture boater perspectives on attributes of the rapid at the various flows even if they are not able to run it.

Thank you,

Tom

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American Whitewater  
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**From:** Jonas, Lilian M <lilian\_jonas@contractor.nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 6:08 PM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Gile Flowage Project Whitewater Recreation Flow Study

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hello Jen,

Thank you for identifying the email issue and forwarding me the email string between you and Thomas O'Keefe. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the whitewater boating study (I'm located in N. California), but I remain active on the Project representing the National Park Service and plan to review and comment on the study report for the whitewater recreation flow study. I hope that everyone has a safe and productive trip down the W. Fork Montreal River.

Lil Jonas

Lilian M. Jonas, Ph.D.  
Jonas Consulting  
541-441-5045

**Appendix I      Level 1 Assessment – Gile Flowage Vicinity Whitewater  
Recreation Questionnaire**

Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Years of Experience:	

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

**Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:**

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
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2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
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  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)**

### **REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)**

**Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:**

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

## **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)**

Map 3 shows the watershed boundary for the Gile Project. Are you familiar with other Class I/II boating opportunities within or in the vicinity of the watershed boundary?

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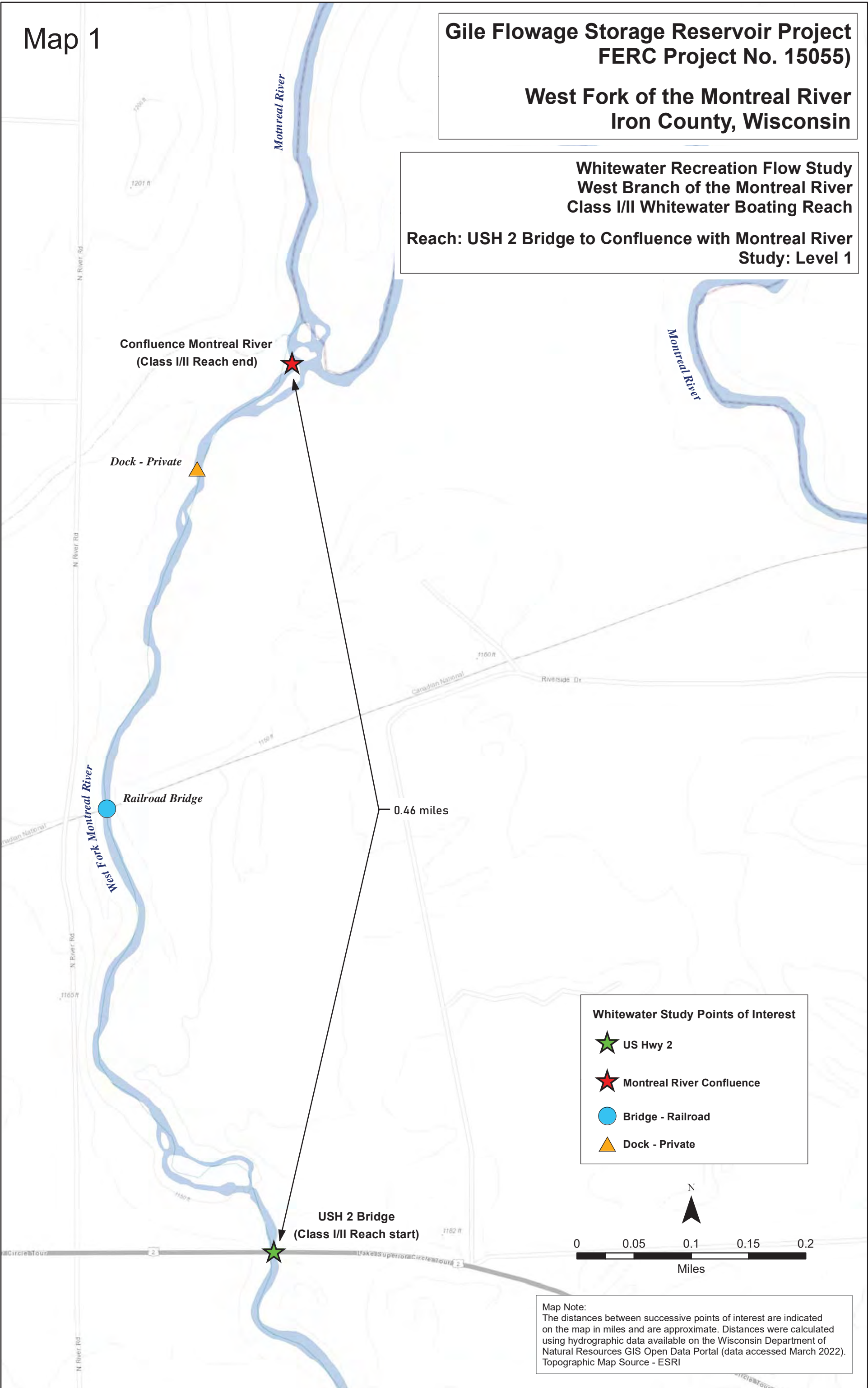
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# Map 1

## Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project FERC Project No. 15055) West Fork of the Montreal River Iron County, Wisconsin

Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
West Branch of the Montreal River  
Class I/II Whitewater Boating Reach  
Reach: USH 2 Bridge to Confluence with Montreal River  
Study: Level 1



**Whitewater Study Points of Interest**

- ★ US Hwy 2
- ★ Montreal River Confluence
- Bridge - Railroad
- ▲ Dock - Private



Map Note:  
The distances between successive points of interest are indicated on the map in miles and are approximate. Distances were calculated using hydrographic data available on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources GIS Open Data Portal (data accessed March 2022).  
Topographic Map Source - ESRI

# Map 2

## Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project FERC Project No. 15055)

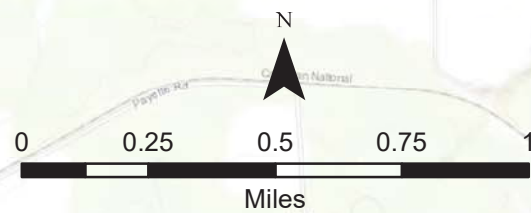
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(Class I/II Reach start)

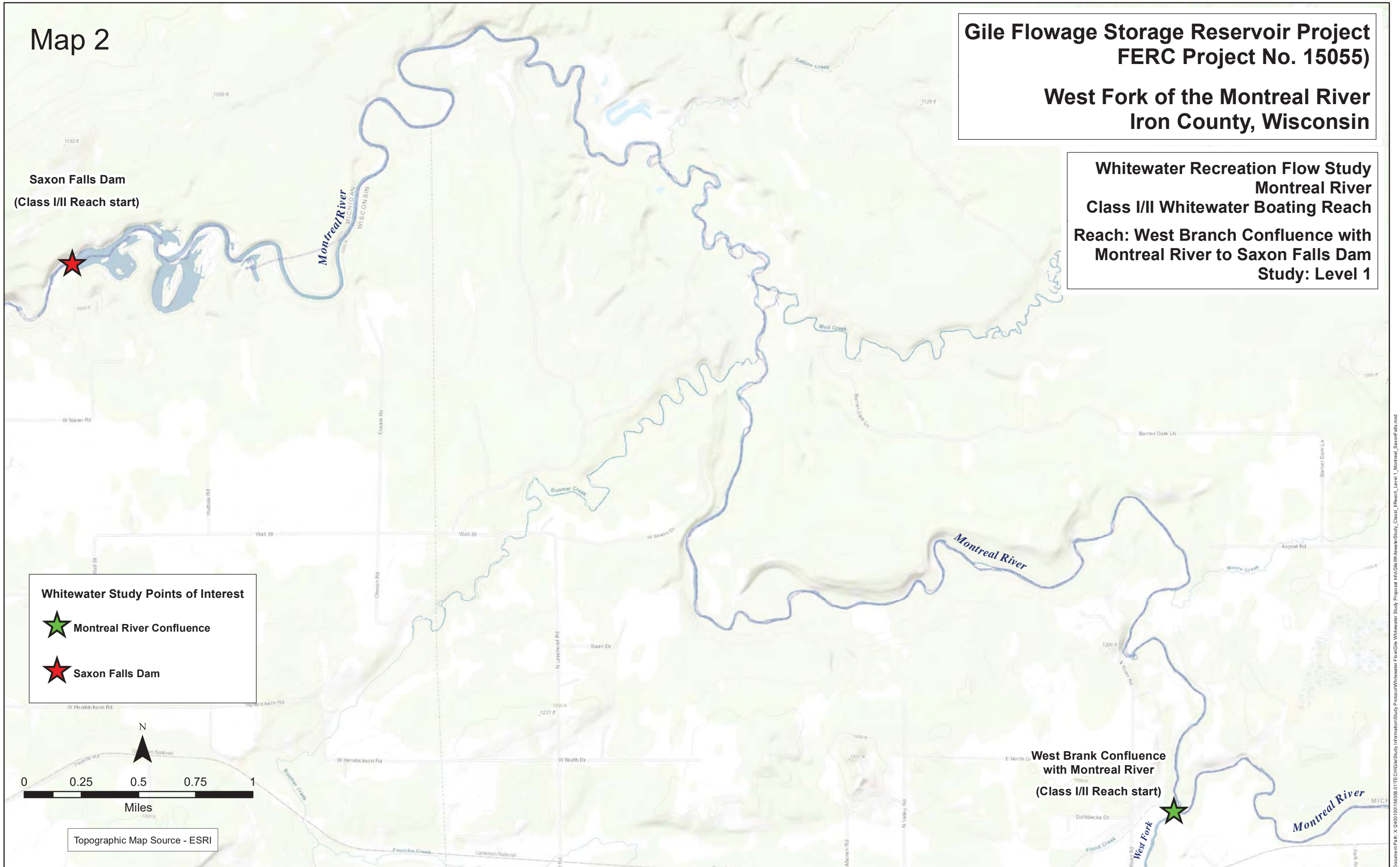
Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
Montreal River  
Class I/II Whitewater Boating Reach  
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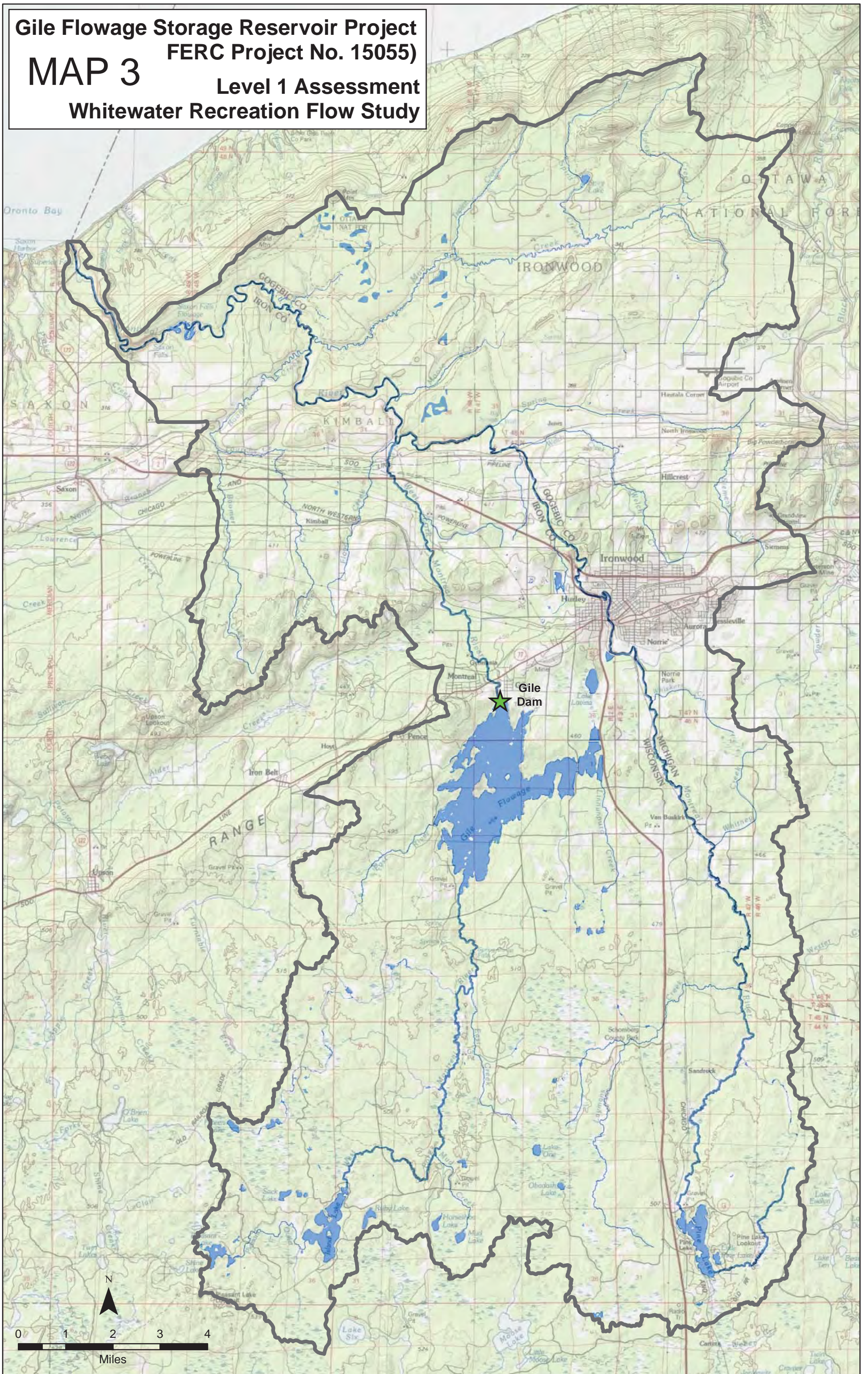
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- ★ Saxon Falls Dam



Topographic Map Source - ESRI



**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project**  
**FERC Project No. 15055)**  
**MAP 3**  
**Level 1 Assessment**  
**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study**



## **Completed Gile Flowage Vicinity Whitewater Recreation Questionnaire**

**Note:**

No survey responses included documentation or markings on Map 1, Map 2, or Map 3; therefore, all maps were removed from all survey responses included in this Appendix in consideration of file size limits.

Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Ben Bjorkman
Affiliation:	Kos's Rafting
Zip Code:	49802
Email:	Ben.Bjork@hotm.ail.com
Years of Experience:	7

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
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2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  
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  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
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2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Jason Blankenship
Affiliation:	Sixty Falls Paddlers
Zip Code:	57110
Email:	Jason@blankenshipinc.com
Years of Experience:	4

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
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N/A
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## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	BRIAN CASTILLO
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	54891
Email:	dynamicwaters@gmail.com
Years of Experience:	20+

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NOT CERTAIN



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GOOD ACCESS, Challenging rapids.
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## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Aaron Erdreich
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Years of Experience:	

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## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

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  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
- b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
- Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
  - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
- c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
- d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
- If yes, where?
  - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?



2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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Years of Experience:	9

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**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
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    - If yes, where?
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  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
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  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
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1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
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  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
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  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Tim
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Years of Experience:	

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
- only once
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
Road above Rock Cut Falls
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities? N/A
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  
*very rocky with high rock walls through  
Rock cut. Good gradient and variety of rapids*
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
Not often, Hard to catch with water
- b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
- Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
  - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)  
gile park
- c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
yes
- d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
- If yes, where?
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2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
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5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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Years of Experience:	12

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

**Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:**

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
When it runs, which is typically in early spring
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)      yes
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)  
no
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?  
GILE DAM
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?  
Not that I know of
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?  
Not sure

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  
Scenic, pretty continuous, fun but not scary
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River  
Unknown
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  
None that I can think of
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:  
Sick stretch of river

## **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)**

### **REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)**

**Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:**

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?



2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  
*continuous whitewater*
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River  
*sections for everyone*
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

## **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)**

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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Years of Experience:	6

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
- a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
- a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
- a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

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## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)

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I love the Montreal Canyon below Junction

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
- b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
- Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
  - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
- c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
- d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
- If yes, where?  
No
  - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?  
I dont know, lets chat



2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  

Gile Falls
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River  

no ww
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  

log jams can happen
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River  

down trees
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, MONTREAL RIVER (Map 2)**

**REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class III)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No

a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?

none

b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?

Nylund rd.

c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class III boating opportunities?

• If yes, where?

Not really, 4 log jams between Nylund Rd + confluence, which is ~ 4.5 river m. l.s. 2019

• If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

Nearby railroad? (101)

2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:

a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?

No ww

b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?

canoe, kayak

c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?

novice except for the log jams.

3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?

No ww

4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

no ww

### LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)

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- Montreal water trail Nischie Park to Cemetery.  
4 miles, some logs, Class I. any flow.
- Montreal Canyon. Poor Access. 600-2000+
- Black River from Blackjack to Hedberg. 5 miles,  
class I. 150 cfs- 300+?
- Some of the Presque Isle is flat. Different options.
- All of our rivers + sections in Northern  
WI + U.P. are rain dependant.

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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Years of Experience:	8

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No

a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?

Once when I was in the area and there was water

b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?

• Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)

• Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)

YES

NO

c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?

Below Gile Dam Above Gile Flows

d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?

• If yes, where?

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• If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

UNSURE

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)

a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?

N/A

b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?

N/A

c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?

N/A

3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:

a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2

Gile Falls, cool features, rapid under rail road bridge was awesome

b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River

N/A

4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:

a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2

N/A

b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River

N/A

5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

Online Gauge to see current flows.

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
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3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
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Section below Saylor is fun at higher water.

Cool geology to look at in the canyon

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

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Years of Experience:	4

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
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  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
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2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
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  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Kayla Sturgeon
Affiliation:	Rapids Riders
Zip Code:	55444
Email:	
Years of Experience:	

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3) *No*
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
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### LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)

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If yes, use the space below to provide information on those opportunities, such as location or name, river characteristics, estimated flows, public access availability or constraints, and any other information that may help characterize other Class I/II boating opportunities in this area.

*Could look on American Whitewater for known options in the area*

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Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	Matt Sturgeon
Affiliation:	Rapids Riders.org
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Years of Experience:	

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**

**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
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    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

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2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2  
*Not 100% suitable*
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River  
*Not reach overmuted*
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, MONTREAL RIVER (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No

a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?

b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?

c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?

• If yes, where?

• If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

*Good Take orig and put in Modified - maybe B. Is / Reservoir*

2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation: *NO*

a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?

b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?

c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?

3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?

*Class 3-4*

4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

## **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)**

Map 3 shows the watershed boundary for the Gile Project. Are you familiar with other Class I/II boating opportunities within or in the vicinity of the watershed boundary?

If yes, use the space below to provide information on those opportunities, such as location or name, river characteristics, estimated flows, public access availability or constraints, and any other information that may help characterize other Class I/II boating opportunities in this area.

**Thank you for participating in the Level 1 Assessment for the Gile Project**

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### **Generally accepted whitewater difficulty class definitions:**

- Class I:** easy but fast moving water, small waves, passages clear, no serious obstacles, perfect for all ages and abilities. Skill Level: very basic.
- Class II:** rough and fast moving water; rocks, small ledges, and other obstacles which might require some maneuvering. Skill level: basic paddling skill.
- Class III:** swift whitewater, small to medium waves, rocks, eddies, rapids with narrow but clear passages, requires significant maneuvering to navigate successfully but the consequences of error are generally minimal. Skill level: experienced guide recommended.
- Class IV:** challenging whitewater with powerful waves, long rapids, difficult to avoid rocks, boiling eddies; powerful and precise maneuvering required. Skill level: experienced guide required.
- Class V:** extreme whitewater with large waves, large volume, large rocks difficult to avoid and potentially deadly hazards, large drops often over 10 feet which require precise maneuvering. Skill level: experienced guide and experienced crew required.

Boater participant, please complete the following:

Name:	TERRY WARD
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	63144
Email:	tward1393@yahoo.com
Years of Experience:	7

**LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, WEST FORK MONTREAL RIVER (Map 1)**  
**REACH: US HIGHWAY 2 to MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE (Class I/II)**

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated the *West Fork Montreal River*? Yes  No
- a. If yes, how often do you use the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, which reach of the West Fork Montreal River do you use for whitewater recreation?
    - Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2 (yes or no)
    - Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (yes or no)
  - c. If yes, where do you access the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation?
  - d. Is there suitable access downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?

2. If you have used the West Fork Montreal River for whitewater recreation from US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River (as indicated in 1.b): (if no, skip to 3)
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
  
3. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it suitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
4. What characteristics, if any, of the West Fork Montreal River make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation for the following reaches:
  - a. Reach 1: Gile Dam to US Highway 2
  
  
  - b. Reach 2: US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River
  
5. Additional comments, if any, for the West Fork Montreal River:

## LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, *MONTREAL RIVER* (Map 2)

### REACH: MONTREAL RIVER CONFLUENCE TO SAXON FALLS PROJECT (Class I/II)

Please provide your knowledge regarding the following:

1. Have you previously boated this reach of the *Montreal River*? Yes  No 
  - a. If yes, how often do you use this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - b. If yes, where do you access this reach for whitewater recreation?
  - c. Is there suitable access to this reach for Class I/II boating opportunities?
    - If yes, where?
    - If no, where would you recommend locating an acceptable access point?
2. If you have used this reach for whitewater recreation:
  - a. What single flow or flow range (min to max) provides a suitable boating opportunity?
  - b. What type of watercraft can be used at this single flow or flow range?
  - c. What boater experience level is suitable for this single flow or flow range?
3. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it suitable for whitewater recreation?
4. What characteristics, if any, of this reach make it unsuitable for whitewater recreation?

### **LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT, BOATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA (Map 3)**

Map 3 shows the watershed boundary for the Gile Project. Are you familiar with other Class I/II boating opportunities within or in the vicinity of the watershed boundary?

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I AM NOT FAMILIAR

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**Appendix J    Level 2 Assessment – Correspondence**



## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Jen Schuetz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 2:18 PM  
**To:** Thomas O'Keefe  
**Cc:** tokey\_boswell@nps.gov; susan\_rosebrough@nps.gov; David Thomson (dave\_thomson@NPS.gov); lillian\_jonas@contractor.nps.gov; angietornes@gmail.com; Miller, Matthew J; Crotty, Scott A; Shawn Puzen; Darrin Johnson; Jake Ring; Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** RE: Gile Flowage Project Whitewater Recreation Flow Study

Hello Tom,

Thank you for your response and your interest in the Gile whitewater study.

Your comments and questions are below, and my response follows each.

1. Thank you for the update and information. I will not be able to make it out for this but have communicated with Jake Ring and understand he anticipates sufficient turnout. Given that, I have not done any further promotion but please let me know if you need additional assistance in identifying qualified boaters.

Jake Ring communicated the same with me about the number of boaters, which he anticipates being 15 to 30. Of course, the exact number of participants will not be known until the day of the study and will be included in the Initial Study Report.

2. I am unclear on the meaning of this comment: "NSPW has determined it is unable to resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study unless the dates of the boating experiences rated in the 2007 study are provided by American Whitewater." Could you clarify what inconsistencies you are trying to resolve.

American Whitewater submitted a letter to the Commission on March 17, 2021 regarding "Comments of American Whitewater on the Pre-Application Document and Proposed Study for the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project", which included the following regarding the West Branch Montreal River:

"The study area encompasses the West Branch Montreal River from Gile Flowage to Highway 2 as identified in American Whitewater's National Whitewater Inventory. American Whitewater completed a survey-based flow study (i.e. a study where users self report flows and respond to an online survey) in 2007 determining that 400-1000 cfs was the optimal range. While we concluded that a significant population of river users would prefer higher flow releases, we did not evaluate flows greater than 1000 cfs. We determined that while some individuals have run the river at these higher flows, these opportunities are limited and unlikely to be provided for during a controlled release. Based on the results of our study we proposed an optimum release schedule for a weekend of two releases that would begin with a release of 600 cfs on Saturday morning at 10 am and until 4 pm, and a second release day of 800-1,000 cfs on Sunday, which would begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm. If the release schedule had to be limited to one day we concluded a flow of 600-800 cfs should be released between 10 am and 4 pm on a Saturday. A limitation of this study was the fact that users self-reported their runs and in some cases estimating flows and scoring flows that they may not have actually experienced. The study provides a useful starting point but results need to be confirmed to be used as the basis for protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for recreation in a new license."

NSPW held a virtual meeting on May, 20, 2021, which you attended, to discuss the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Proposed Study Plan Meeting. You discussed that American Whitewater has additional data regarding the 2007 study and can e-file that information to the Commission so it can be placed on the Docket. To date, no additional information on the 2007 study has been e-filed to the Docket.

In discussions with local boaters, 400 cfs is believed to be too low to adequately boat, which contradicts the 2007 study that says 400 cfs is the minimum boatable flow. The Commission asked NSPW to try to resolve the contradiction or inconsistencies with the 400 cfs flow level in 2007 study as part of a Level 2 assessment for the Gile whitewater study. In order for NSPW to reconcile the discrepancies of the 2007 study, American Whitewater needs to provide the dates boating occurred in the 2007. If the dates are provided, NSPW can review their operational records for those boating dates to determine the flow (cfs) that occurred in the West Fork Montreal River and could then "calibrate" the results of the 2007 study. This calibrated flow (cfs) would be important to determine the starting flow for the Gile whitewater study that will take place starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

3. I don't believe I have seen the survey instrument you will be using. My apologies if I have missed it but could you please circulate that.

American Whitewater, as well as the National Park Service, was provided the boater survey forms for review and comment with the revised study plan in April of 2021. The FERC approved the boater survey forms in their study plan determination in September of 2021. NSPW will use the survey forms approved by the FERC for the Gile whitewater study.

4. The target flow range sounds right to me with the caveat you have to refine based on perspectives of those on site.

After consultation with Jake Ring, the starting flow will be 600 cfs. The additional flow(s) studied will be based on boater assessment onsite after the first flow of 600 cfs is completed and reviewed with all present boaters and NSPW during the Level 2 assessment for the Gile whitewater study.

5. Your plan for Rock Cut Falls makes sense to me. If that site does require a portage, boaters should still do a land-based assessment of the rapid during the capture—i.e. please make sure you capture boater perspectives on attributes of the rapid at the various flows even if they are not able to run it.

NSPW is confident the participating boaters will provide their perspective on the rapid attributes during the survey portion of the study. The written boater surveys provide an opportunity to identify and describe boatability, challenges, portages, safety, and any other additional information they wish to provide. NSPW will also capture any verbal discussions that occur with or between boaters throughout the study. The survey results will be included in the Initial Study Report.

If further clarification is needed for any items above, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jen

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas O'Keefe <okeefe@americanwhitewater.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 2:54 PM

To: Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com>

Cc: tokey\_boswell@nps.gov; susan\_rosebrough@nps.gov; David Thomson (dave\_thomson@NPS.gov) <dave\_thomson@NPS.gov>; lillian\_jonas@contractor.nps.gov; angietornes@gmail.com; Miller, Matthew J <Matthew.j.miller@xcelenergy.com>; Crotty, Scott A <scott.a.crotty@xcelenergy.com>; Shawn Puzen <Shawn.Puzen@meadhunt.com>; Darrin Johnson <Darrin.Johnson@meadhunt.com>; Jake Ring <jake@ringoproductions.com>

Subject: Re: Gile Flowage Project Whitewater Recreation Flow Study

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Thank you,

Tom

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> On May 24, 2022, at 9:46 AM, Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com> wrote:

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> Hello:

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> Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Study Plan Determination for the Gile Flowage Project dated September 24, 2021, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation (NSPW) will be conducting a Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Assessment (Whittaker et al., 2005) for a whitewater flow study at the Gile Project on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Boaters will gather at the Gile Park parking lot prior to the start of the Level 2 and Level 3 Assessments, which are anticipated to start at 10 am local time.

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> Level 1 Assessment

> The Level 1 Assessment has been completed for the three reaches on the West Fork Montreal River from Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park. The initial study report will include a summary of literature reviewed, the hydrologic assessment, and transcripts and notes from interviews with recreationists and stakeholders. Based upon the Level 1 Assessment, flows between 600 - 1,000 cfs are being targeted for the Level 2 and Level 3 Assessments, which are scheduled to be completed on June 11, 2022.

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> For the West Fork Montreal River reach downstream of US Highway 2 to the confluence with the Montreal River and on the Montreal River reach from the confluence to the Saxon Falls Project, NSPW will collect existing river recreation information, including other class I/II boating opportunities in the project area, public access locations and constraints to public access, and the physical attributes of the reaches from the boaters attending the Level 3 Assessment. Hydrology information will be assembled independently by NSPW for the initial study report.

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> Level 2 Assessment - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park As part of the

> initial Level 2 assessment in consultation with Jake Ring, flow releases for the Level 3 Assessment are anticipated between 600 – 1,000 cfs. The actual flow releases will be determined on site as part of the limited reconnaissance prior to the start of the Level 3 Assessment. NSPW has determined it is unable to resolve inconsistencies with the 2007 study unless the dates of the boating experiences rated in the 2007 study are provided by American Whitewater.

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> Level 3 Assessment – Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park The Level 3

> Assessment will involve a minimum of ten boaters; NSPW is currently working with Jake Ring, to assemble a boater participant list.

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> Boaters will evaluate up to three varying flow releases on three reaches between the Gile Dam and Kimball Town Park along the West Branch Montreal River (see attached map). The actual flow releases will be determined on site as part of the Level 2 Assessment (Limited Reconnaissance) prior to the start of the Level 3 Assessment. Water will be released from the Gile Flowage for each flow evaluated for the Level 3 Assessment.

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> Boaters will begin each Level 3 Assessment run at the Gile Dam and will take-out at three locations to assess the flow using a provided evaluation form. The take-out locations were determined based on the Level 1 Assessment.

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> Based on information gathered for the Level 2 Assessment, it was determined the Rock Cut Falls (Railroad Rapids) currently has a

log jam. This area is known to collect snags (American Whitewater). If the area continues to be impassable during the study, it will have to be portaged by the boaters and noted on the evaluation forms.

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> Additional Information

> If you have boater recommendations for this study, information beneficial for the Level 1 Assessment of the reaches downstream of US Highway 2, additional information beneficial for the Level 2 Assessment, or additional date information for the 2007 study, please send the information to Jen Schuetz with Mead & Hunt at [jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com](mailto:jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com).

>  
> Any boater planning to attend or participate in the study will need to RSVP to Jen Schuetz with Mead & Hunt at [jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com](mailto:jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com) no later than June 3, 2022 to ensure the correct number of liability waivers and evaluation forms are available. If there are not enough liability waivers or evaluation forms available, a boater may not be able to participate in the study.

>  
> Gile Park Meeting Location  
> 14 Park Street, Gile, WI 54525  
> Latitude: 46.425635°  
> Longitude: -90.224094°

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> You are also hereby invited to attend and observe the study. If you plan to attend, an RSVP is appreciated.

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> Thank you.

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## Jen Schuetz

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**From:** Jen Schuetz  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:04 AM  
**To:** Jake Ring  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile  
**Attachments:** Gile Whitewater Study\_Level 3 Assessment Map.pdf

Morning Jake:

The plan is to meet at the Gile Park on Saturday, June 11. The park is located at 14 Park Street, Gile, WI 54525. I do not know the lead-time paddlers need to get prepped, feel free to arrive at Gile Park any time that morning based on the anticipated first run to begin around 10:00 a.m.

That plan for right now is: each paddler will run the first selected flow (600 cfs for example) from Gile Dam to South Bridge, takeout to fill out the survey for Reach 1 (see attached map); put back in and paddle to Center Drive Bridge, takeout to fill out the survey for Reach 2; put back in and paddle to Kimball Falls Park Bridge, takeout to fill out the survey for Reach 3; and then return to Gile Park while the next selected flow ramps up/down and repeat for the second run. If time allows and there is paddler interest, a third run may occur.

There is an optional Reach 4 that may be run but is not required by the study plan determination from the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission. This optional reach from Kimball Falls Park Bridge to the USH 2 Bridge might be run depending on safety, egress options, and time. Kimball Falls Park Bridge provides a public access area to take-out/park, whereas no public takeout options/parking are available at the USH 2 Bridge. In addition, egress onto a US Highway is not ideal and there are homes nearby (no trespassing). Paddler safety is the main factor and we will discuss this optional reach with the paddlers on June 11 to gauge interest. If it is determine this reach will not be run, any information we obtain from the paddlers about the reach will be helpful to our study.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or need additional information prior to study.

What I need from you prior to the study is the names of paddlers or your best estimate of the number of paddlers. We need to bring the proper amount of supplies (clipboards, writing material, waivers, surveys, etc).

Thank you,

Jen

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**From:** Jake Ring <jake@ringoproductions.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

I will attempt to get a rough list of who is interested. They will want to know what time and where to meet on Saturday morning. Also where the takeout will be since it mentions Kimball Park and US2 on the map. I'll share that info and get a list to you.

Jake

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**From:** [Jen Schuetz](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:32 AM  
**To:** [Jake Ring](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

Good Morning!

We will propose to conduct the first flow at 600 cfs and after that portion of the study concludes, we can discuss with all the paddlers if 1,000 cfs would be best.

Do you have a list of potential paddlers for the study? If so, names would be beneficial so I can prep some paperwork before the study. We are targeting at least 10 volunteers, is that doable?

Thanks Jake,

Jen

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**From:** Jake Ring <[jake@ringoproductions.com](mailto:jake@ringoproductions.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz <[jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com](mailto:jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

Hi Jen,

It sounds like if we are doing 2 flows, 600 cfs and 1000 cfs would make sense. As you might assume there is a lot of variation in paddler opinion related to proper flows and preferred levels. Let me know what you think and what else you need to know!

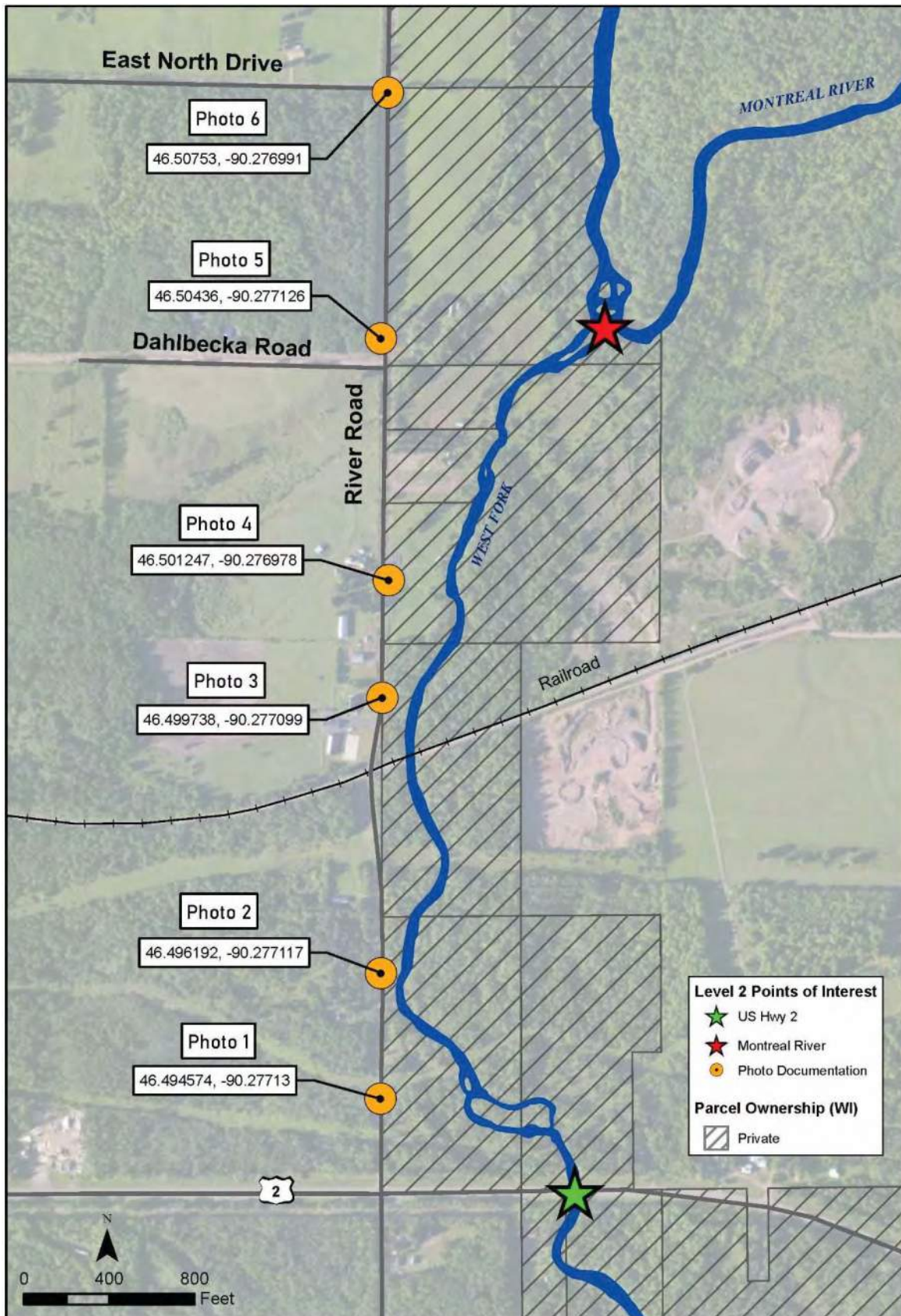
Jake

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**Appendix K    Level 2 Assessment – Field Reconnaissance**

# Level 2 Assessment Field Reconnaissance – West Fork US Hwy 2 to Confluence with Montreal

## River Road Field Reconnaissance





River Road Photo 1



River Road Photo 2



River Road Photo 3



River Road Photo 4



River Road Photo 5

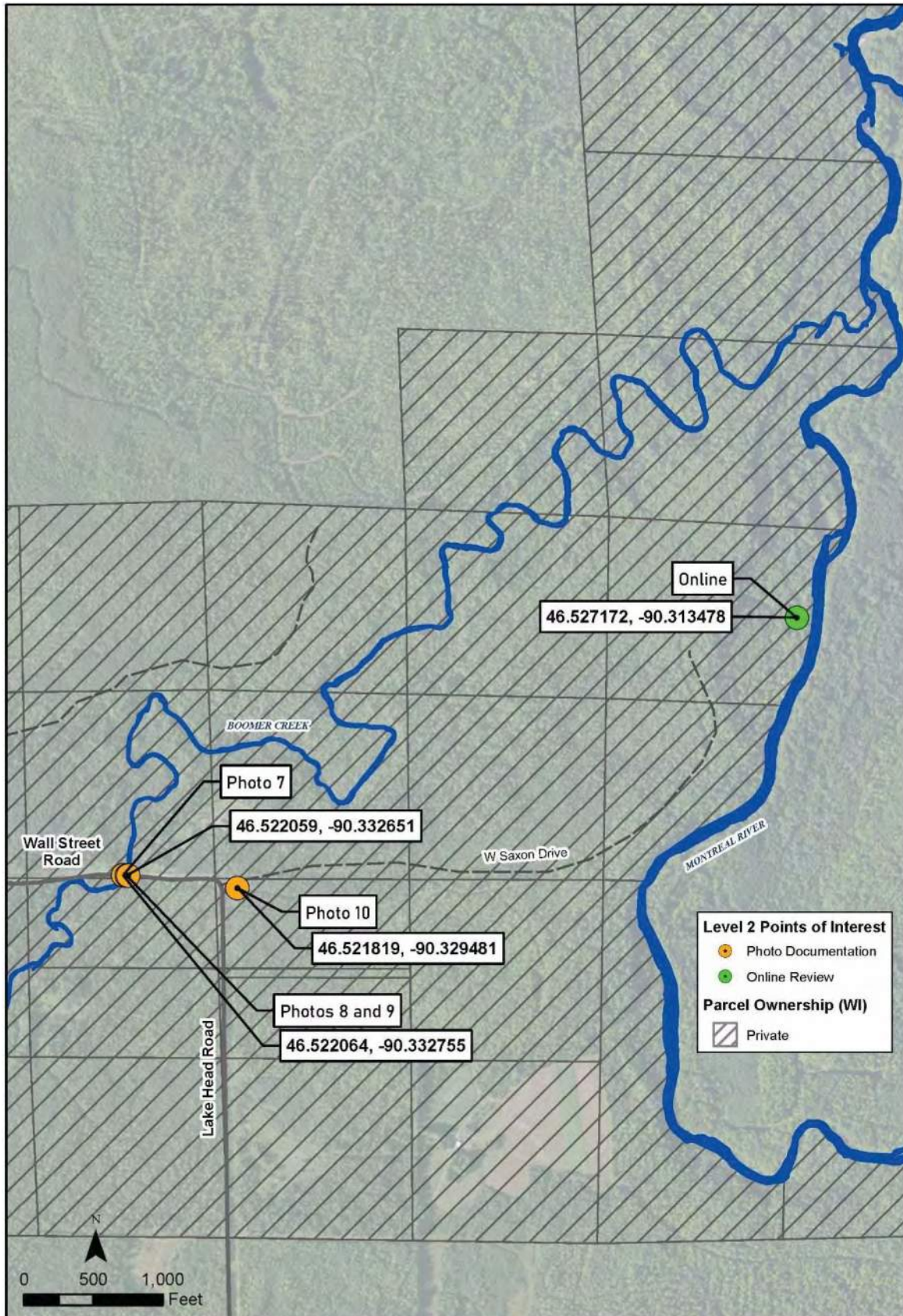


River Road Photo 6



Level 2 Assessment Field Reconnaissance – Confluence with Montreal to Saxon Falls

Wall Street Road, Lake Head Road, and W Saxon Drive Field Reconnaissance



Wall Street Road Bridge over Boomer Creek Photo 7



Boomer Creek Upstream from Bridge Photo 8



Boomer Creek Downstream from Bridge Photo 9



Lake Head Road Photo 10

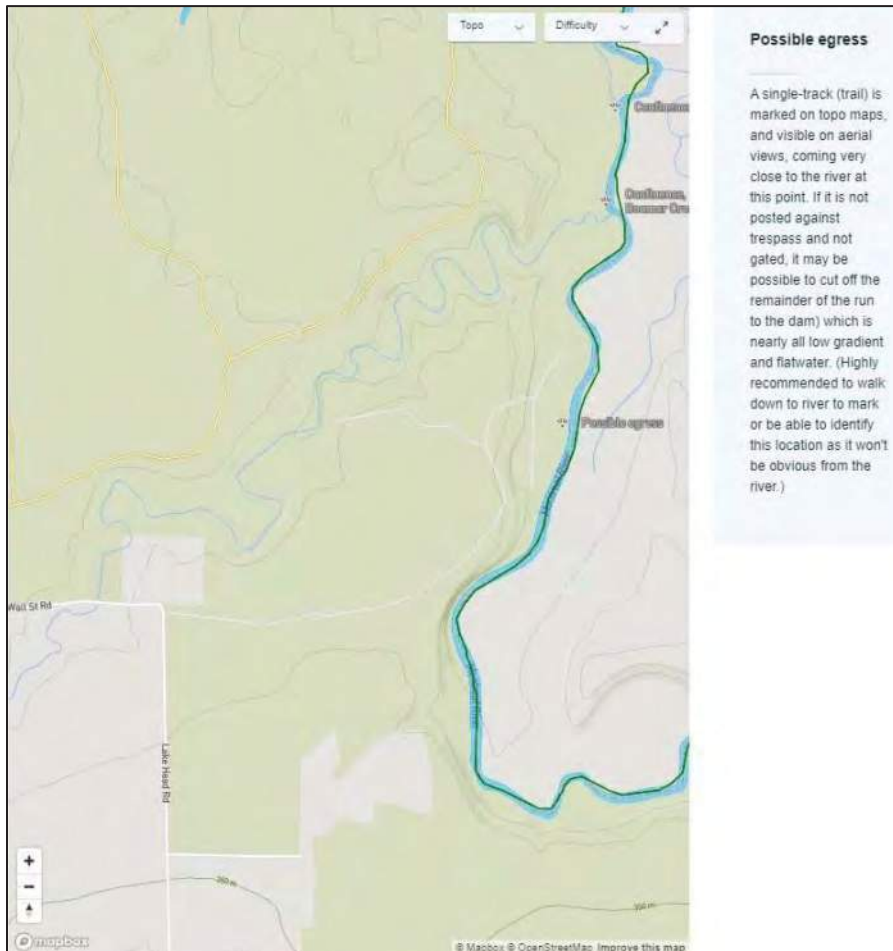


Gate Access Locked east of Lake Head Road



### Online Review

The American Whitewater website was reviewed for potential egress options along the Montreal River, which lists a possible egress option prior to reaching the confluence with Boomer Creek.<sup>1 2</sup> Access to this location is across private property.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2825/main>, accessed May 26, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/river-detail/2825/map>, accessed May 26, 2022.

**Appendix L    Level 3 Assessment – Correspondence**

**Jen Schuetz**

Note: redacted content does not pertain to the Gile Flowage Whitewater Study

**From:** Jake Ring <jake@ringoproductions.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:51 AM  
**To:** Jen Schuetz  
**Cc:** Jen Schuetz  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

**Categories:** Filed by Newforma

Hello!

Got your voicemail. Don't worry about food, its not a big deal AT ALL and I just asked because someone on your side of things mentioned something last flow study and I had no clue at that point. No need to further discuss food, everyone will be self-sufficient as usual.

Good to know about the log jam. It will need to come out but yes, we will portage all hazards if that is the best option.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
I will ask what the 2 most preferred flows are. I've gotten some feedback already and can see what the consensus is. When do you need to know by?

Jake

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**From:** [Jen Schuetz](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** [Jake Ring](#)  
**Cc:** [Jen Schuetz](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

Morning Jake:

I left you a voicemail a bit ago regarding food on the day(s) of the whitewater study at Gile.

I forgot to mention the log jam at Rock Cut Rapids. Simply stated, hydro owners/operators are not responsible for log jam removal and Xcel is unable to remove debris jams. This particular rapids is know for collecting debris, based on American Whitewater's website. I suspect you and the other boaters will scout the area and portage around it (you certainly understand this process much better than I do). This portage can be noted on the surveys that are filled out and will be incorporated into the study report.

A few more things for you:

- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
3. Do you have an idea of what flow to start the Gile study with and what additional flows would be beneficial to test? I will be sending an email to AW and NPS this week and they will certainly ask what flows we plan to test.

Thank you again for your willingness to share your knowledge with me as I put this study together!

Jen

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**From:** Jake Ring <jake@ringoproductions.com>

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 8:47 AM

**To:** Jen Schuetz <jen.schuetz@meadhunt.com>

**Subject:** RE: Whitewater Boating Study for the Gile

No worries. I can take care of food and that is what we are used to.

I've been notified that there currently is a log jam in the main portion of Rock Cut Rapids area. Is there a way for you guys to remove that before the flow study? I am under the impression that it is completely impassable in that section due to the log jam location.

Jake

**Appendix M    Level 3 Assessment – Gile Flowage Whitewater Recreation Flow  
Public Notice**





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## Xcel Energy to conduct Whitewater Flow Study Below Gile Flowage

**EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (June 6, 2022)** – Residents and recreationists who use the Gile Flowage may notice a minor drop in water levels this weekend while Xcel Energy conducts a Whitewater Flow Study downstream of the Gile Dam.

In 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order to Xcel Energy that found the Gile Flowage is required to be licensed. The FERC licensing process is a multi-year effort which involves a comprehensive assessment of environmental and recreational resources.

Beginning Saturday, June 11, there will likely be a modest drop in the reservoir elevation of two-three inches while the company performs a temporary increase in discharge from the dam, which is necessary to conduct the study. During that time nearly a dozen kayakers will participate in the study to determine:

- Access to and use of put-in and take-out locations.
- Identification of additional access points, if needed.
- Optimal and minimum flow releases for boating.
- Ideal time of year for boating this reach.
- Reach characteristics, such as local names for rapids or features.
- Difficulty rating and suitability for different types of watercraft.
- Safety concerns along the reach.
- Other boating resources in the area and how they compare.

The Whitewater Study is one of many studies that are part of the licensing process where the company is required to evaluate recreational opportunities that may exist below the dam, such as whitewater boating.

The licensing process includes numerous stakeholders including the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Friends of the Gile, National Park Service, River Alliance of Wisconsin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Native American Tribes.

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The Gile Dam is one of 24 dams in Wisconsin owned and operated by Xcel Energy, 19 of which are hydroelectric facilities.

**Appendix N    Level 3 Assessment – Whitewater Study Participant Background Information**

### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Preferred Craft:	

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate     Advanced     Expert     Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: \_\_\_\_\_

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	5	4	3	2	1

**Difficulty – generally accepted definitions**

- Class I: easy but fast moving water, small waves, passages clear, no serious obstacles, perfect for all ages and abilities. Skill Level: very basic.
- Class II: rough and fast moving water; rocks, small ledges, and other obstacles which might require some maneuvering. Skill level: basic paddling skill.
- Class III: swift whitewater, small to medium waves, rocks, eddies, rapids with narrow but clear passages, requires significant maneuvering to navigate successfully but the consequences of error are generally minimal. Skill level: experienced guide recommended.
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- Class V: extreme whitewater with large waves, large volume, large rocks difficult to avoid and potentially deadly hazards, large drops often over 10 feet which require precise maneuvering. Skill level: experienced guide and experienced crew required.

### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Ben Bjorkman
Affiliation:	Kosi's Rafting
Zip Code:	49802
Email:	BenBjork@hotmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Raft

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 6

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 75-100

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: no

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: no

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 200

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
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Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Jason BlackKashin
Affiliation:	Sioux Empire Paddlers
Zip Code:	57110
Email:	Jasonblackkashin@gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 3

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 30

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

NO

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 450 Miles

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
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I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	BRIAN CASTILLO
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	54891
Email:	dynamicwaters@gundl.com
Preferred Craft:	HARDSHELL KAYAK

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 20

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 60-100

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: YES  
If yes, how many times or how often: TIME TO WHENEVER IT RUNS  
If yes, what were the flows: 650, 1000, 1200, 1600  
If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: HARDSHELL KAYAK  
If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 50

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	5	4	3	2	1

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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Aaron Erdrich
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	54501
Email:	aaron_erdlich@hotmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Raft

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 15 years

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 100 days

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: yes  
If yes, how many times or how often: 100  
If yes, what were the flows: 900 - 2000  
If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: Raft  
If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 1700

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Matt held Hansen
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	
Email:	
Preferred Craft:	

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 7

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 100+

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No  
If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 200

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Elita Hecimovich
Affiliation:	Former Raft Guide / part time
Zip Code:	49801
Email:	elita.hecimovich@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	inflatable raft

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 9 years

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 15 day;

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: NO

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 110

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
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I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Austin Izzo
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	49801
Email:	Austin-izzo@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	Raft /

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 7

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 10-20

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: NO

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 110 miles

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Tim Kordecki
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	49938
Email:	tkord7@aol.com
Preferred Craft:	Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 4

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 30

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: Yes

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

Montreal Canyon 2021 XCEL

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: Yes

If yes, how many times or how often: once

If yes, what were the flows: 1200 cfs

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: Kayak

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 5

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Brian Krueger
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	53221
Email:	osv@w1.r.r.com
Preferred Craft:	K1

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 20+

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 20

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

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5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: yes

If yes, how many times or how often: 1

If yes, what were the flows: ? spring runoff (high)

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: K1

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

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6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 300

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	5	4	3	2	1

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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	TONY LOCKEN
Affiliation:	Kayaker
Zip Code:	55318
Email:	alocken10@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 10 years

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 50

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
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5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: Yes  
If yes, how many times or how often: 2 times  
If yes, what were the flows: once high water, once low  
If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: Kayak  
If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
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6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): Minneapolis, 5 hours

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
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**BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Please complete the following:

Name:	Hunter Rackliffe
Affiliation:	Rapid Riders
Zip Code:	55808
Email:	h.rackliffe218@gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 3

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 40-50

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
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5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No  
If yes, how many times or how often: NA  
If yes, what were the flows: NA  
If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: NA  
If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
NA

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 130 miles

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	John Ray
Affiliation:	Raft Guide
Zip Code:	49802
Email:	John.Ray.005@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	Crown Hull Ducky

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 6

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 25

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

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5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

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6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 110 miles, I think

from Kingsford, MI

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	(2)	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	(4)	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	(5)	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	(4)	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	(4)	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	(3)	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	(4)	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	(3)	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	(5)	4	3	2	1

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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Jake Ring
Affiliation:	Boater liason
Zip Code:	49438
Email:	ringjaked@gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	raft

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 6

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 50

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: YES

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

2021 Montreal Canyon

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

Usually somewhere else, hard to catch up.

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 10

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Brian Robin
Affiliation:	Rapid Riders
Zip Code:	54372
Email:	snwbdr94@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	Whitewater Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 8

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 100

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: no

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

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5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: yes

If yes, how many times or how often: 1 or 2

If yes, what were the flows: unsure

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: Kayak - creeker

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

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6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): From Prior Lake, MN (4.5 hrs)

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Nathan Spindler
Affiliation:	Rapids Riders
Zip Code:	54703
Email:	spindler26@gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 2

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 50+

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: NO

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): 180 miles

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	Kayla Sturgeon
Affiliation:	Rapids Riders
Zip Code:	55444
Email:	kjoachim17@gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 4

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 40-50

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No  
If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

When overflow from dam, have other closer options we have boated to date. No known dam releases (before today)

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): Brooklyn Park, MN

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
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Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	MATT Sturgeon
Affiliation:	Rapids Riders, org
Zip Code:	55429
Email:	XCOMM99@Gmail.com
Preferred Craft:	Kayak

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 4

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 40-50

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: No

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: No

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

No option that I was aware of before this?

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): Minneapolis

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
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### BOATER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please complete the following:

Name:	TERRY WAED
Affiliation:	
Zip Code:	63144
Email:	twara1393@yahoo.com
Preferred Craft:	KAYAK

1. What is your current boating skill level (check one):

Intermediate  Advanced  Expert  Elite

2. How many years have you been boating at this level: 7

3. In an average year, how many days do you boat: 20

4. Have you ever participated in a hydro relicensing whitewater boating study before: NO

If yes, when (month/year or year) and for which river(s)/hydro project(s):

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you boated this Reach (Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park) before today: NO

If yes, how many times or how often: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what were the flows: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of craft(s) did you use: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why (challenge level, run length, did not know about it, other):

DID NOT KNOW, JUST MOVED TO AREA FOR SUMMER

6. How far did you travel today to get to this location (miles): FAU CLAIRE

Please respond to each statement about your overall river-running preferences:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I prefer running rivers with fast water and small to no rapids (Class I/II/III).	5	4	3	2	1
I prefer running rivers with challenging rapids (Class IV).	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to experience a unique and interesting place.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to take advantage of whitewater play areas.	5	4	3	2	1
I often boat short river segments (under 2 miles) to run challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
Good whitewater play areas are more important than challenging rapids.	5	4	3	2	1
I am willing to tolerate difficult put-ins, portages, and take-outs to run interesting reaches of whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is running challenging whitewater.	5	4	3	2	1
The most important consideration for planning my boating trips is boating on a weekend, regardless of flow.	5	4	3	2	1

**Difficulty – generally accepted definitions**

- Class I: easy but fast moving water, small waves, passages clear, no serious obstacles, perfect for all ages and abilities. Skill Level: very basic.
- Class II: rough and fast moving water; rocks, small ledges, and other obstacles which might require some maneuvering. Skill level: basic paddling skill.
- Class III: swift whitewater, small to medium waves, rocks, eddies, rapids with narrow but clear passages, requires significant maneuvering to navigate successfully but the consequences of error are generally minimal. Skill level: experienced guide recommended.
- Class IV: challenging whitewater with powerful waves, long rapids, difficult to avoid rocks, boiling eddies; powerful and precise maneuvering required. Skill level: experienced guide required.
- Class V: extreme whitewater with large waves, large volume, large rocks difficult to avoid and potentially deadly hazards, large drops often over 10 feet which require precise maneuvering. Skill level: experienced guide and experienced crew required.



**Appendix O    Level 3 Assessment – Whitewater Study Evaluation Forms**  
**Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge**  
**Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge**  
**Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park**  
**Overall Experience - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**BOATER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
**Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of run:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Target flow:** \_\_\_\_\_ cfs.

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** Gile Dam      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** South Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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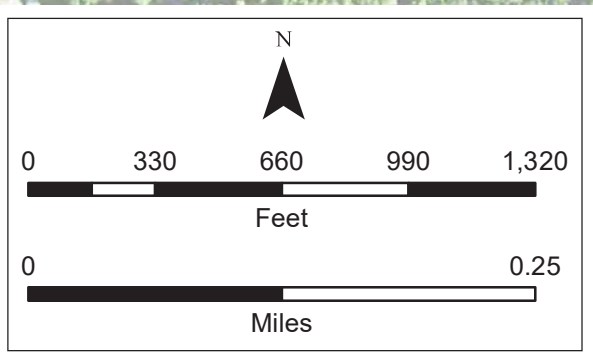
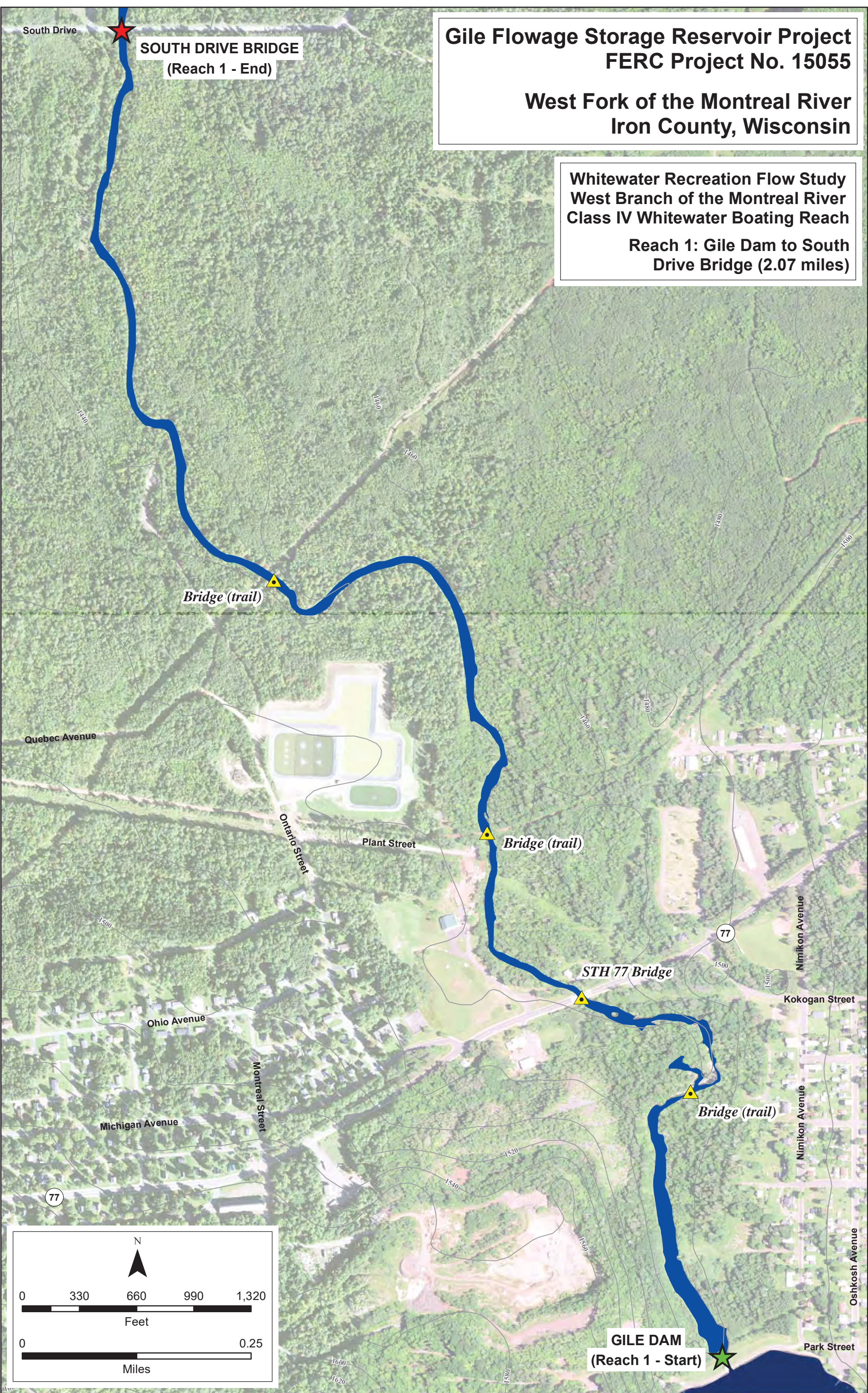
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**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project  
FERC Project No. 15055**

**West Fork of the Montreal River  
Iron County, Wisconsin**

**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
West Branch of the Montreal River  
Class IV Whitewater Boating Reach**

**Reach 1: Gile Dam to South  
Drive Bridge (2.07 miles)**



**BOATER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
**Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of run:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Target flow:** \_\_\_\_\_ cfs.

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** South Drive      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** Center Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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**West Fork of the Montreal River  
Iron County, Wisconsin**

**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
West Branch of the Montreal River  
Class IV Whitewater Boating Reach**

**Reach 2: South Drive Bridge to  
Center Drive Bridge (2.62 miles)**



**BOATER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
**Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of run:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Target flow:** \_\_\_\_\_ cfs.

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** South Drive      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** Center Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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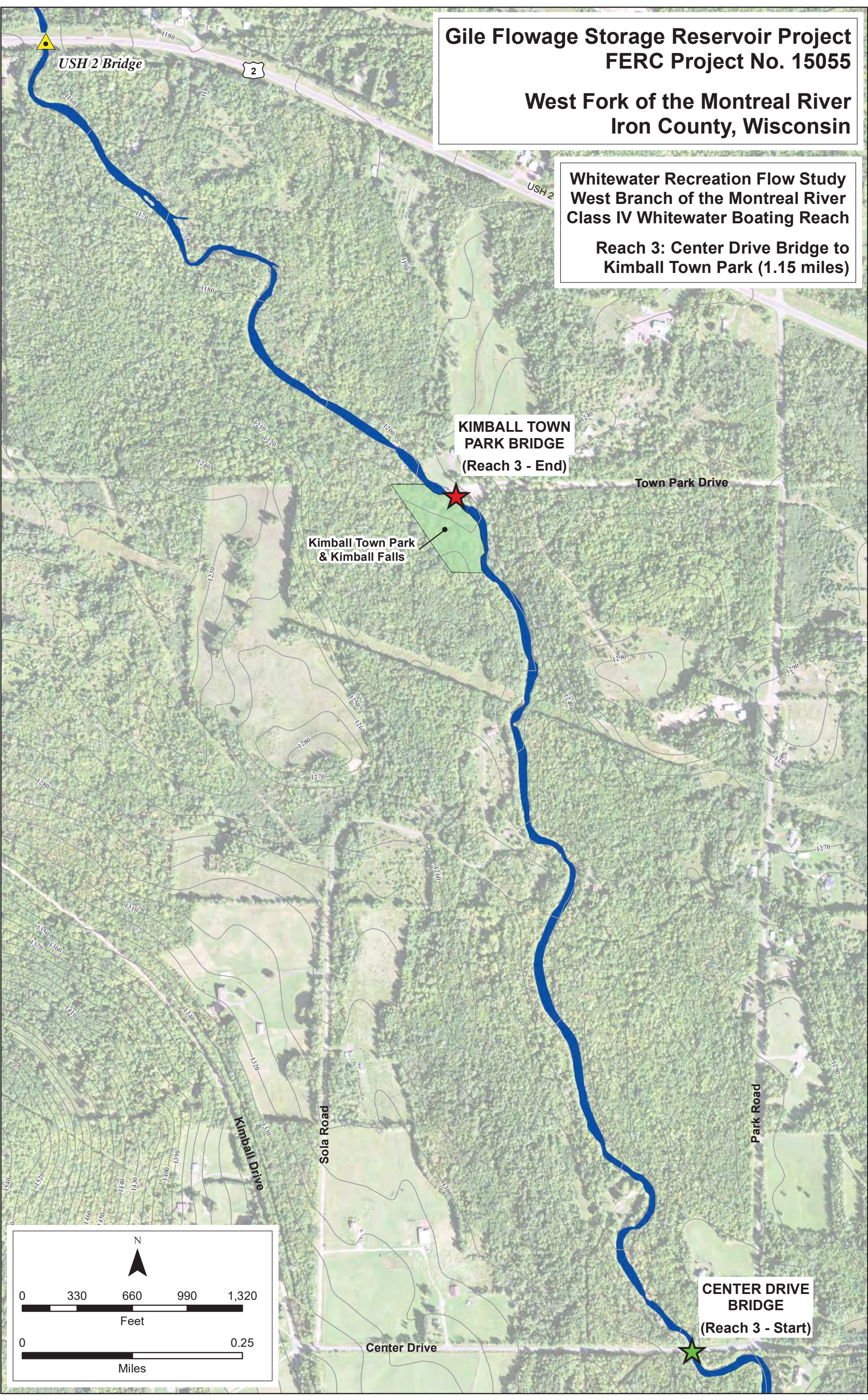
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**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Project  
FERC Project No. 15055**

**West Fork of the Montreal River  
Iron County, Wisconsin**

**Whitewater Recreation Flow Study  
West Branch of the Montreal River  
Class IV Whitewater Boating Reach**

**Reach 3: Center Drive Bridge to  
Kimball Town Park (1.15 miles)**



**BOATER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	
What is the optimal flow for a “standard” trip	
What is the optimal flow for a “high challenge” trip	
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

Email notification

Website information

Call number with recording

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

Yes

No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Appendix P      Level 3 Assessment – Completed Whitewater Study Boater  
Evaluation Forms for 600 cfs Flow Release, all Reaches**

Note: survey responses included documentation or markings on the maps include for Reach 1, Reach 2, or Reach 3; therefore, all maps were removed from all survey responses included in this Appendix in consideration of file size limits.



**600 cfs Flow Release – Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge**

BOATER NAME: Ben Biorkman

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:47 AM

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:13

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III +

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	III	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: JASON B

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run #       

Date of run: 14 June 2022

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:30

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: FRIAN C

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1000

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 11:00

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:20

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	misjudged line
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
GILE FALLS	III	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

Swim @ GILE FALLS  
BOAT STUCK  
SWIMMER GOT DOWN STREAM  
ABLE TO RECOVER IN POOL  
BELOW

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

GOOD WARM UP

BOATER NAME: Aaron Edriska

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9.5
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:15

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: +3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	3	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Matthew Hansen

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/1/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:15

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III+

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
1st Scavence	III, IV	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Eita Hecimovich

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-22

Target flow: 1050 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 10'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:13

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	little scrappy
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*None*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

BOATER NAME: Austin Irzo

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: June 11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 18'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:13

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Level slightly low for raft	III	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

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BOATER NAME: Tim Kordecki

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:17

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	second drop after dam
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Right side of the second drop	IV	No



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*NO*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:13

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV or V):

Class: one 3+ drop

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls was fun	IV	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

lots of flat water for 1 drop.  
but the water had a nice flow.

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BOATER NAME: Tony Locken

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 11 JUN 22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47 AM

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:14

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	30	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	8	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	8	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	8	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile falls	IV	No
to road	II	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Hunter B

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:13

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

river banks could use clean up  
of brush

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

great run, ~~run~~

BOATER NAME: John Bay

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 10 ft
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47 AM

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:13 AM

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher  100-200 max
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*None*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

*Great section*

BOATER NAME: Brian Dobson

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/20

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: ~~11:13~~ 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:13

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: Gile Falls - ~~III~~ rest class II

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	Gile Falls
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	III+	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*One swim, boater caught in Hole. Easy recovery*

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Nathan Spindler

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/14/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:13

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	IV	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME:

Kayla Sturgeon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run:

6/11/21

Target flow:

600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:13

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 1 class IV, rest II  
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Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1	At main rapid was stopped
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	portage
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	IV	N

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**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
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	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

~~17~~ Observed a swim  
Hole w/ Gile's Fall

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: MAH S. Ludwig

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/21

Target flow: 610 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 10:40

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: 11:14

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	3	No



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*only small trees north of me*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

BOATER NAME: TERRY WARD

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 10:47

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: 11:15

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

*PRETTY GOOD THOUGH*

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
GILE RUN	IV-	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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**600 cfs Flow Release – Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge**

BOATER NAME: Ben Barkman

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-92

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: 12:20

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
ROCK CURVE	IV	
30 seconds of rapids	III	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*No*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenheim

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3-4

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	10	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Before Kimball Falls	3+	No
Kimball Falls	3+	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: BRIAN C

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	LITTLE SHALLOW in water spots
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1	FUNNY LINE CHOICE
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Fun Run  
FAST PACE  
\* IMPORTANT TO KEEP EYES  
ON GROUP :)

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BOATER NAME: Agon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # f

Date of run: 6-11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9.5 ft
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: 11:15

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: 12:20

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4ish

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock cut	4	NO



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
No	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Matt Hansen

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 7/11/02

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III+

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

None

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Add a run that is different  
than surrounding rivers.

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BOATER NAME: Elita Hecimovich

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-03

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 10'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:00

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Austin Irzo

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e.  Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: 1120

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: 1220

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III-IV

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher  100 CFS
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Tim Koedcker

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III - IV

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	8	on purpose
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock Cut Falls	III-IV	NO
<del>Rock Cut Falls</del>	<del>III-IV</del>	<del>NO</del>

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

The run out from Rock cut Falls has  
some good "boof" rocks in it.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: 12:20

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3-4

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
the gorge section is great!	IV	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

great run @ 600 cfs. excited  
to see 1000 cfs.

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BOATER NAME:

Tony Locken

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run:

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Target flow:

600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive

Put-In Time:

10:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive

Take-Out Time:

12:26

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class:

III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	20	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	2	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon	III	NO
Second falls	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Hunter

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
 b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3-4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	5	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock Cut Falls	4	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

River banks could use clean up  
or brush

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Higher flow, was a bit rocky

BOATER NAME: John Ray

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 10 ft
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20 AM

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20 PM

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)



**Portages**

N/A

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

N/A

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Awe some! scenic, challenging

BOATER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

→ Brian Rubin

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6.11.22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

600 cfs

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive

Put-In Time: 1120

Take-Out Location: Center Drive

Take-Out Time: 1220

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III+

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	Lots of rocks
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	3	Rocks slow you down
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Above tail bridge	III +	no
Second falls	III	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*Tree Strainers could be an issue*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

*Fun section needs more water*

BOATER NAME: Nathan Spindler

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:20

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		lots of play rocks
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock cut	IV	NO
Kimball	III	NO
2nd falls	III+	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Kayla S. Surgeon

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20 AM

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:30 PM

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	10	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
N/A	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

None

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Was a great run. Fun. Continuous w/ some challenges

BOATER NAME: M. Sturgeon

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 8/11/07

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:30

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:00

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum  - Best
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	Not Rock
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	8	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Lower Section	4	No
Water Afloat	3	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*No*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

*Graft Section*

BOATER NAME: TERRY WARD

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 11:20 - 12:00

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:00

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: FOUR

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	0	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	10	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
LONGEST RAPID OF RUN, CONTINUES	IV	NO
<del>WHITESTONE</del>		
LEDGEY TIERED DROP	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
<del>X</del>	4	3	2	1
<del>X</del>	4	3	2	1
<del>X</del>	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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**600 cfs Flow Release – Reach 3 – South Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park**

BOATER NAME: Ben Bjorkum

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-14-22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:30

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	IV	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenheim

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:34

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3-4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	5	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	2	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	3+	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: BRIAN C

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:35

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	SMALL DINKERS
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
1st Drop	3 III	No
2nd Drop	3 III	No
5 Run	3 III	No
Kimball	IV 7	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

N/A

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

CONTINUOUS MOVING H2O  
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DOWNSTREAM A WAYS

BOATER NAME:

Matthew Hansen

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run:

7/11/22

Target flow:

600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive

Put-In Time:

12:30

Take-Out Location: Center Drive

Take-Out Time:

12:50

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class:

III+

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Elita H

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6-11-22

Target flow: 6000 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 10'
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:30

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1-2	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	1	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: AUSTIN 1220

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 1220

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 1240

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: II - IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Tim Kordorki

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball falls	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Kweyer

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 211

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak
- b.  Inflatable kayak
- c.  Canoe (closed)
- d.  Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: ~~12-20~~
- f. Other L

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: 12-30

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Fun drops	III	No
Kimball is great	III-IV	No



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Tony Locken

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 11 JUN

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:30

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	10	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	2	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	6	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kidwell Falls	III	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Hunter

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # f

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:30

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*Clearing of brush from river banks*

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: John Ray

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/17/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20 pm

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:42 pm

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1	Not Bad
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

N/A

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No Issues

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Loved it! Would love to run again!

BOATER NAME: Pat & Robin

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 100 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 1220

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 1230

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	15	Lots of rocks
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	III	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*tree strainers could be issue*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Kayla Sturgeon

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:20

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:40

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	13	Shallow a spot 5
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	3	N

Possible

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
Kimball <i>Did not portage but could</i>	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*None*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

*Great run. More water would help take shallow rocks out of play plus make it safer if there was a swim.*

*Is a good spot / spin rock at this level.*

*Oh! In stretch 2 there was bomb wire on shore where we scouted. otherwise*

*river has been pretty clean / free of litter*



BOATER NAME: Matt Stuyven

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 7

Date of run: 6/11/02

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:25

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:40

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher  ← *could be higher*
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	lots	low but not high
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Falls @ Eng	III	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: TERRY WARD

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 1

Date of run: 6/14

Target flow: 600 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: 12:30

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: 12:40

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II,  III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	


**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
KINDAK FALLS	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

**Appendix Q    Level 3 Assessment – Completed Whitewater Study Boater  
Evaluation Forms for 1,200 cfs Flow Release, all Reaches**

Note: survey responses included documentation or markings on the maps include for Reach 1, Reach 2, or Reach 3; therefore, all maps were removed from all survey responses included in this Appendix in consideration of file size limits.

**1,200 cfs Flow Release – Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge**



**BOATER NAME:** Ben Bjorkman

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2**

**Date of run:** 06/11/2022

**Target flow:** 1200 cfs

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 91
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** Gile Dam      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** South Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: I ✓

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	Hit bottom of bigde
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile falls	1.5 ✓	Yes

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

We hit the bottom of  
the bridge at gile falls.  
Would be an easy  
portage around.

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Below gile falls is a  
wonderful class I-II

BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenheim

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam

Put-In Time: 12:30 est

Take-Out Location: South Drive

Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

*Somewhere between 600-1200*

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	4	

Bridge was really low @ 1200

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

Bridge can be a low obstacle/pin at this level

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

BOATER NAME: BRIAN CASTILLO

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 2:20P

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: ONE II ~ BUT OTHERWISE I-II

**Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)**

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower  MAYBE W/ 1000 CFS
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	—	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	—	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	—	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	CHOSE NOT TO

RUN GILE FALLS

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
GILE FALLS, FAST DROP WAS A BIT SPOOKY / TOUGH TO GET UNDER BRIDGE	IV	YES



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
AROUND GILE FALLS	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

N/A

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

WOULD RECOMMEND SETTING SAFETY @ GILE  
FALLS IF FOLKS WERE GOING TO  
RUN THAT

BOATER NAME: Tim Kordecki

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

The first bridge after Gile falls was too low everywhere except the far left side.

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

1200 cfs is a great flow for solid class 4 boaters/kayakers

BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV or V):

Class: IV+

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile falls has a large sticky looking hole, may be sneaked on the left, but didn't try it. Ran safer left channel		

and hit my head on the bridge  
License Application

### Portages

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

### Safety

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

The large hole in the middle of giles could be problematic. Setting safety to run the meat is a very good idea.

### Comments/Observations

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

There are not enough ~~features~~ features on this section to warrant me to paddle again.

BOATER NAME: Tony Locken

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 11 JUN 22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	5	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	GILE FALLS

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
GILE FALLS	IV	Yes

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Robin

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: Gile Falls - IV Rest 11 - III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	Bridge above Gile Falls

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile Falls	IV	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
River left above bridge	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

NO

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Nathan S.

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	portage Gile Falls low bridge

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gile falls	IV	Yes

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
Gile Falls	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

Gile falls bridge is a possible hazard due to low clearance at this level.

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.



BOATER NAME: Kayla Sturgeon

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 1 - Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 2 w/a 4 (Giles Falls)

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

*optimum for every thing after Giles Falls  
bridge was barely runnable b/c too high  
so lower would be good for that  
rapid only*

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	Giles Falls under the bridge. Put in after. Some rap on the sneak on the L, but it's a little sketchy.

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Giles Falls	IV	Y

### Portages

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
Giles Falls	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

### Safety

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No. Was good. River is very clean  
Over hanging branches in parts, but easily avoidable.

Bridge at Giles Falls is ~~at~~ pin/sweeper  
hazard on right side, which is what we  
ran at 600 cfs. Sneak on L or portage.

### Comments/Observations

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Higher flow made the flat water section a  
fun II. ~~Some~~ waves & potential play spots. Mostly  
A few

just bomb it. Is a good warm up for  
the next section.

2nd 1/2 Giles Falls (after bridge) is paddled out  
and good III,

BOATER NAME: Matt Sturgeon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 1 – Gile Dam to South Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: Gile Dam      Put-In Time: 2:00

Take-Out Location: South Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	Bridge water too High NO clearance

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Gill Fall	4-1050 FT 3-Portage	yes
Flat water	I	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
River left, Port in after bridge	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

Bridge too low due to high water

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

**1,200 cfs Flow Release – Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge**

**BOATER NAME:** Ben Bjorkman

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
**Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2**

**Date of run:** 06/11/2022

**Target flow:** 1200 cfs

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** South Drive      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** Center Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: I - II

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	1	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	1	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	1	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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Wonderful class I-II section for  
beginners or tubing

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BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenbain

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1700 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: no idea

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

*disregard answer from 1000!*

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2-3	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon - ton of fun!	4	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Super fun @ 1200!

BOATER NAME: BRIAN CASTULO

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 2 - South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: ?

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: ?

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: MOSTLY II & THEN III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

- FELT LIKE A GOOD LEVEL  
WOULD BE CURIOUS  
ABOUT 1400-1600 CFS

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	1	Got OFFLINE
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	—	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	—	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	—	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
RAILROAD - LONG, CONTINUOUS, BIG	IV	NO
S drop - LITTLE PUNCHY	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

N/A

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

I BELIEVE THE BEGINNING IS QUITE  
FLAT & THEN ONCE YOU HIT  
RAILROAD IT'S PRETTY FULL OF  
UNTIL THE END



BOATER NAME: Tim Kordecki

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock Cut Falls	IV	No
Holes after Rock Cut Falls	III-IV	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV +

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	rocks were harder
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	to see and avoid at
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	this level
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
* canyon was wild!		
very fun for an advanced		
paddler		

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

great run! would come back

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BOATER NAME: Tony Locken

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 11 JUN 22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	7	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon	III	No
2nd drop ledges	III	No



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Robin

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	6	Maneuverable
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon	IV	no
Steep drop / ledges	III+	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

Seemed fine, wood has potential to collect but enough flow to keep wood clear

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Amazing level

BOATER NAME: Nathan S

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock at Falls	IV	no
2nd Falls	IV	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Kayla Sturgeon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	5	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon section	IV	N

Fun section, but wouldn't want to swim.

### Portages

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
NIA	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

### Safety

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No

### Comments/Observations

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Amazing fun! Rocks get paddled out and make a fun series of ~~is~~ continuous Class III to IV waves and holes.

Rating as a IV b/c you want a solid roll & would not want to swim this season. Would be very hard to get boat & swimmer after a swim, w/d/ ~~is~~ quite awhile. Would be safe swim for the most part. Holes flushy.

~~is~~ A few ppl w/ properties along the way w/ored.

BOATER NAME: Matt Sturgeon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 2 – South Drive Bridge to Center Drive Bridge for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/12

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

Enjoyment (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum  *So Good*
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	Bad line I took
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Canyon - Great Section	4	
Water after	3	
Ledge	3+	
Water after	3	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

*Best Section constant white water for over a mile*

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**1,200 cfs Flow Release – Reach 3 – South Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park**

**BOATER NAME:** Ben Bjorkman

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2**

**Date of run:** 06/11/2022

**Target flow:** 1200 cfs

**What type of craft did you use for this run** (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: 9
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Put-In Location:** South Drive      **Put-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Take-Out Location:** Center Drive      **Take-Out Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Rock cut	I ✓	✓
30seconds of rapids	III ✓	✓
Kimball falls	I ✓	✓



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**This is a wonderful section that with this flow would be an awesome commercial raft run.**

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenheim

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
 b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive

Put-In Time: no idea

Take-Out Location: Center Drive

Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 4

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

Much Higher

Higher

Optimum

Lower

Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Ledge	4	No
Boogie water	3	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

NO

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

NO

BOATER NAME: BRIAN CASTILLO

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive

Put-In Time: ?

Take-Out Location: Center Drive

Take-Out Time: 3:35 P

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III - IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

Much Higher

Higher

Optimum

Lower

Much Lower

*x I would DEFINITELY  
BE INTERESTED TO GET IN  
c 1400-1600 on THIS  
STRETCH*

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	2	THOUGHT IT WAS PORTAGED
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
1ST DROP	III	
2ND DROP FLOWS OVER ledge & then kicks right	III	
BOOGIE H2O Redd & Run	III	
KINDAN @ 70' - Then @ 70'	IV	

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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WATER READING / RESCUE ABILITIES. IF SOME  
ONE SWAM - THEY'D BE IN THE  
WATER A WHILE

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BOATER NAME: Tim Korddecki

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III - IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower



### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.		
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	III+	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

*At about 1500 cfs the bridge at Kimball Falls becomes a concern.*

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV or V):

Class: III - IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	(5)	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	(5)	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	(5)	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	(2)	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	(4)	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	(3)	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	(4)	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	(5)	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	(5)	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	rocks were harder
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		to see in order
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		to avoid
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, (III), IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
All good. Kimball is a great finish.		

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: TONY LOCKEN

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 17 JUN 22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	9	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball falls	III	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Brian Rabin

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 6.11.22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	8	Manageable
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.		
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.		

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	III	NO

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No safety issues

**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Kimball Falls is a great spot to hang out, eat food. Can do laps on the rapid at park. Did 4 laps after we finished.

BOATER NAME: Nathan S.

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a.  Hard shell kayak      d. Canoe (open)  
b. Inflatable kayak      e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Canoe (closed)      f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher   
Higher   
Optimum   
Lower   
Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	IV	no

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

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BOATER NAME: Kayla Sturgeon

Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form  
Reach 3 - Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: \_\_\_\_\_

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: III - IV

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum
- Lower
- Much Lower

**Satisfaction**

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the <i>flow for this run</i> were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

**Boatability**

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I <i>hit</i> rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	0	
I was <i>stopped</i> after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>get out</i> to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to <i>portage</i> around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

**Challenges**

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Kimball Falls	IV-	N



**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
N - but if did, would be easy b/c of park access	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

No - overhang branches easily avoidable

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

Kimball Falls a good "chuck & huck" aka carry back up & re-run, b/c of ~~park~~ park access. Good car & trailer access / parking. Nice nearby land owners.

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Intimidating end rapid, but very friendly.

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Overall, holes were flashy.

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BOATER NAME: Matt Sturgeon

**Whitewater Boater Run Evaluation Form**  
Reach 3 – Center Drive Bridge to Kimball Town Park for Run # 2

Date of run: 6/11/22

Target flow: 1200 cfs.

What type of craft did you use for this run (circle or put a check next to one):

- a. Hard shell kayak
- b. Inflatable kayak
- c. Canoe (closed)
- d. Canoe (open)
- e. Raft, length: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Put-In Location: South Drive      Put-In Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Take-Out Location: Center Drive      Take-Out Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Difficulty**

How would you rate the whitewater difficulty on this reach (Class I, II, III, IV, or V):

Class: 3

**Enjoyment** (relative to the flow of this run)

Would you prefer a flow that was higher, lower, or was this the optimum flow? (check one)

- Much Higher
- Higher
- Optimum  *Great level*
- Lower
- Much Lower

### Satisfaction

Please rate each statement about the characteristics of this run at this flow. (circle one)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am likely to return for future boating if the flow for this run were to be provided.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach is boatable at this flow.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has nice water features (waves, holes, drops).	5	4	3	2	1
This reach has good play spots.	5	4	3	2	1
This reach offers good overall whitewater challenge	5	4	3	2	1
The portages on this Reach are acceptable/usable.	5	4	3	2	1
This is a safe run.	5	4	3	2	1
This run is a good length.	5	4	3	2	1
This is an aesthetically pleasing run.	5	4	3	2	1

### Boatability

Please estimate the number of hits, stops, boat drags, and/or portages you had on this run.

Statement	Number of Times	Comments, if any
I hit rocks or other obstacles but did not stop.	3	Not Really an Issue
I was stopped after hitting rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to get out to drag or pull my boat off rocks or other obstacles.	0	
I had to portage around unrunnable rapids, log jams, or other obstacles.	0	

### Challenges

Please identify particularly challenging rapids/sections and rate their difficulty at this flow using the International Whitewater Scale. Also note if you portaged any of these rapids/sections.

Location of Rapids/Sections (name, coordinates, description)	Difficulty Rating (Class I, II, III, IV, V)	Portage (Yes or No)
Water to Falls	2	No
Falls	3+	No

**Portages**

If you portaged, please rate the difficulty of the portage with your craft at this flow.

Portage Location:	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Extremely Difficult
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1
	4	3	2	1

**Safety**

Did you observe or experience any significant safety issues on this run such as swims, pins, wrapped boats, hang ups, holes, manmade obstacles, strainers, undercuts, or others?

If yes, please explain below.

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**Comments/Observations**

If needed, use the space below to provide any additional comments or observations on this run.

At 1200 The Fall are Great and Safe Due to the Flushing  
at the Bottom

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**Appendix R    Level 3 Assessment – Completed Whitewater Study Boater  
Evaluation Forms for Overall Experience**

**BOATER NAME:** Ben Bjorkman

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	1200
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	UNK
What is the optimal flow for a “standard” trip	900-1200
What is the optimal flow for a “high challenge” trip	UNK
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1200

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
 May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 900 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: 600-1200 cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

Email notification

Website information

Call number with recording

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

Yes

No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>5</del>
Marginal	3	<del>3</del>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	<del>1</del>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Jason Blankenheim

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	1000-1200
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	1200
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	600-700
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	1200
If <i>one</i> flow was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	800

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 0 cfs  
*novice shouldn't be on this run*

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: both cfs



**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: BRIAN CASTILLO

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	700 - 1200
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	1600
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	800
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	1400
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1000

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 600 - 750 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: 800 - 1100 cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording

Other: HAVING A GUAGE ON AMERICAN WHITEWATER

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: MONTREAL CANYON
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: III
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: No
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: YES

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Tim Kordecki

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	2500
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	900
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	1100-1500
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1000

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 400 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: 700 cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	5	5	5
Marginal	(3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	(3)	(3)	(3)
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Brian Krueger

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	above 600
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	?
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	800 - 1200 ?
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	1200 +
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1000 +

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
 May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: don't know rapids are cfs very long and a swim would make for a bad day

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes  Each nearby run has a different character.
- No  It all comes down to levels of the nearby runs.

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	<del>5</del>	(5)	(5)	(5)	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	(3)	(3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Tony LACKEN

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	3,000
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	3,000
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	1,500
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	5,000
If <i>one flow</i> was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	2,000

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 1500 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: 1500 cfs



**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: Black
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: V, IV
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: yes
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: yes

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: BRIAN ROBIN

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	2000
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	unknown, to be determined
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	1500
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	3500+
If <i>one</i> flow was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1500

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

*note: below gile falls to canyon*

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 1500 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: Not a river for play boating, shallow at 1200, cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: Black River, Proogue River
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: V, IV-V
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: yes
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: no

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Nathan S.

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	800-1000 - 1200+ skip Gile falls
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	1300
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	1200
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	1600+
If <i>one</i> flow was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1300

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 600-800 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: 1200 cfs

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

BOATER NAME: Kayla Sturgeon

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	1000-1200 cfs
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	unknown. 1200 was perfect
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	1000-1200 cfs
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	More than 1200?
If <i>one</i> flow was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	1200

*1200 was perfect fine,  
 b/c I've only run it today. 1200 was amazing*

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
 May  July  Sep  Nov

*Coordination w/ other whitewater events in the Midwest ~~is~~ would be key. Some weekends as*

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

*Wausau, St Louis releases (resp Paddlemania), + Charles*

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

*Int w/ a roll*

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

*City Challenge would not have as high attendance.*

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

*Good for a 1/2 slice*

*A confident boater could do 1200 in*

**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

Email notification

Website information

Call number with recording

Other: <sup>Facebook</sup> American Whitewater though will look on a utility company website if necessary.

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

Yes

No

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

License Application *600 cfs would not get me to drive to run this far yet. 1200 or 1300 cfs would be better. I'd like to see back or 2* Whitewater Recreation Flow Study

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BOATER NAME: MATT STURSON

**Whitewater Boater Evaluation Form**  
**Overall Experience for Entire Reach - Gile Dam to Kimball Town Park**

**Flow Levels:** please answer the following based on your boating trips at various flows.

Statement – for entire Reach	Flow (cfs)
What flow <i>range</i> provides the optimal whitewater boating experience	1200
What is the highest safe flow for your skill level and preferred craft	2000 <i>Drift off 5 ft</i>
What is the optimal flow for a "standard" trip	
What is the optimal flow for a "high challenge" trip	
If <i>one</i> flow was released for boating, what would be your optimal flow	

**Boating Experience:**

Are you likely to return for future boating if your optimal flow choice was provided? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If you would return for boating, what months would you choose to return? (check all that apply)

Apr  Jun  Aug  Oct   
 May  July  Sep  Nov

Would the flows provided today be suitable for beginner/novice boaters? (check one)

Absolutely  Probably  Maybe  No

If so, what flow level(s) would be appropriate for this skill level: 800-1000 cfs

Were any of the flows provided today suitable for play boating? (check one)

Absolutely  Some were  Not really  No

If so, what flow level(s) were suitable: \_\_\_\_\_ cfs



**Flow Information:**

How do you prefer to receive flow information? (check all that apply)

- Email notification
- Website information
- Call number with recording
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Whitewater Boating Opportunities:**

Is there another whitewater boating opportunity in the area that is preferable to this Reach?

- Yes
- No

*Not that I am aware (Wahsion maybe but it's play boating)*

If yes:

- What is the name/location of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difficulty class of the preferable opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the preferable opportunity more challenging than your experience today: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the preferable opportunity have more potential for boatability than today: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothetical Flow Releases**

Please provide an overall evaluation for the flow ranges available on this Reach based on your experiences and preferences today. Consider all flow-dependent characteristics that contribute to a high quality boating trip, such as boatability, challenge, play areas, safety, aesthetics, and length of run. If you do not feel comfortable evaluating a flow you have not boated or seen, leave that flow blank.

Would the following flow releases (cfs) create a high quality boating experience on this Reach: (circle your rating for each flow value)

Rating	400 cfs	600 cfs	800 cfs	1,000 cfs	1,100 cfs	1,300 cfs	1,500 cfs	1,700 cfs	2,000 cfs	2,500 cfs
Acceptable	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Marginal	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Unacceptable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Appendix S    Level 3 Assessment – Photo Documentation**

Level 3 Assessment – Whitewater Recreation Study Photo Documentation, June 11, 2022

Put-in at Gile Dam, prior to Study at 600 cfs



Start of Reach 1 – Directly downstream of Gile Dam at 600 cfs



End of Reach 1 – Upstream of South Drive bridge at 600 cfs



Boaters approaching South Drive bridge



South Drive take-out at river-left downstream



**Boater Survey for Reach 1 at South Drive bridge for 600 cfs**



**Boater Survey for Reach 1 at South Drive bridge for 600 cfs**



**South Drive bridge was used as a take-out location only for the 600 cfs flow release due to the overwhelming population of biting insects. Boaters agreed to skip the second take-out at Center Drive bridge and proceed until the end of the run just past Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park.**

**Start of Reach 2 – Downstream of South Drive bridge at 600 cfs**



**Boaters starting Reach 2 at South Drive at 600 cfs**



**Boaters downstream of South Drive at 600 cfs**



**End of Reach 2 – Upstream of Center Drive bridge at 600 cfs**



**Boaters at curve just south of Center Drive at intersection with Park Street, 600cfs**



**Boaters upstream of Center Drive bridge at 600cfs**



**Boaters upstream of Center Drive bridge at 600cfs**





**Start of Reach 3 – Downstream of Center Drive bridge at 600 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Upstream of Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park, 600 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Kimball Town Park bridge over Kimball Falls at 600 cfs**



**Boaters upstream of Kimball Town Park bridge approaching Kimball Falls at 600cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Downstream of Kimball Town Park bridge over Kimball Falls at 600 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Raft at Kimball Falls at 600 cfs and take-out area river-right**



**End of Reach 3 – Kayakers at Kimball Falls at 600 cfs and take-out area river-right**



**Put-in at Gile Dam, prior to Study at 1,200 cfs**



**Start of Reach 1 – Directly downstream of Gile Dam at 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 1 – Upstream of South Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



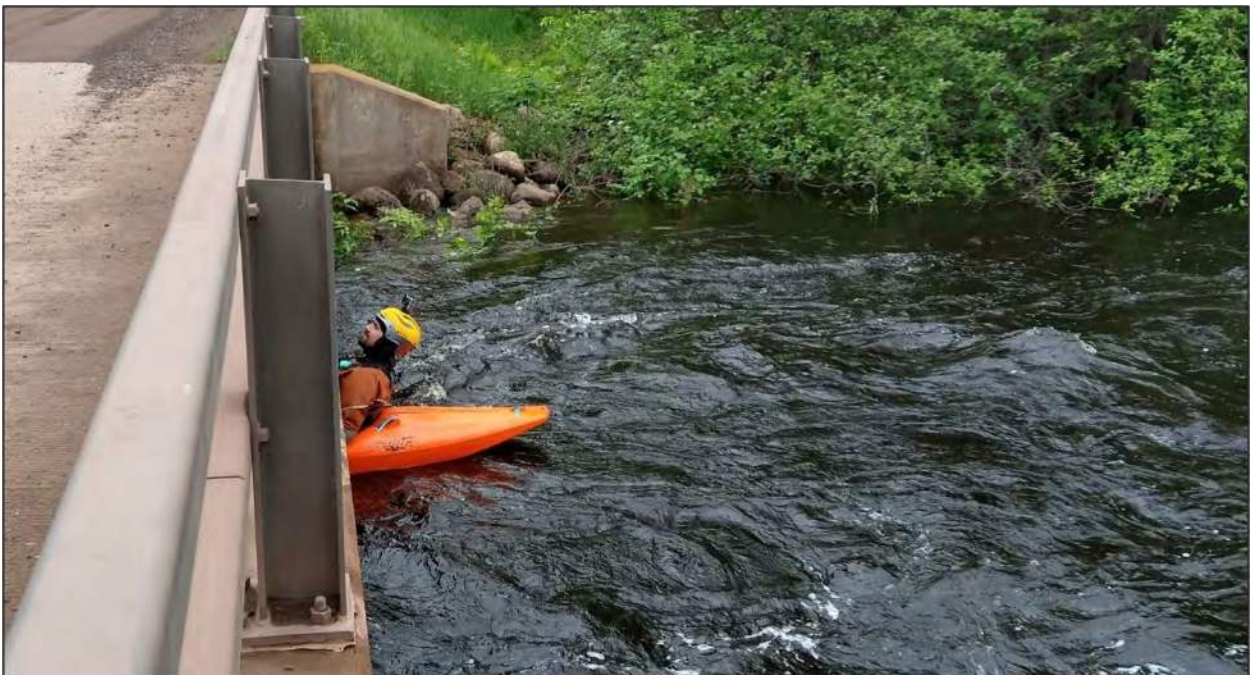
**End of Reach 1 – Upstream of South Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs, clearance roughly 3 feet**



**End of Reach 1 – Boaters approaching South Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 1 – Boater approaching South Drive bridge clearance at 1,200 cfs**



**Start of Reach 2 – Downstream of South Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



**Boaters starting Reach 2 downstream of South Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 2 – Upstream of Center Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**

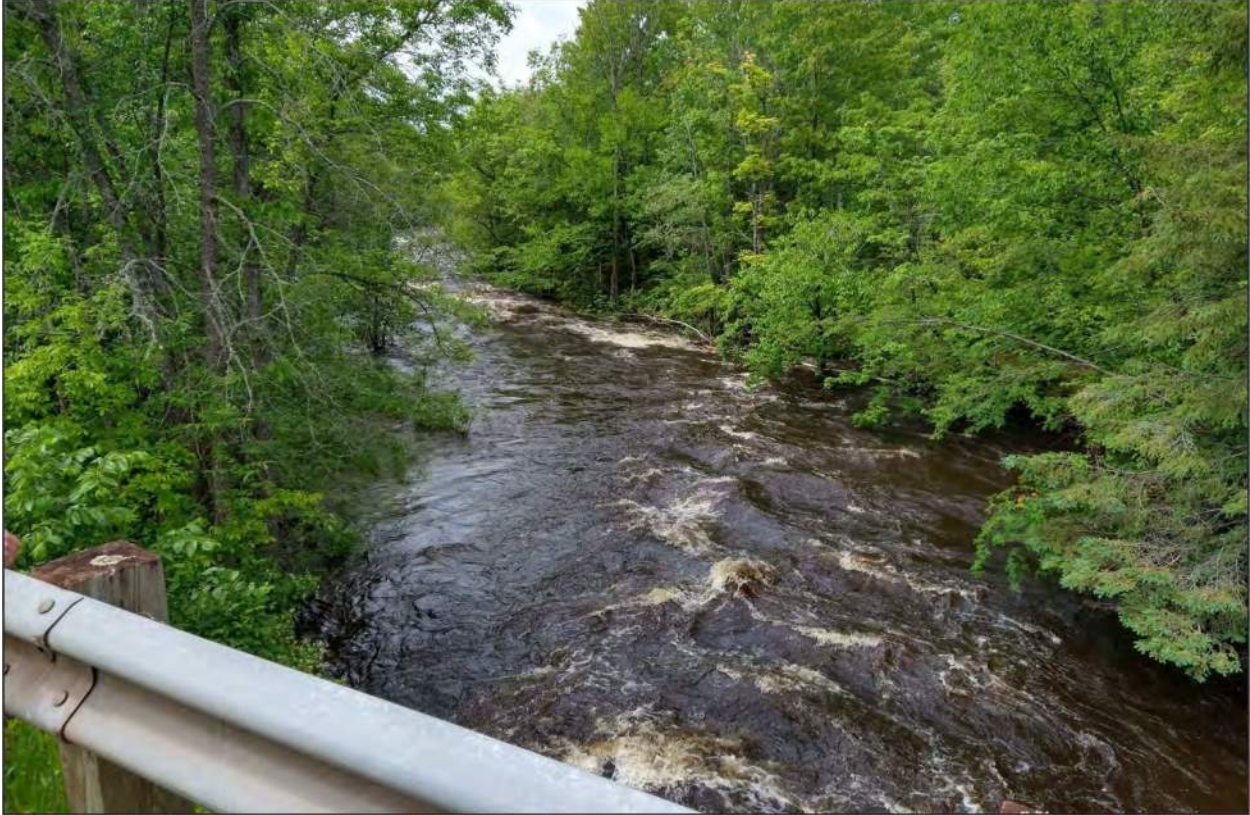


**Boaters upstream of Center Drive bridge at 1,200cfs**





**Start of Reach 3 – Downstream of Center Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



**Start of Reach 3 – Boaters starting downstream of Center Drive bridge at 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Upstream of Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park, 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Upstream of Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park, 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Upstream of Kimball Falls at Kimball Town Park, 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Kimball Town Park bridge upstream of Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs**



**Boaters upstream of Kimball Town Park bridge approaching Kimball Falls at 1,200cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Downstream of Kimball Town Park bridge over Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs**



**End of Reach 3 – Kimball Town Park bridge downstream of Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs**



End of Reach 3 – Boaters under Kimball Town Park bridge at 1,200 cfs



End of Reach 3 – Boaters under Kimball Town Park bridge at 1,200 cfs



End of Reach 3 – Boaters on Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs, downstream of Kimball Town Park bridge



End of Reach 3 – Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs and take-out area river-right



End of Reach 3 – Kimball Falls at 1,200 cfs and take-out area river-right



End of Study – Take-out area river-right, downstream of Kimball Falls at 1,200



End of Study – Take-out area river-right, downstream of Kimball Falls at 1,200



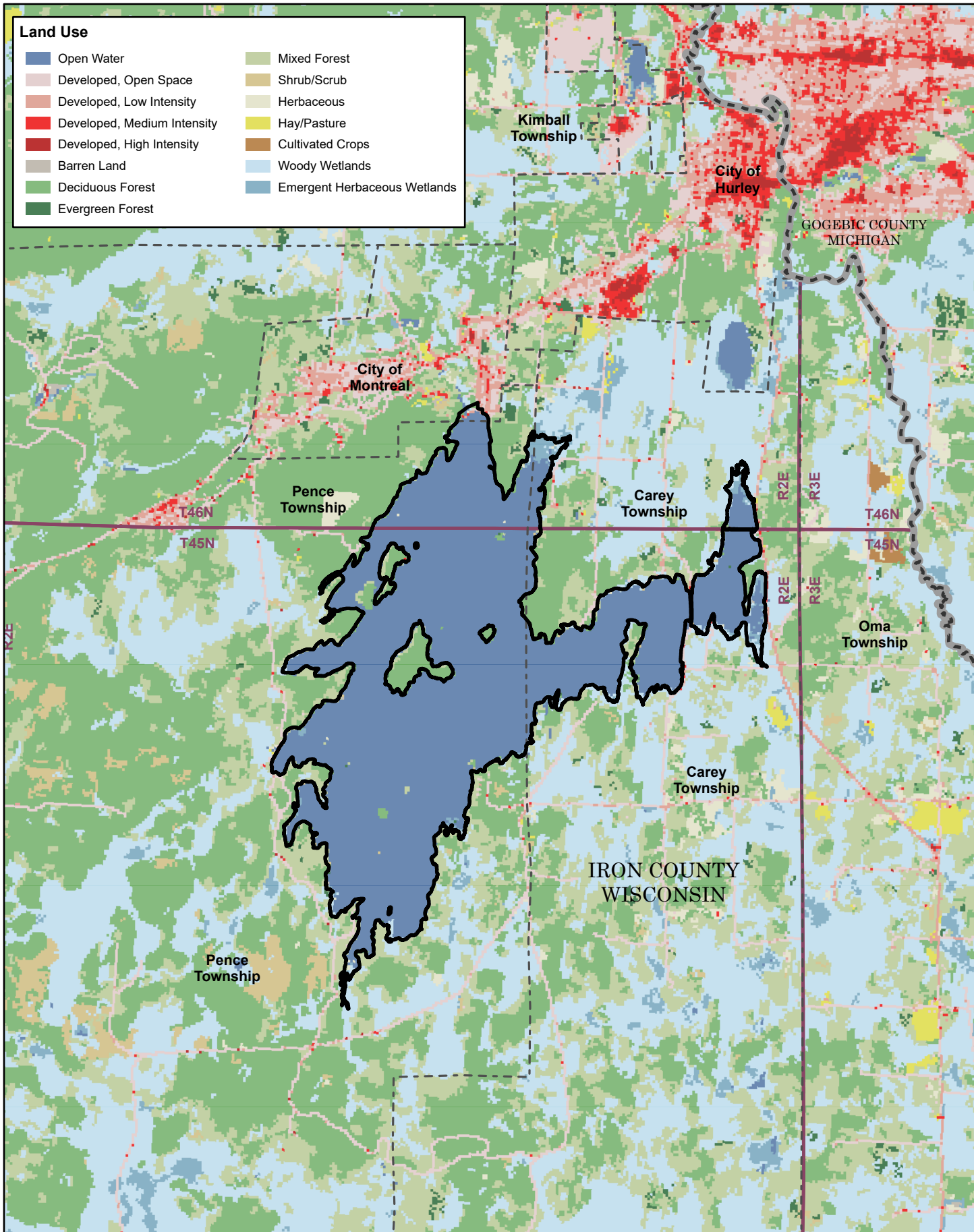


**APPENDIX E-25**

**Major Land Uses in the Project Vicinity**

**Land Use**

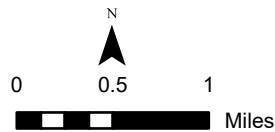
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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Open Water                  | Mixed Forest                 |
| Developed, Open Space       | Shrub/Scrub                  |
| Developed, Low Intensity    | Herbaceous                   |
| Developed, Medium Intensity | Hay/Pasture                  |
| Developed, High Intensity   | Cultivated Crops             |
| Barren Land                 | Woody Wetlands               |
| Deciduous Forest            | Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands |
| Evergreen Forest            |                              |



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 Source Layer: National Land Cover Database (2019); PLSS Source: Wisconsin State Cartographers Office at <https://www.sco.wisc.edu/data/>



- Proposed Project Boundary
- State Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Township Range



**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir  
Project Vicinity Major Land Use**

**FERC No. 15055**

Note: the impounded Proposed Project Boundary is established at elevation 1490.0 feet NGVD.

**APPENDIX E-26      Cultural Resources Reports**



## Archaeological Research Laboratory Center

*Cultural Resource Management*

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**RE: Architecture/History Investigations**  
**Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir Hydroelectric Project**  
**Iron County, WI 54525**  
**Project No. 15055**  
**UWM-CRM 2022-0105**

Dear Mr. Puzen,

The Cultural Resource Management program (Archaeological Research Laboratory Center) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has completed a Determination of Eligibility for the Gile Flowage Dam, located in the City of Montreal, Iron County, Wisconsin. The investigation and resulting recommendation were conducted in accordance with those standards promulgated in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Architecture-History Survey Manual (hereafter, Manual) as well as Section I of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State of Wisconsin, State Historic Preservation Officer, and the State of Michigan, State Historic Preservation Officer, for Managing Historic Properties that may be Affected by New and Amended Licenses Issuing for the Continued Operation of Existing Hydroelectric Projects in the State of Wisconsin and Adjacent Portions of the State of Michigan* (hereafter, Programmatic Agreement).

As a result of investigations conducted in June and July of 2022, the Gile Flowage Dam is not recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under any of the Criteria for Evaluation identified in 36 CFR Part 60 - National Register of Historic Places. Please see the attached NPS Form 10-900 and photo log.

If there are questions or concerns regarding the investigation, or to further discuss the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (414) 251-6138 or at [wedwards@uwm.edu](mailto:wedwards@uwm.edu).

Sincerely,

Richard Wynn Edwards IV,  
Principal Investigator

*And*  
Kelly Blaubach,  
Architecture Historian

*Encl.*  
NPS Form 10-900 Gile Flowage Dam  
Gile Flowage Dam Project Location Map  
Gile Flowage Historic Boundary Map  
Gile Flowage Dam Photo Log

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Gile Flowage Dam

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: Park Street and Nimikon Avenue

City or town: Montreal State: WI County: Iron

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this    nomination   X   request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property    meets   X   does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following

level(s) of significance:   N/A  

   national    statewide    local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

  A   B   C   D

<p>_____  <b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b></p>	<p>_____  <b>Date</b></p>
<p>_____  <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b></p>	

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In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

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**Signature of commenting official:** **Date**

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**Title :** **State or Federal agency/bureau  
or Tribal Government**

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:  
\_\_\_ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District

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Site

Structure

Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

INDUSTRY/ waterworks = dam/reservoir

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

INDUSTRY/ waterworks = dam/reservoir

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Dam  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Earth (Dikes) \_\_\_\_\_

Brick (Gatehouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Concrete (Gated Spillway) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### **Summary Paragraph**

The Gile Flowage Dam is located on the west branch of the Montreal River in the City of Montreal, Wisconsin. The neighborhood of Gile, once a separate community, is located within Montreal's current municipal boundaries. The Gile Dam is located at the northern end of the reservoir, and was constructed in 1940 to store water for use in downstream hydroelectric generation. As such, the Gile Dam does not contain any electric generation equipment, but instead consists simply of a dam, spillway, and gatehouse. The dam is a 875-foot long earthen dike, punctuated in the middle by a concrete spillway with a tainter gate and slide gate, and a brick gatehouse above. The Montreal River travels north through the dam and continues towards two more hydroelectric projects downstream before emptying into Lake Superior. The 3138-acre reservoir behind the dam, known as the Gile Flowage, is surrounded by heavily wooded areas. The historic boundary encompasses the earthen dike, the gated spillway, and the gatehouse. The property retains a moderate level of integrity to its date of completion in 1940.

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### **Narrative Description**

The earthen dike spans a total of 875 and is 30 feet high, with a 10-foot wide top and 3:1 side-slopes. Approximately 700 feet of the earthen dike is visually evident at the site of the dam, identified by a moderately steep drop to the water's edge on the southern side, and a steeper drop to the base of the dike on the northern side. It was constructed in 1940 on an axis running roughly northeast to southwest. A line of boulders is located near the eastern end of the dike, extending over the top of the dike to prevent automobile access. A gravel path travels along the top of the dike to the gatehouse, and continues west along the top of the dike on the other side of the gatehouse. Stone rip rap is located on the southern (upstream) side of the dike, while the northern (downstream) side is grassy, with a small drainage stream along the bases of both the east and west portions of the earthen dam.

The gated spillway consists a reinforced concrete structure of left and right abutment walls, a sluiceway bay, a tainter gate bay, and a concrete stilling basin and tailrace. Concrete beams span the downstream walls of the stilling basin and tailrace. The sluiceway bay is located at the western end of the spillway, with equipment that is largely unseen below the level of the water and within the concrete structure. The sluiceway consists of an intake structure and trash rack on the upstream side, a slide gate measuring 6 feet wide by 6 feet high operated by an electric hoist located inside the gate house, and a large concrete outlet that conveys flow to the stilling basin. The tainter gate bay contains a riveted steel tainter gate measuring 16 feet wide and 12 feet high and is operated with an electric hoist located inside the gatehouse.

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The Gatehouse sits above the gated spillway atop a concrete platform. The southern elevation of this side-gabled utilitarian building features a wide overhanging eave that shelters the walkway over the spillway. Constructed of brick laid in a common bond, the north and south elevations are comprised of two bays separated by wide brick pilasters, with the wider bay over the tainter gate portion of the spillway and a narrower bay over the sluiceway portion. A metal-door entrance is located in the narrow bay of the southern elevation. The eastern and western elevations are comprised of single bays flanked by brick pilasters at the corners, with vertical metal siding in the eaves of the gable-ends. Ornamentation is limited to shallow brick pilasters throughout. All window openings have been bricked-in, though openings are still apparent due to the concrete sills that remain.

### *Integrity*

The earthen dike, gated spillway, and gatehouse collectively retain a moderate level of integrity. While the earthen dike and gated spillway remain virtually unchanged since the 1940s, the gatehouse's window openings have been completely bricked in. In a district with so few resources, such an alteration to the only significant building constitutes a considerable loss of integrity of design.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

### Property is NOT recommended as qualifying for the NRHP

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Industry

Engineering

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1940-1972

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1940

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The licensing of the Gile Dam and Flowage led to the evaluation of this property as a historic district, having potentially local significance under National Register Criteria A and C. Research was undertaken to assess the potential eligibility of the property for its significance within the areas of hydroelectric engineering and industry. The results of this research are detailed below and do not appear to support a potential listing of this District under any criteria.

The Gile Dam and Flowage was evaluated under Criterion A: History for its association with the industry of hydroelectric generation in the region. Constructed in 1940, no hydroelectricity is generated at the Gile Dam; rather, it provides water storage for release to Saxon Falls and Superior Falls downstream on the Montreal River. These hydroelectric facilities, both constructed in 1911-12, benefit from the steady flow of water released from Gile Dam and Flowage, which ensures efficient hydroelectric operations and energy production. However, the Gile Dam alone does not constitute a significant resource within the context of hydroelectric generation in the region. It is not currently recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A: History. Additional research may be needed to determine whether the Gile Dam is significant as part of a larger linear resource with the downstream hydroelectric facilities at Saxon Falls and Superior Falls. Such research was beyond the scope of the current investigation.

The Gile Dam and Flowage was also evaluated under Criterion C: Engineering as an example of a dam property type. The Gile Dam is an earthen and concrete gravity dam, with sluice gates used during low flow and a tainter gate used during high flow. A gate house atop the dam contains the controls for gate operations. The structures of the Gile Dam are fairly typical compared to other hydro-related resources in Wisconsin and do not demonstrate any exceptional design elements relative to its function. For this reason, the Gile Dam and Flowage are not recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion C: Engineering.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

*History of the Gile Flowage*

Prior to European settlement, the area that would become the Gile Flowage contained a portion of the Flambeau Trail, used by native travelers and later traders between LaPointe on Madeline Island and Lac du Flambeau. The flowage is currently within the Ceded Territory of the Chippewa (Ojibwe) Tribe and the body of water is co-managed by tribal resources management through the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and the Wisconsin

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DNR. Tribal spearing for walleye occurs each spring and GLIFWC has reintroduced wild rice into the northeastern corner of the flowage along Highway 51<sup>1</sup>.

The unincorporated village of Gile was originally founded as a community surrounding a sawmill on the Montreal River. The Montreal River Company built the first dam across the river at Gile in 1885, though no evidence of the dam remains. Gile is currently located within the boundaries of the City of Montreal, a settlement established in the late 1800s by the Montreal Mining Company. Forty-five million tons of iron ore were mined and shipped from this location until 1962, when the Montreal Mine closed.<sup>2</sup>

By the 1920s, the first dam was gone and the Montreal River at Gile was once again natural. The river had been developed further downstream, however, with a hydroelectric project at Saxon Falls in 1912 and another hydroelectric project at Superior Falls in 1917. The electricity generated at these facilities found immediate markets, and further expansion and consolidation of various companies and systems led to the creation in 1922 of a regional utility company known as the Lake Superior District Power Company (LSDPC).<sup>3</sup> By 1936, the utility company operated in eight northern counties and served 55 communities. That same year the LSDPC applied to Wisconsin's public service commission to construct the dam at Gile.<sup>4</sup> The earthen dike, concrete spillway, and gatehouse were completed by 1940, creating a reservoir that helps control the flow of water to the hydroelectric facilities downstream. The stored water is known as the Gile Flowage, encompassing 3138 acres with a maximum depth of 25 feet. It is a popular destination for anglers, with Musky, Panfish, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, and Walleye populating its waters.<sup>5</sup> No hydroelectric power is generated at the Gile Dam.

### *Hydroelectric Development in Wisconsin*

By the advent of electricity in Wisconsin, many of the state's numerous rivers were already dammed in order to provide adjacent mills and factories with hydro-mechanical power. In fact, waterwheels still supplied over one third of the state's mechanical power in 1889.<sup>6</sup> Once the nationwide enthusiasm for electricity took hold in Wisconsin in the late nineteenth century, using these water resources to produce electricity was common sense. Utilizing extant water resources was considered more cost effective than steam-generated electricity, as the average steam engine at the time required approximately 12 pounds of coal to produce a single kilowatt hour.<sup>7</sup> Installing hydroelectric generators at existing dams in the state could indeed prove extremely economical, but, as on the national scene, there were many downfalls on the way to financial

<sup>1</sup> "Brief History of the Gile Flowage," Friends of the Gile Flowage, accessed June 24, 2022, <https://www.friendsofthegile.org/home/flowage-facts>.

<sup>2</sup> "History," City of Montreal, accessed June 24, 2022, <https://montrealwis.com/>.

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<sup>5</sup> "Gile Flowage," Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, accessed June 24, 2022,

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<sup>6</sup> John D. Buenker, *The History of Wisconsin: The Progressive Era, 1893-1914*, Vol. 4. William Fletcher Thompson, general ed., (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1998), 98.

<sup>7</sup> Forrest McDonald, *Let There Be Light: The Electric Utility Industry in Wisconsin, 1881-1955*, Madison, WI: The American History Research Center, 1957), 98.

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success. In Wisconsin, it soon became clear that not all of the state's rivers were ideal for hydro development. The low-head waterways found throughout much of the state simply did not contain the falling force necessary to produce high levels of electricity; the profits gained were therefore not enough to offset the costs of equipment.<sup>8</sup> While inland waterways had been improved throughout the nineteenth century to accommodate shipping and navigation needs, seasonal changes could still create wide variations in annual water flow; winter weather froze the headwaters and smaller tributaries of most major rivers, reducing flow and electrical output at a time when demand was highest. If a hydroelectric venture included the construction of a new dam, the financial risk was even higher. The Projects constructed at Saxon and Superior Falls provide examples of the seasonal changes that could effect water flows. The dam at Gile was constructed later to help regulate flows throughout the year.

Such drawbacks were not enough to deter hydro promoters from trying to develop the state's waterways, and by 1916 Wisconsin contained approximately seventy-five hydroelectric plants. Although the power produced by these plants was insignificant when compared to hydro developments in other regions such as the California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, the installed maximum capacity of Wisconsin's hydro plants had the potential to meet three-fourths of the maximum electrical demand of the entire state by WWI.<sup>9</sup> As hydro development increased, so too did Wisconsin's hydro-manufacturing industry, which provided the machinery and supplies for hydroelectric development in the state. In 1889, the hydro-manufacturing industry consisted of three plants, fifteen workers, and was valued at \$38,870. By 1914, the industry boasted twenty-nine factories, two thousand workers, and was valued at five million dollars.<sup>10</sup>

During the energy crisis brought on by high demand during WWI, the installed hydroelectric power was able to considerably alleviate coal shortages in the state.<sup>11</sup> At the same time, the business of electrification and hydro development began to change. A class of businessmen interested in building electric utility companies began to oversee the technological standardization of the industry and the consolidation of many of the state's hydroelectric plants and electric companies.<sup>12</sup> Modern utility companies like Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and the Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin-Minnesota were founded in the 1920s. They began to consolidate smaller companies and extend electric service into new markets, producing electricity generated by both steam and hydropower. Between 1917 and 1930, the number of communities in Wisconsin receiving central station electric service increased from approximately 370 to 1,000. By 1930, organizational efficiency had increased so that, with only three times the amount of capacity from all forms of electrical generation, the industry could produce six times the amount of energy.<sup>13</sup> Following the nationwide pattern, electrification was largely an urban phenomenon. Even though Wisconsin farmers also began to realize the benefits of electric power after WWI, extension of the utility companies into rural areas was hindered by

<sup>8</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 114.

<sup>9</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 171.

<sup>10</sup> John D. Buenker, *The History of Wisconsin*, 99.

<sup>11</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 172.

<sup>12</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 199-200.

<sup>13</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 274-275.



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high costs of installation with low expectations of profits.<sup>14</sup> Widespread extension of service into the state's farmlands would not take place until the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) in 1935.<sup>15</sup> Through the REA, government loans were arranged for rural, member-owned cooperatives to purchase electrical power from existing utilities and distribute that power on their own network of transmission lines. A number of Wisconsin cooperatives still exist today and obtain power from both coal and hydroelectric plants.<sup>16</sup>

While the entire electrical industry continued to grow after WWI, the hydroelectric development of the state's waterways also increased. However, as with the rest of the country, most private investment in Wisconsin came to a halt during the Great Depression. The state's major utility companies were able to survive mainly because the sale of electrical power continued to thrive. By the beginning of WWII, almost an entire generation of urban Wisconsinites did not know a time when electricity was not readily available to power their lights, appliances, and factories. As a commodity deemed absolutely necessary to modern life, the practices and rates of electric utility companies came under public scrutiny. Since 1907 Wisconsin has relied on the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) to set rates and regulations for public utilities. In that year, Wisconsin became the first state in the nation to regulate public utilities, when the state's Railroad Commission was granted extended regulatory powers. Those powers were separated from the Railroad Commission in 1930 and given to the newly-created Public Service Commission, which continues to set rates and regulations for the electric industry today.<sup>17</sup>

By the late 1950s, most of the state's ideal water sites had already been dammed and developed for hydroelectric generation, and throughout the 1960s and '70s, hydroelectric development had to compete with the growth of the coal-fired power plants. The first nuclear power plant in Wisconsin, located at Point Beach in Manitowoc County, also came online in 1970. However, beginning with the nation-wide energy crisis in 1973, the PSC began encouraging public utilities to consider alternative energy sources as part of their generation strategies. In the 1990s, PSC began *requiring* public utilities to consider renewable energy sources and conservation, putting a low priority on fossil fuel development.<sup>18</sup> Currently, there are approximately 3,900 dams in Wisconsin, and 127 are identified as generating hydroelectric power.<sup>19</sup> These include privately-owned dams as well as municipal, state, and federally-owned dams. In the last twenty years, increased interest in renewable energy has led to the retrofitting of smaller dams to produce

<sup>14</sup> Paul W. Glad, *The History of Wisconsin: War, a New Era, and Depression*, Vol. 5. William Fletcher Thompson, editor, (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1990), 382.

<sup>15</sup> McDonald, *Let There Be Light*, 294.

<sup>16</sup> "History," Dairyland Power Cooperative, accessed Jan. 24, 2017, [http://www.dairylandpower.com/who\\_we\\_are/history.php](http://www.dairylandpower.com/who_we_are/history.php).

<sup>17</sup> "The Making of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin," Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, accessed Jan. 20, 2017, <http://psc.wi.gov/aboutUs/anniversary/makingPSC.htm>.

<sup>18</sup> "The Making of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin."

<sup>19</sup> "Interactive Report," National Inventory of Dams, United States Army Corps of Engineers, accessed January 27, 2017, [http://nid.usace.army.mil/cm\\_apex/f?p=838:4:0::NO](http://nid.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=838:4:0::NO); these numbers differ from those of the WI Dept. of Natural Resources.

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small outputs of energy, as well as the installation of additional generators in order to increase electrical output at existing dams.<sup>20</sup>

### *Montreal River*

The west branch of the Montreal River is a north-flowing, non-navigable river that begins in Island Lake in Iron County and runs to the confluence with the east branch of the Montreal River and on to Lake Superior. It is part of Wisconsin's Lake Superior watershed, which drains approximately nine percent of the state's area into Lake Superior. Though the Lake Superior watershed is comparatively small, it features a large descent in elevation: between six hundred and one thousand feet over an average distance of thirty miles. The limited area of the watershed means that most rivers are small in comparison with other rivers in the state, but they can boast swift flows due to the rapid drop in elevation. Rainfall and snowmelt can be discharged very quickly into Lake Superior, meaning streams can fluctuate from small to raging and back again in very short time periods.<sup>21</sup> This makes the steady supply of water for hydroelectric generation a difficult task; however, the reservoir at Gile serves to alleviate a potentially volatile water supply, by regulating the flow of water for its downstream hydroelectric facilities.

### *Conclusion*

The Gile Flowage Dam was evaluated for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C in the areas of industry and engineering. Under Criterion A, the Gile Flowage Dam does not produce electricity, and is only tangentially related to the hydroelectric industry through its control of water flows for use at downstream hydro projects. An evaluation of the Gile Flowage Dam as part of a larger linear resource in connection with the downstream hydroelectric projects was beyond the scope of current investigations. In addition, as a fairly common example of a dam property with only a moderate degree of integrity due to the infill of the gatehouse window openings, the Gile Flowage Dam does not appear to hold significance under Criterion C. No evidence was found to suggest significance under Criterion B or D. As a result, the Gile Flowage Dam is not recommended for listing in the NRHP under any criteria.

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<sup>20</sup> "Hydro-electric generation," Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, accessed January 27, 2017, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Dams/hydroElectric.html>.

<sup>21</sup> Leonard S. Smith, *The Water Powers of Wisconsin: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey*, (Madison, Wisconsin: State of Wisconsin, 1908), 250.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: Friends of the Gile Flowage

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** 244690

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 1.65 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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**Or**  
**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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| 2. Zone: 15N | Easting: 713144  | Northing: 5145135 |
| 3. Zone: 15N | Easting: 713194  | Northing: 5145132 |
| 4. Zone: 15N | Easting : 713190 | Northing: 5145105 |
| 5. Zone: 15N | Easting : 713154 | Northing: 5145102 |
| 6. Zone: 15N | Easting : 713010 | Northing: 5145026 |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The historic boundary for the Gile Flowage Dam is a polygon that encompasses the earthen dikes, tainter gate, and gatehouse, as well as the intake and tailrace areas immediately north and south of the dam structure. Beginning at the southeast corner of the boundary, where the line of the boulders atop the dike above intersects the shoreline, the boundary travels approximately 670 feet southwest along the edge of the stone rip rap at the shoreline to the end of the rip rap at the western side. The boundary then turns north and travels approximately 90 feet up and over the western end of the earthen dike before turning northeast and traveling approximately 700 feet along the base of the earthen dike, across the Montreal River and dam tailrace to the end of the boulder line at the eastern side. The boundary then travels south along the boulder line for approximately 100 feet to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The historic boundary was delineated to encompass the structures and building of the Gile Flowage Dam project. The intake and tailrace areas immediately north and south of the structure were also included as part of the setting of the district. While the structure of the earthen dike extends 1,100 feet, the historic boundary for the district encompasses only that portion of the dike that is visually evident in the field. The eastern boundary line is visually defined by the line of boulders at the earthen dike's eastern edge. The western boundary line

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is marked by the end of the stone rip rap at the earthen dike's western end. The northern boundary line follows the base of the earthen dike, crossing the Montreal River and encompassing the tailrace and a portion of the downstream. The southern boundary line follow the edge of the stone rip rap along the shore of the Gile Flowage, encompassing the intake area immediately north of the tainter gate and gatehouse.

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Gile Flowage Dam

City or Vicinity: City of Montreal

County: Iron County State: Wisconsin

Photographer: Kelly Blaubach

Date Photographed: 7/27/2022

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Please see Attachment 1 for Photo Log.

- 1 of 14. Gile Flowage Dam, overview, looking northwest
- 2 of 14. Gile Flowage Dam, overview, looking west
- 3 of 14. Gile Flowage Dam, overview, looking west
- 4 of 14. Top of east earthen dike, looking west
- 5 of 14. East earthen dike, looking west
- 6 of 14. Gatehouse, east elevation
- 7 of 14. Gatehouse, south elevation
- 8 of 14. Gatehouse, west elevation
- 9 of 14. Gatehouse, north elevation
- 10 of 14. Gatehouse and tailrace, looking southwest
- 11 of 14. Gated spillway and tailrace, looking southwest
- 12 of 14. Gated spillway and sluiceway outlet, looking southwest
- 13 of 14. West earthen dike, looking west
- 14 of 14. Tailrace and downstream, looking northwest

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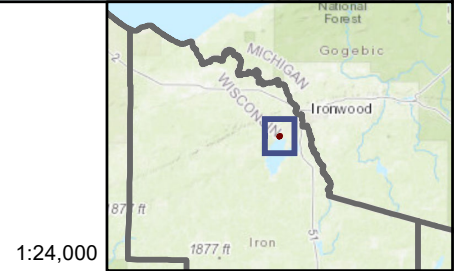
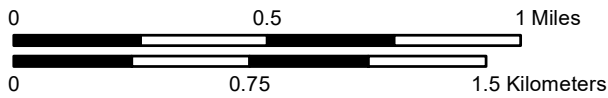
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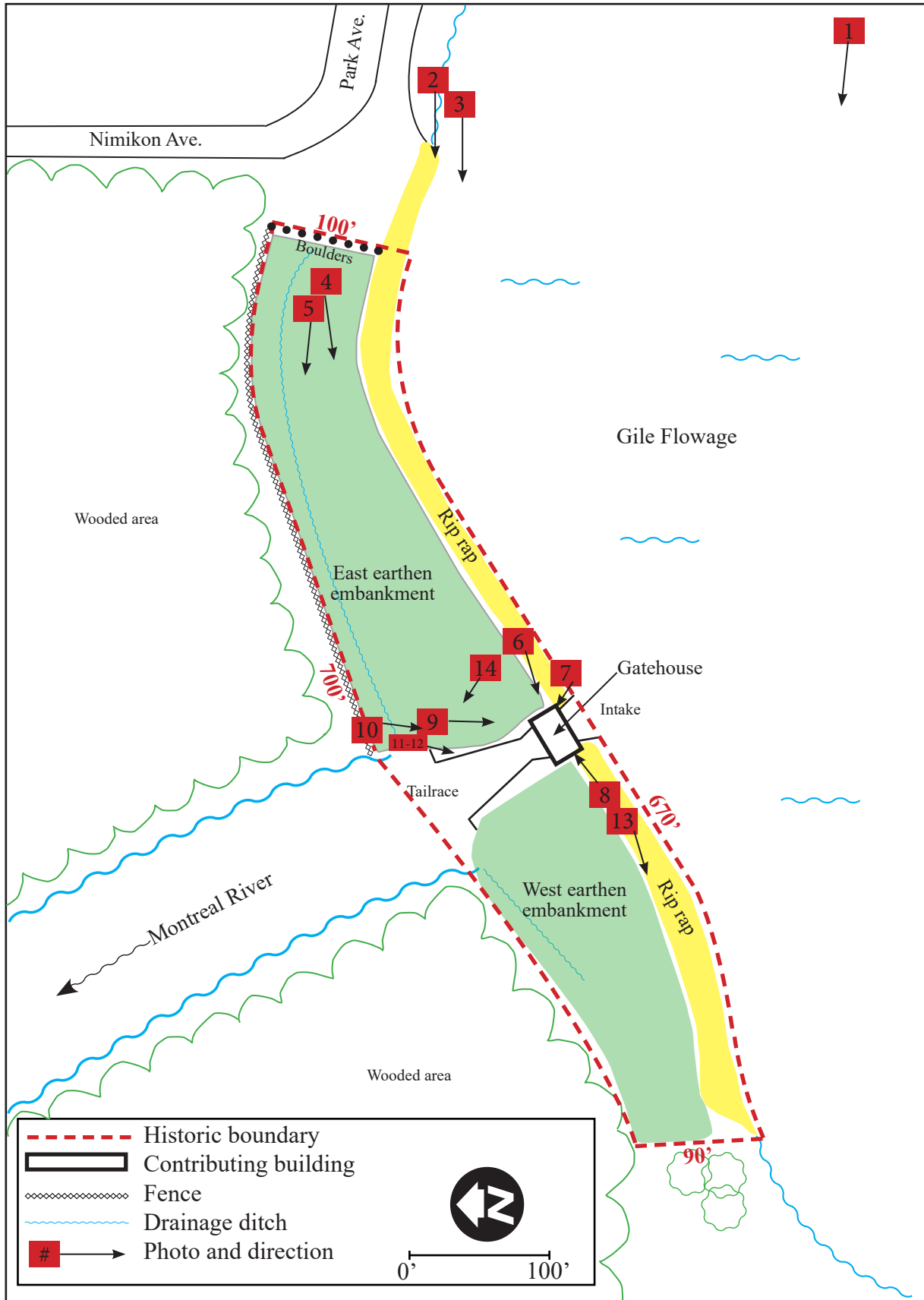
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**Project Location**  
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 City of Montreal  
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Gile Flowage Dam  
 Park Street and Nimikon Avenue at the Montreal River  
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 Determination of Eligibility - Historic Boundary Map



Gile Flowage Dam, AHI 244690  
Nimikon Avenue and Park Street  
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Photographed by UWM-CRM  
July 27, 2022  
Images on file at UWM-CRM

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Gile Flowage Dam, overview, looking northwest

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Top of east earthen dike, looking west

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East earthen dike, looking west

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Gatehouse, east elevation

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Gatehouse, south elevation

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Gatehouse, west elevation

Photo 9 of 14  
Gatehouse, north elevation

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Gatehouse and tailrace, looking southwest

Photo 11 of 14  
Gated spillway and tailrace, looking southwest

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Gated spillway and sluiceway outlet, looking southwest

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Top of west earthen dike, looking west

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September 22, 2022

Shawn Puzen  
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Subject: Shoreline Monitoring of Archaeological Sites and Erosion Check on the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir (FERC# 15055) in Iron County, Wisconsin.  
TRC Project No. 450488.0000  
WIARC No. 285

Dear Mr. Puzen:

On August 25 and 26, 2022, a TRC archaeologist visited and inspected the shoreline of the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir (Reservoir or Project) on the West Fork of the Montreal River near Montreal, Wisconsin (Figure 1). The archaeologist examined the shoreline (including islands) at known archaeological sites and inspected the remainder of the shoreline to identify erosion locations and any new archaeological sites that may have been exposed at those locations. Subsurface exploration (shovel testing) was not a part of the shoreline monitoring survey since that was not a requirement of the 1993 Programmatic Agreement which guided this survey. Due to the large size of the Reservoir, the survey was conducted by boat to facilitate access to all segments of the shoreline.

Only one cultural resource site has been reported adjacent to the Reservoir, the Montreal Company Historic District (Figures 1, 2, 4A, 4B). An inspection was conducted at the location where the historic district boundary included the Reservoir shoreline (Figure 4A). Inspections were also performed at bank exposures<sup>1</sup> along the shoreline and at eroded areas. Five examples of erosion were observed during the survey (Figures 4A, 4B).

The boat used for the survey was provided and operated by the President of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Gile (FOG), Cathy Techtmann, and her husband. Both have property on the Reservoir and were insightful and informed guides.

#### BACKGROUND

Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin (NSPW) owns and maintains the Gile Flowage Storage Reservoir as well as the two downstream hydroelectric facilities, Saxon Falls Hydro and Superior Falls Hydro. The Reservoir encompasses approximately 3,317 acres and features approximately 26 miles of irregular shaped shoreline with many areas of exposed bedrock. "About 90% of the shoreline is in public or NSPW ownership and is maintained in a natural forested state, reducing the likelihood of erosion" (PAD 2020: 26). "The combination of NSPW shoreline ownership, existing native riparian

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<sup>1</sup> Bank exposures are any area where the bare face of some part of the bank can be viewed for artifacts: an exposed area does not constitute erosion.

vegetation buffers, and local shoreland regulations, work together to provide adequate protection from wide-spread shoreline erosion and over development” (PAD 2020: 26).

The Project is undergoing the process to obtain an original license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission). Since it has not been previously licensed, there is no Historic Resources Management Plan (HRMP), nor have there been any archaeological surveys of the shoreline. The 2022 shoreline monitoring survey is the first to be conducted at the Project.

The Commission is required to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Compliance with the NHPA, as well as 36CRF800, requires an archaeological survey to determine whether cultural resource sites, which may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), are affected by normal operation of the Project. Mead & Hunt, Inc., contracted with TRC to conduct the archaeological shoreline monitoring survey. The Area of Potential Effect (APE), as established through the 1993 Programmatic Agreement, is the project boundary as shown in Figure 1. This letter report provides the details of the research and fieldwork.

#### LITERATURE AND ARCHIVES RESEARCH

A TRC archaeologist reviewed the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD), which includes the Archaeological Site Inventory (ASI), Architecture and History Inventory (AHI), and Archaeological Reports Inventory (ARI); as well as the NRHP database, historic county atlases, historic US Geological Survey (USGS) 15-Minute and 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangles, and other sources deemed appropriate or likely to yield information relevant to cultural resources. The research noted one cultural resource and a trail that are overlapped by the Reservoir.

#### **Montreal Company Location Historic District**

The Montreal Company Location Historic District (MCLHD) was listed on the NRHP (NRHP #80000141) on May 23, 1980 (Figures 1, 2, 4A). Mining in the Lake Superior region began in the early 1840s when copper and iron ore were first discovered. The MCLHD is listed on the NRHP because it is an excellent example of a planned industrial community. Community planning was done for the mining companies to ensure housing for the company employees in the isolated areas where these mines were located. The MCLHD includes 116 contributing buildings, as well as the No. 5 mine shaft area, waste rock piles, City Hall, the Roosevelt School, Firehall building, Hamilton Club building, garage, engine house, and shops.

The first miners to the area settled around the mine shaft and built homes on lands leased from the mining company. Streets and houses were placed haphazardly across the landscape. Between 1907-1917, the planned community was built with 50 precut Aladdin Bungalows (NRHP Inventory – Nomination Form 1980).

### **Flambeau Trail**

The 1861 General Land Office (GLO) plat map noted the route of a trail running northwest to southeast through what is now the Gile Reservoir (Figure 3). Called the Flambeau Trail, it ran 90-miles from Madeline Island to Lac du Flambeau. The first part of the trail was a combination of river and water portages connected by trails on dry land. The 1863 GLO surveyor noted a crude bridge spanning the Montreal River along the trail constructed by fur traders. As the fur trade increased throughout Wisconsin, the trail became an important route for the transport of goods (Teichtmann 1993).

### **FIELDWORK**

The survey was conducted on August 25 and 26, 2022 using a boat to gain access to shoreline areas that were adjacent to cultural resources or where there was sufficient bank exposure to warrant an inspection for artifacts. The survey consisted of a visual inspection of the Reservoir shoreline, including the islands. The boat was moored at the approximate location where the WHPD-mapped historic district overlaps the shore, the approximate areas where the Flambeau Trail is indicated on the GLO map, and at any area of erosion identified during the survey (Figures 4A, 4B; Table 1). Five areas of erosion were noted (E-1 through E-5 on Figures 4A and 4B and Photos 11-15). Area E-3 was within the WHPD-mapped MCLHD boundary. Ten additional photos were taken at various locations (Figure 2) to provide a visual characterization of the Reservoir's shoreline (Photos 1-10).<sup>2</sup> The inspection results are described below.

### **Montreal Company Location Historic District**

A small part of the WHPD-mapped MCLHD overlaps the Reservoir due west of the dam. This area is well vegetated with coniferous forest adjacent to the water. A small segment of this site shows erosion (E-3, Photo 13) and was surface collected at the water's edge, the exposed bank, and the slumped bank. No artifacts or archaeological deposits were noted. Since this area is within the WHPD-mapped MCLHD boundary, TRC recommends that this segment be monitored locally (e.g., NSPW operator) to determine if the exposure gets larger.

### **Flambeau Trail**

The GLO-mapped trail runs northwest-southeast and crosses an area below the Reservoir. The trail abuts the shoreline of the reservoir at two approximate locations (Figure 3). The shorelines at both locations are stable and well vegetated with pine, birch, maple, and oak. (Photo 2). No additional archaeological work is recommended at these locations.

### **E-1**

Erosion area E-1 is on the shoreline of a small island (Photo 11). The site was surface collected at the water's edge, the exposed bank, and the slumped bank. There were no artifacts or archaeological deposits encountered. No additional archaeological work is recommended at this location.

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<sup>2</sup> A total of 97 photos were taken at various areas along the shoreline; ten were selected for the report for descriptive purposes and five were selected to show erosion. The boat was moored at some of the locations to get a closer look at the shoreline.

#### **E-2**

Erosion area E-2 is on the west shoreline of the reservoir (Photo 12). The area was surface collected at the water's edge, the exposed bank, and the slumped bank. No artifacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. The toe of the bank in this location is stable and well vegetated. No additional archaeological work is recommended at this location.

#### **E-3**

Site E-3 is along the reservoir shoreline near the west end of the west dike (Photo 13). The area was surface collected; however, no artifacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. No additional archaeological work is recommended at this location.

#### **E-4**

Erosion was observed along the entire shoreline of the small island where E-4 is located (Photo 14). At normal pool elevation, the island would only be about 3 sq. meters in size. However, since the Reservoir elevation was down approximately 3 feet from normal pool at the time of the survey, a greater area of the island was exposed. The site was surface collected; however, no artifacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. No additional archaeological work is recommended at this location.

#### **E-5**

Erosion area E-5 is on the shoreline of a small island (Photo 15). The area was surface collected at water's edge, the exposed bank, and the slumped bank. No artifacts or archaeological deposits were encountered; therefore, no additional archaeological work is recommended at this location.

The remainder of the Reservoir's shoreline is well vegetated with stands of pine, birch, maple, and oak (Photos 1-10). Areas of exposed bedrock are visible along the shoreline at various locations as depicted in Photo 1 (right hand side) and Photo 10. The Reservoir elevation was three feet below normal pool so much of the exposed lake bottom revealed rock, gravel, or sand beaches where grasses had begun to grow on the newly exposed ground. There were a few areas of emergent vegetation, but most of the shoreline was forested to water's edge. No areas of rip rap or stabilization were noted.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

The literature and archives research revealed that one cultural resource and one GLO-mapped trail were overlapped by the water. Five areas of erosion (E-1 through E-5) were also noted.

The single cultural resource site is designated as the Montreal Company Location Historic District. Most of the MCLHD shoreline is stable except for a small area designated as E-3. TRC recommends that NSPW monitor the erosion at site E-3 for any changes within 5 years of license issuance.

The trail noted on the 1861 GLO maps abuts the shoreline at two locations. The shoreline appears stable at these two locations and no additional archaeological work is recommended at this time.

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Erosion areas E-1, E-2, E-4, and E-5 were surface collected; however, no artifacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. No additional work is recommended at these locations.

Should NSPW personnel identify or become aware of erosion at any of the known archaeological sites, or become aware of substantial erosion at any area previously not documented, they should consult with an archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on how best to proceed. If I can provide additional assistance, I can be reached by email at [AVanDyke@trcscompanies.com](mailto:AVanDyke@trcscompanies.com), or by phone at 262-225-5105.

Sincerely,  
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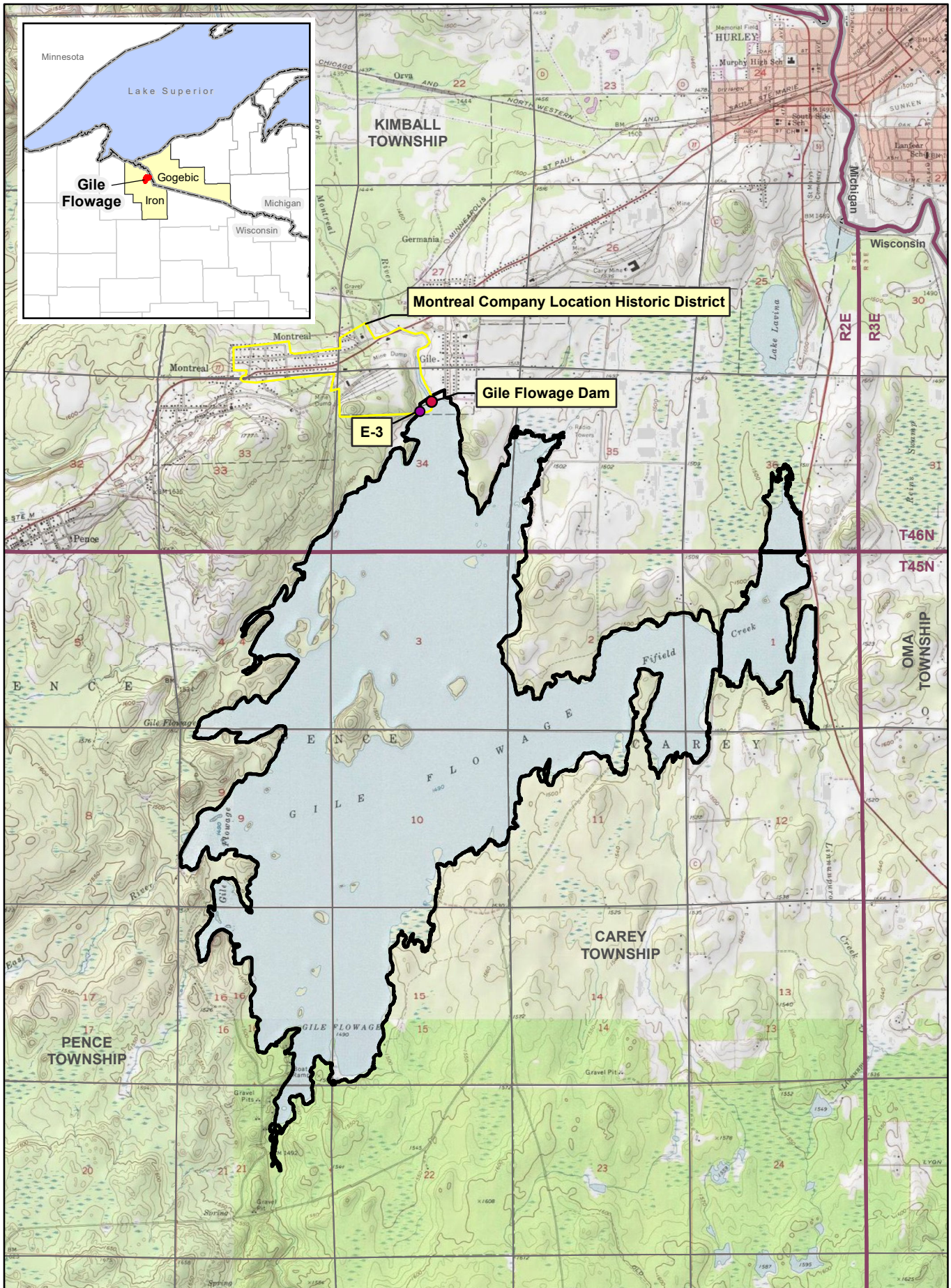
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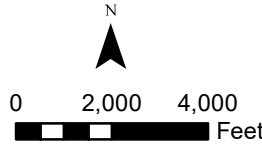


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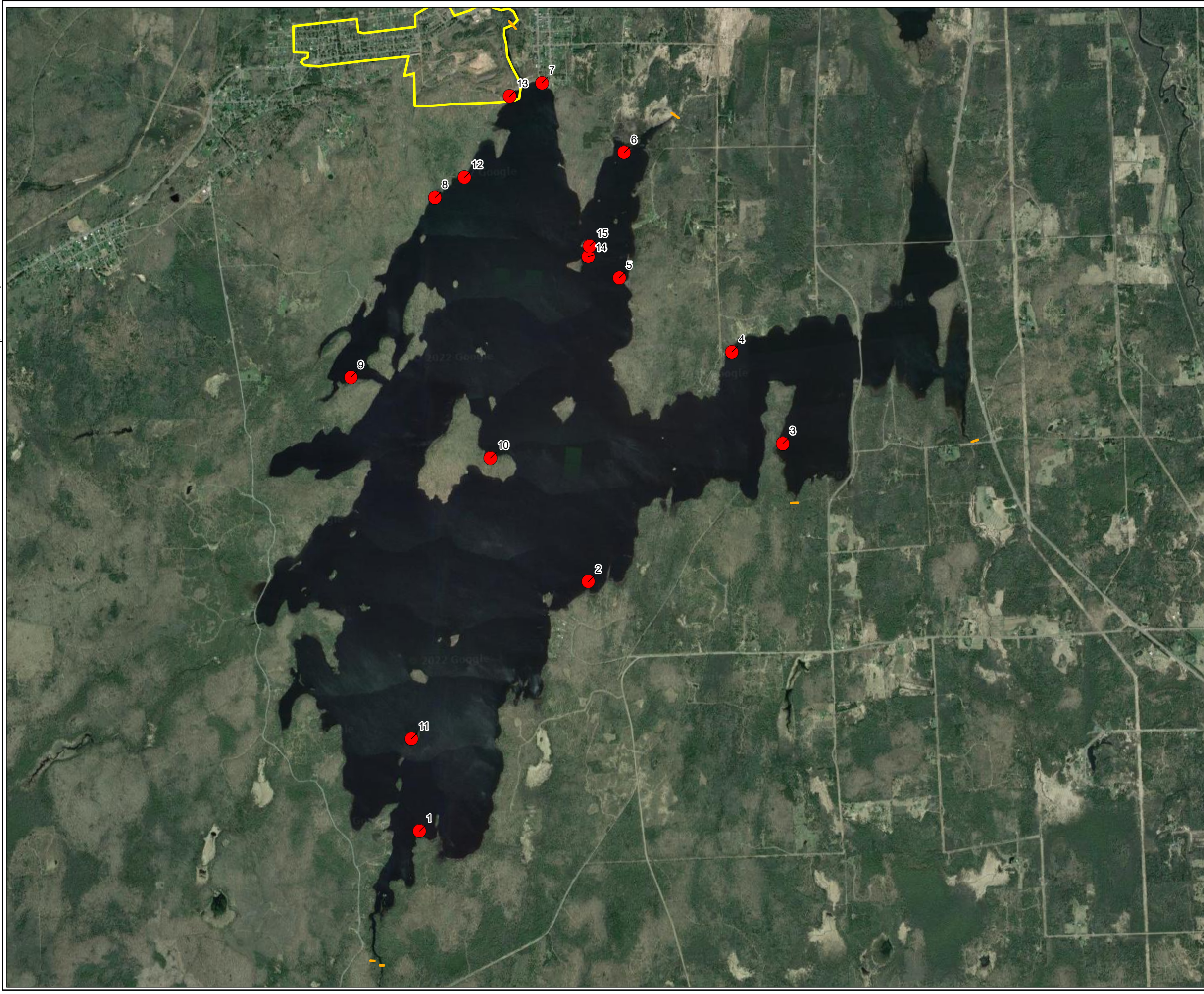
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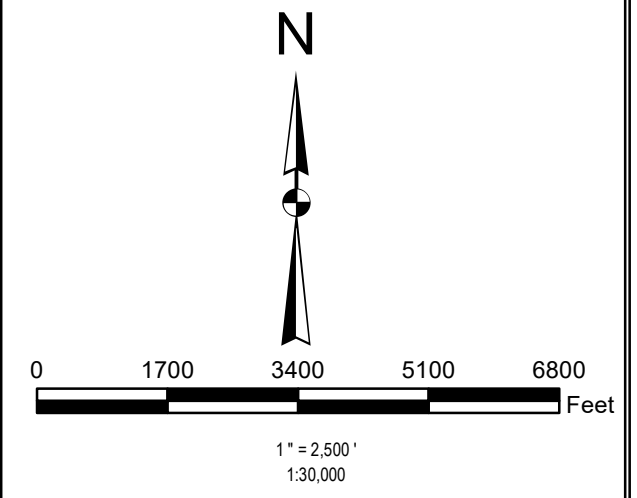
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**Legend:**

-  Upstream/Downstream Extent of Survey
-  Historic District
-  Photo Locations



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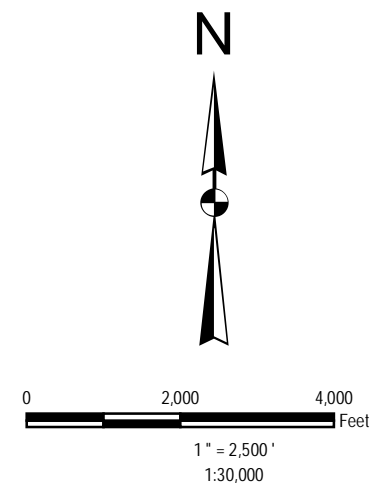
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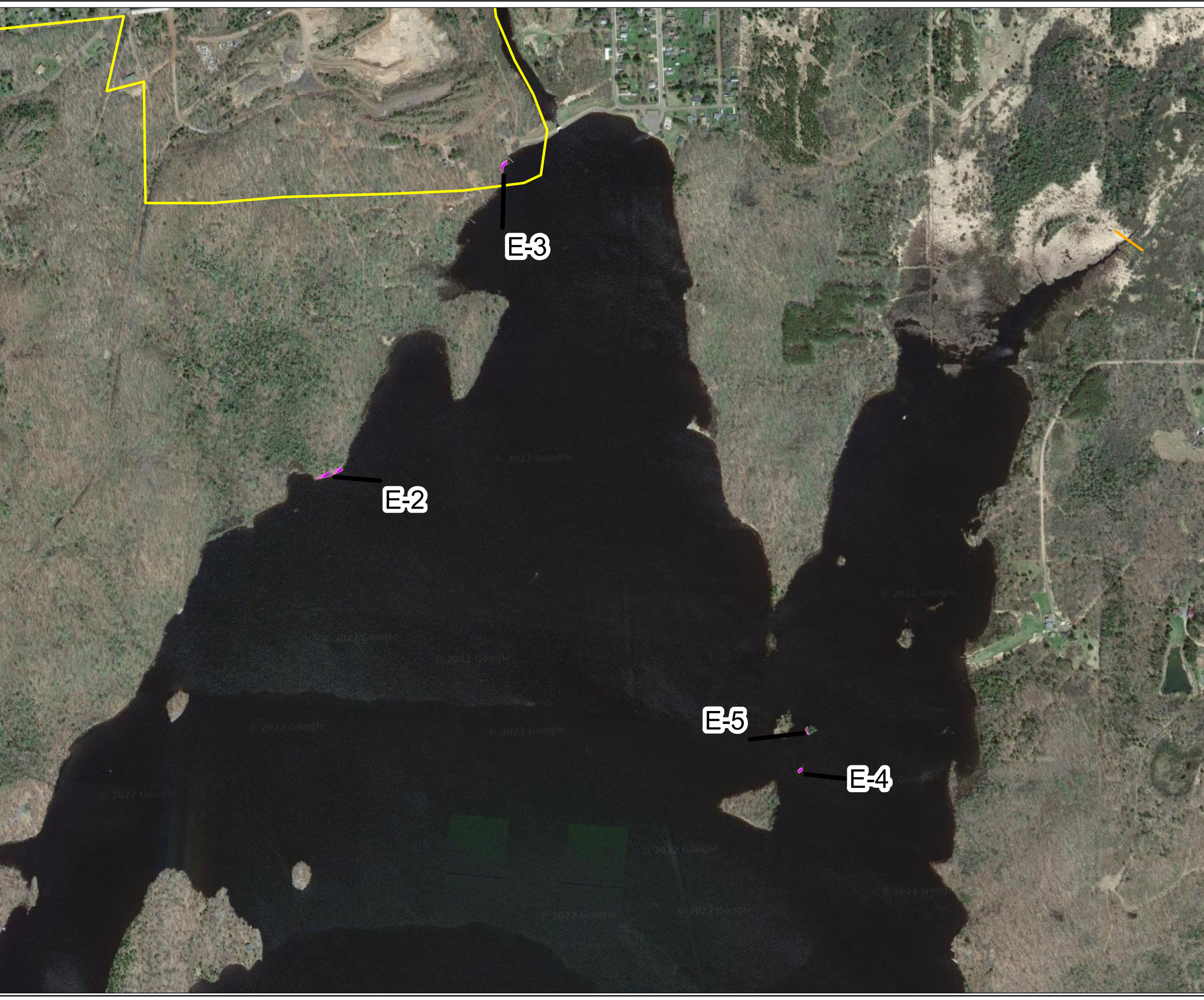
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-  Upstream/Downstream Extent of Survey
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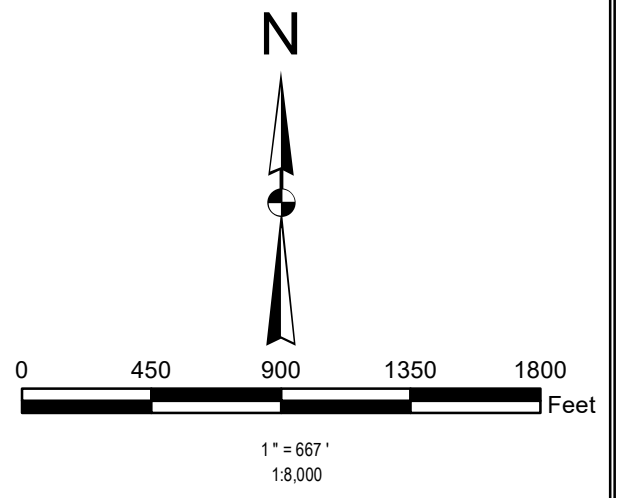
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**ATTACHMENT 2: PHOTOS**





**Photo 1: Coniferous forest – view to south.**



**Photo 2: Riparian meadow; background – coniferous forest. View to south.**



**Photo 3: Emergent wetland vegetation; background – coniferous forest. View to west.**





**Photo 4: Shrub-carr; background – coniferous forest. View to north.**



**Photo 5: Foreground – mud/gravel bar; middle ground – emergent wetland vegetation; background – coniferous forest.  
View to east.**



**Photo 6: Left side – deep marsh; right side – shallow marsh; middle – mud flat; background – mixed deciduous/coniferous forest. View to northeast.**



**Photo 7: Unvegetated rip rap armored shoreline with beach-like foreground. View to southwest.**



**Photo 8: Mud flat along the shoreline under the canopy of mixed deciduous/coniferous forest. View to north.**



**Photo 9: Mud flat or sand bar with sparse emergent vegetation; background - mixed deciduous/coniferous forest. View to south.**



**Photo 10: Exposed rock shoreline; mixed deciduous/coniferous forest behind it. View to south.**



**Photo 11: E-1 Mixed deciduous/coniferous forest behind erosion. View to northeast.**



**Photo 12: Not a definable plant community - mix of woody and herbaceous plants starting to establish. View to northwest.**



***Photo 13:*** Tail of a dog on beach – foreground; mixed deciduous/coniferous forest on top of eroded bank. View to the northwest.



**Photo 14: Mixed deciduous/coniferous forest on top of the eroded bank; willow growing in beach on the left. View to west.**



**Photo 15: Mixed deciduous/coniferous forest on top of eroded bank. View to northeast.**



## ATTACHMENT 3: TABLE

**Table 1. Erosion Area Locations**

<b>Erosion #</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Photo Numbers</b>
E-1	46°22'43.79"N	90°14'26.80"W	11
E-2	46°25'8.87"N	90°13'59.55"W	12
E-3	46°25'29.68"N	90°13'41.70"W	13
E-4	46°24'47.34"N	90°13'14.18"W	14
E-5	46°24'50.02"N	90°13'13.57"W	15

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS INVENTORY FORM

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COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORS: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REPORT (MONTH AND YEAR): \_\_\_\_\_

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LOCATIONAL INFORMATION [LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY AREA (T-R-S)]

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ACRES INVESTIGATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX E-27**

**Wisconsin Construction Site Erosion Control Field Guide**

A map of the state of Wisconsin is centered on the page, set against a background of dark brown, textured soil. The map itself is a light, semi-transparent grey color with a rough, torn-paper-like orange-brown border. The text is overlaid on this map.

**WISCONSIN**  
**CONSTRUCTION SITE**  
**EROSION CONTROL**  
**FIELD GUIDE**



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## ACRONYMS

- **WDNR T.S.** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stormwater Management Technical Standard
- **WisDOT PAL** Wisconsin Department of Transportation Product Acceptability List
- **BMP** Best Management Practice

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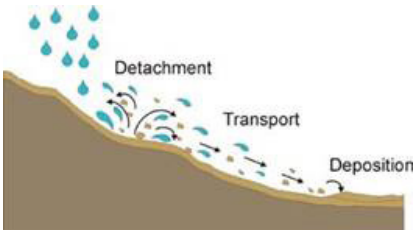
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## Background



As our society has become more environmentally aware, federal, state and local regulatory agencies have recognized the impacts of sediment pollution on our lakes, streams and wetlands and have established rules to reduce those impacts.

Project owners and contractors are required to meet the standards prescribed in the rules during construction. Consequently, erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) have become a standard part of the construction process.

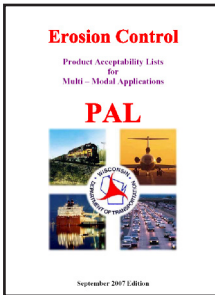
Erosion control BMPs are designed to limit off-site effects of erosion, aid in project construction while minimizing overall cost, and to comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

BMPs can be generally classified into two categories, erosion control and sediment control.

- Erosion Control - Directly protect the disturbed soil surface from erosion. They are the best measure for preventing erosion.
- Sediment Control - Aid in removal of sediments from water after the erosion process has already begun. This is accomplished by using barriers, containments, or other devices to filter or reduce the velocity of the water so soil particles can no longer remain suspended.

This guide is intended to aid designers, inspectors and contractors in selecting and correctly installing BMPs to reduce erosion, by following technical standards developed by the Wisconsin DNR.





## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRODUCT ACCEPTABILITY LIST (PAL)

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/engineers/cnslt-rsrcs/tools/pal/default.aspx>

This list provides guidance in selecting and proper application of erosion and sediment control products. The Product Acceptability List pages are for the guidance of design engineers, technicians, and inspection personnel, municipalities, counties, contractors, and suppliers engaged in bridge and highway design, plan preparation, and construction.

Categories include tackifiers, erosion mats, soil stabilizers, inlet protection, and temporary ditch checks. Projects permitted by the State of Wisconsin shall utilize products listed on the PAL when appropriate.

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STORMWATER CONSTRUCTION AND POST-CONSTRUCTION TECHNICAL STANDARDS

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/standards>

Stormwater Construction and Post-Construction Technical Standards are minimum requirements needed to plan, design, install and maintain a wide array of conservation practices aimed at preserving the land and water resources of Wisconsin. The WDNR recommends that these technical standards be used for erosion/sediment control or stormwater management as they have been determined to be adequate and effective to implement the performance standards of subch. III or IV of ch. NR 151 and Trans 401.06, WI Administrative Code.

## BMP Matrix

WDNR T.S.	Best Management Practice	Construction		Site Features		
		Summer	Winter	Steep Slopes	Ditches or Channels	Sensitive Features
		May-September	October-April	Slopes > 10%	Concentrated Flow	Wetlands, Waterways, Streams
Erosion Control						
1050	Land Application of Additives	OK	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>
1052	Non-Channel Erosion Mat	OK	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>
1053	Channel Erosion Mat	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	OK	<del>OK</del>
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1068	Dust Control	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>

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<b>Sediment Control</b>						
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1056	Silt Fence	OK	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	OK
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1064	Sediment Basin	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	OK	<del>OK</del>
1066	Construction Site Diversion	OK	OK	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>
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1071	Temporary Slope Breaks	OK	OK	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>	<del>OK</del>

## Land Application of Additives WDNR T.S. 1050



### DEFINITION

The land application of products containing water soluble and non-soluble additives to temporarily reduce erosion.

### PURPOSE

To reduce erosion from wind and water on construction sites and agricultural lands until vegetation is established.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Intended for direct soil surface application to sites where the timely establishment of vegetation may not be feasible or where vegetative cover is absent or inadequate. Such areas may include agricultural lands where plant residues are inadequate to protect the soil surface and construction sites where land disturbing activities or winter shutdown prevent establishment or maintenance of a cover crop.

This practice is not intended for application to surface waters of the state as defined by WDNR ch. NR 102.

## LAND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVES INSTALLATION

### Application

- Selected from the approved list in the WisDOT PAL. This product is defined as “Soil Stabilizer, Type B” on the WisDOT PAL.
- Apply additives by the methods and at the rates specified by manufacturer.
- The additive may be used either alone as a temporary stabilization measure or in conjunction with seeding and mulching for permanent restoration.
- Additives may be particularly applicable for temporary stabilization of disturbed areas that will receive intermittent periods of disturbance throughout a construction project.
- May be applied with conventional hydraulic seeding equipment or through dry spreading. Choose application method for uniform coverage and to minimize drift to non-target areas. Prevent over-spray from reaching pavement (pavement becomes slippery).

### Restrictions

- Application rates shall not exceed manufacturer’s written application rate or WDNR allowable application rate (expressed in lbs/ac).
- Do not use in areas within 30 feet of wetlands, waterways, or channels.
- Use of additives shall be restricted to slopes 3 horizontal : 1 vertical or flatter unless used in conjunction with other surface stabilization methods.

### Documentation

- Document and keep with the erosion control plan and inspection notes:
  - » Name of person performing the application;
  - » Date, location of application, and weather conditions;
  - » Type of additive applied (manufacturer, product name, concentration);
  - » Application rate per acre, amount of material used, and method.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Reapply after disturbance, large rain events, or where wind/rill erosion is apparent since the last application. May lose effectiveness in 2 months.

## Water Application of Additives (WDNR T.S. 1051)



### DEFINITION

The application of products containing water-soluble additives to remove suspended solids in sediment control structures.

### PURPOSE

To clarify water prior to discharge by settling suspended solids within sediment control structures for construction or post-construction process systems.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

- Use to improve the sediment removal efficiency of self-contained sediment control structures (such as a detention basin) on a temporary basis for construction sites or, in an emergency, for post-construction sites.
- Do not apply polymers directly to surface waters of the state.
- If used in accordance with the use restriction, polymer must meet an acceptable level of risk such that it can be used without harm to organisms that inhabit or come in contact with the aquatic environment. Every attempt shall be made to eliminate any environmentally toxic chemicals within a polymer mixture, and must be non-combustible.
- Contact WDNR Stormwater Program Coordinator at (608) 266-2621 to obtain current list of products with reviewed toxicity data and allowable application rates.

## WATER APPLICATION OF ADDITIVES INSTALLATION

### Application

- Maximum application rates in pounds per acre-feet shall be the lesser of WDNR's use restriction multiplied by 1.35 or manufacturer's rate.
- Neither the manufacturer's written application rate recommendations nor the application rate shall exceed the WDNR use restriction.
- The manufacturer or distributor shall provide for the applicator:
  - » Labels affixed to the polymer mixture containers that indicate the recommended application rate and the maximum application rate based on the use restriction;
  - » Product expiration date for the polymer mixture based on product expiration dates of the polymer and written application methods;
  - » Written instructions for safety, storage, and mixing of their product.
- The product must be applied uniformly and in one of the following ways:
  - » Passive Applications: Polymers applied by non-mechanically dosing the sediment laden inflow prior to it entering the impoundment area of the sediment control structure. Manufacturer must base passive application rates on the dissolution rate and/or the dead storage volume of the sediment control structure.
  - » Active or Mechanical Applications: Polymer applied by mechanically or hydraulically mixing directly into a sediment control structure.

### Documentation

- » Name of applicator, product type, and method of application;
- » Application rate in pounds per acre-feet of stormwater runoff;
- » Date applied and weather conditions during application; and pH in sediment control structure after application.
- » Contractor shall enter this information into a monitoring log or a project diary and must be made available upon request.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Monitor sediment levels on the bottom of the structure to measure the loss of storage capacity due to enhanced sedimentation by the polymer mixture.

## Non-Channel Erosion Mat (WDNR T.S. 1052)



### DEFINITION

A protective soil cover made of straw, wood, coconut fiber or other suitable plant residue, or plastic fibers formed into a mat, usually with a plastic or biodegradable mesh on one or both sides. Rolled products are available in many varieties and combinations of material and with varying life spans.

### PURPOSE

To protect the soil surface from the erosive effect of rainfall and prevent sheet erosion during the establishment of grass or other vegetation, and to reduce soil moisture loss due to evaporation. Applies to both Erosion Control Revegetative Mats (ECRM) and Turf-Reinforcement Mats (TRM).

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Erosion mats for use on erodible slopes. Not for channel erosion; for channel applications see WDNR T.S. Channel Erosion Mat (1053).

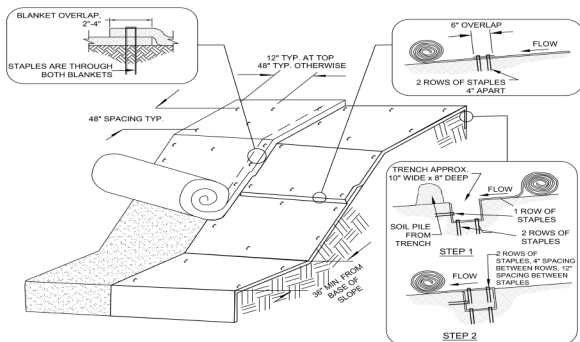
### NON-CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MAT INSTALLATION

- Use only products listed in the WisDOT PAL.
- Erosion mat shall be in firm and continuous contact with the soil and extend upslope one-foot from land disturbance.
- Where possible, use a single roll of EC mat to span the disturbed area.



## NON-CANNEL EROSION CONTROL MAT INSTALLATION

- Staples used for erosion mats shall be 1-2 inch wide, U-shaped, made of No.11 (3.05mm) or larger diameter steel wire, and not less than 6 inches long for firm soils and 12 inches long for loose soils.
- In areas with mowed turf or where animal entrapment is possible, use urban mats. Urban mats and associated anchoring devices shall be selected based upon the WisDOT PAL.
- Erosion mat shall be anchored, overlapped, staked and entrenched per the manufacturer's recommendations.
- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Install additional anchoring in areas of rilling and concentrated flow beneath the mat. If rilling is preventing vegetation establishment, remove erosion mat, regrade, compact, re-seed, and replace the section of mat.

## Channel Erosion Mat (WDNR T.S. 1053)



### DEFINITION

A protective soil cover of straw, wood, coconut fiber or other suitable plant residue, or plastic fibers formed into a mat, usually with a plastic or biodegradable mesh on one or both sides. Rolled products are available in many varieties and combination of materials and with varying life spans.

### PURPOSE

To protect the channel from erosion or act as turf reinforcement during and after the establishment of grass or other vegetation in a channel. Applies to erosion control revegetative mats (ECRM) and turf-reinforcement mats (TRM).

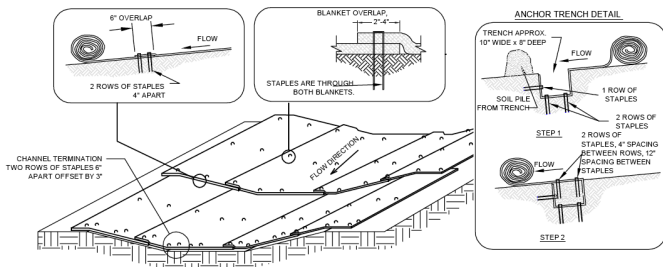
### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Where runoff channelizes in intermittent flow and vegetation is to be established. Some products may have limited applicability in projects adjacent to navigable waters due to potential wildlife entrapment.

- Use channel erosion mat products identified on the WisDOT PAL.
- Use WisDOT PAL classes and types to select and specify erosion mat.
- Select an erosion mat based on the calculated shear stress, given drainage area characteristics and channel geometry for the design storm depth.
- Select erosion mat that will last until turf grass or other vegetation becomes densely established.

## CHANNEL EROSION MAT INSTALLATION

- Install and anchor erosion mat in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
  - At time of installation, retain material labels and manufacturer's installation instructions until the site has been stabilized.
  - Install ECRMs after topsoil is placed and seeding is complete.
  - Install TRMs in conjunction with placement of topsoil, followed by ECRM installation.
  - Install erosion mat so that it bears completely on the soil surface.
  - Use staples that are at least 6 inches long.
- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Install additional anchoring in areas of rilling and concentrated flow beneath the mat. If rilling is preventing vegetation establishment, remove erosion mat, regrade, compact, re-seed, and replace the section of mat.

## Vegetative Buffer (WDNR T.S. 1054)



### DEFINITION

An area of dense vegetation intended to slow runoff and trap sediment. Vegetative buffers are commonly referred to as filter or buffer strips.

### PURPOSE

To remove sediment in sheet flow by velocity reduction.

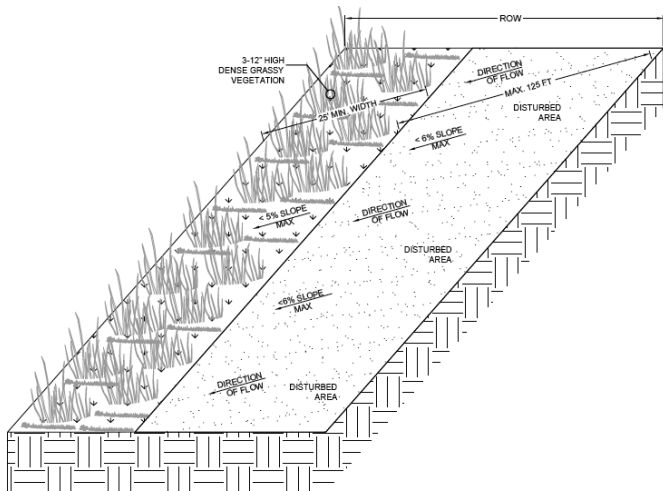
### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Areas where sediment delivery is in the form of sheet and rill erosion from disturbed areas.

### VEGETATIVE BUFFER INSTALLATION

- Shall consist of a dense stand of existing grassy vegetation or vegetation established during the project provided sufficient vegetative cover is established prior to land disturbing activities.
- Must be clearly marked as area of no disturbance, including vehicle traffic.
- Vegetative buffers are only effective if sheet flow conditions are present.

- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



### INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Look for improper distribution of flows, sediment accumulation, and rill erosion. If the vegetative buffer becomes sediment covered, shows rill erosion, or is ineffective, other practices must be implemented.

## Sediment Bale Barrier (WDNR T.S. 1055)



### DEFINITION

A temporary sediment barrier consisting of a row of entrenched and anchored straw bales, hay bales or equivalent material used to intercept sediment-laden sheet flow from small drainage areas of disturbed soil.

### PURPOSE

To reduce slope length of the disturbed area and to intercept and retain transported sediment from disturbed areas.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

**This standard applies to the following applications where:**

- Erosion occurs in the form of sheet and rill erosion. There is no concentration of water flowing to the barrier (channel erosion).
- Where adjacent areas need protection from sediment-laden runoff.
- Effectiveness is required for less than 3 months.
- Conditions allow for the bales to be properly entrenched and staked as outlined in Criteria Section V of WDNR T.S. Sediment Bale Barrier (1055).

**Under no circumstance shall products be used in the following applications:**

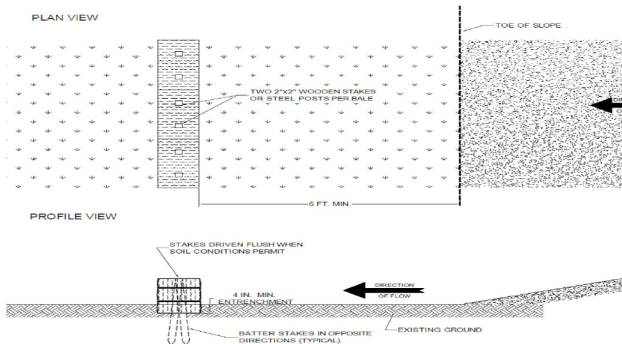
- Below the ordinary high watermark or placed perpendicular to flow in streams, swales, ditches or any place where flow is concentrated.
- Where the maximum gradient upslope of the fence is  $>50\%$  (2:1).

## SEDIMENT BALE BARRIER INSTALLATION

- Install materials per manufacturer's recommendations.
- When joints are necessary, overlap and secure to minimize potential for concentrated flow. Ends should tie into the slope to prevent erosion from concentrated flow around the ends.
- Should be used in conjunction with permanent restoration practices.
- When not used in conjunction with other practices, install spacing per:

Slope	Spacing
< 2 %	100 feet
2 - 5 %	75 feet
5 - 10 %	50 feet

- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Look for indicators that water is eroding around the ends, undercutting the barrier, or erosion is occurring downslope. Remove sediment from behind barrier when reaching 1/2 the height. Remove when permanent vegetation is established.

## Silt Fence (WDNR T.S. 1056)



### DEFINITION

Silt fence is a temporary sediment barrier of entrenched permeable geotextile fabric designed to intercept and slow the flow of sediment-laden sheet flow runoff from small areas of disturbed soil to create ponding.

### PURPOSE

Reduce slope length and intercept and retain sediment from disturbed areas.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

**This standard applies to the following applications where:**

- Erosion occurs in the form of sheet and rill erosion. There is no concentration of water flowing to the barrier (channel erosion).
- Where adjacent areas need protection from sediment-laden runoff.
- Where effectiveness is required for one year or less.
- Where conditions allow for silt fence to be properly entrenched and staked as outlined in Criteria Section V of WDNR T.S. Silt Fence (1056).

**Under no circumstance shall products be used in the following applications:**

- Below the ordinary high watermark or placed perpendicular to flow in streams, swales, ditches or any place where flow is concentrated.
- Where the maximum gradient upslope of the fence is  $>50\%$  (2:1).
- Lettering on the fence is not permissible on WisDOT projects.
- Must have support cord.

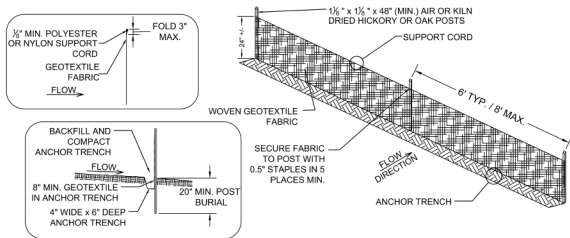


## SILT FENCE INSTALLATION

- Construct in an arc with the ends pointing upslope to avoid erosion around ends of the fence. Best installation method is static slicing. Failure to properly anchor silt fence could result in water and sediment release beneath the silt fence. It is critical to backfill and compact the trench.
- Construct from a continuous roll of geotextile to avoid joints. Where joints are necessary, overlap to the next post or wrap adjoining fabrics together around the joint post and tightly fasten.
- When not used in conjunction with other practices and when using for slope interruption, install spacing per:

Slope	Fence Spacing
< 2 %	100 feet
2 - 5 %	75 feet
5 - 10 %	50 feet
10 - 33 %	25 feet
> 33 %	20 feet

- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Look for indicators that water is eroding around the ends, undercutting the barrier, or erosion downslope. Remove sediment behind silt fence when reaching 1/2 the height. Remove when permanent vegetation is established.

## Trackout Control Practices (WDNR T.S. 1057)



### DEFINITION

A practice or combination of practices used to prevent, reduce, or mitigate trackout of sediment.

### GENERAL CRITERIA

Trackout is best managed by implementing controls in the order below:

1. Prevent trackout with stabilized work surfaces and reduced vehicle contact with soil;
2. Reduce trackout with stone tracking pad, manufactured trackout control devices, or tire washing;
3. Mitigate trackout with street cleaning.

### INSTALLATION

#### Stabilized Work Surfaces

- Install aggregate, concrete, asphalt, manufactured mats, or other material in work areas and haul roads to minimize contact of vehicles with exposed soils and standing water.
- Stabilized work surfaces may be used as a stand-alone practice if vehicles leaving the site are restricted to the stabilized surface and the surface is properly maintained.

### Stone Tracking Pads

- Install the stone tracking pad to ensure vehicles that drive over exposed soil exit along the full length of the pad.
- Use hard, durable, angular stone or recycled concrete meeting the gradation in Table 1. Driving surface shall be at least 12 feet wide, 1 foot thick and 50 feet long.
- Where warranted due to soil type or high groundwater, underlay the stone tracking pad with geotextile fabric to minimize migration of underlying soil into the stone. Select fabric type based on soil conditions and vehicle loading.
- Rocks lodged between the tires of dual wheel vehicles shall be removed prior to leaving the construction site.

Table 1

Sieve Size	% passing by weight
3"	100
2-1/2"	90-100
1-1/2"	25-60
3/4"	0-20
3/8"	0-5

### Manufactured Trackout Control Devices

- Install the manufactured trackout control device on a surface capable of supporting anticipated loads per manufacturer recommendations.
- Provide a minimum device length of 32 feet for stand-alone installations.
- Add length if needed to reduce trackout in adverse conditions.

### Tire Washing

- Shall be located on site in an area that is stabilized and drains into suitable sediment trapping or settling device;
- Monitor tire washing station for sediment accumulation, clogged hoses, appropriate water levels, and effectiveness.
- For manufactured tire washing stations, operate per manufacturer's recommendations.

### Street/Pavement Cleaning

- Scrape and/or sweep pavements and gutters until a shovel-clean or broom-clean condition is obtained. Repeat as needed to maintain public safety and reduce sediment delivery to drainage infrastructure or water resources, and at the end of each work day.

## Mulch (WDNR T.S. 1058)



### DEFINITION

Mulching is the application of organic material to the soil surface to protect it from raindrop impact and overland flow. Mulch covers the soil and absorbs the erosive impact of rainfall and reduces the flow velocity of runoff.

### PURPOSE

To reduce soil erosion, aid in seed germination and establish plant cover or conserve soil moisture.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

May be applied on exposed soils as a temporary control where soil grading or landscaping has taken place or in conjunction with temporary or permanent seeding. Mulching is not appropriate in areas of concentrated flow.

### ACCEPTABLE MULCH TYPES

- Straw or hay in air-dry condition, wood excelsior fiber or wood chips, or other suitable material of a similar nature that the engineer approves. Use of marsh hay will not be accepted. All mulch material shall be free of noxious weeds and objectionable foreign matter.
- Wood chips or wood bark should be used for temporary stabilization only and should not be used in conjunction with seeding.

## MULCH INSTALLATION

Prepare area to remove gullies/rills. If seeding, apply prior to mulch.

### Wood Chips or Bark Mulch

- Apply at uniform rate of 9 tons/acre. Mulch should cover a minimum of 80% of the soil surface with an applied thickness of 0.5 - 1.5 inches.

### Straw Mulch

- Apply at a uniform rate of 2 tons/acre. Mulch should cover a minimum of 70% of the soil surface with an applied thickness of 0.5 - 1.5 inches.
- If straw mulch is used without seeding, apply at a uniform rate of 3 tons/acre. Mulch should cover a minimum of 80% of the soil surface with an applied thickness of 1.5 - 3.0 inches.
- Anchor by crimping or with a tackifier.

### Straw Mulch Crimping

- Just after spreading, anchor mulch using a crimper or equivalent device consisting of a series of dull flat discs with notched edges spaced approximately 8 inches apart to impress mulch in the soil to a depth of 1 - 3 inches.

### Straw Mulch Tackifiers

- Select from the approved list in the WisDOT PAL. Apply at a uniform rate.
- Spray tackifier at the same time as the mulch application or just after. Do not spray during conditions preventing proper placement of adhesive.
- Apply at manufacturer's recommended rate or at the rate per acre specified below, whichever is greater:
  - » Latex base: mix 15 gallons adhesive and a minimum of 250 pounds recycled newsprint (pulp) as tracer with 375 gallons water;
  - » Guar gum: mix 50 pounds dry adhesive and a minimum of 250 pounds recycled newsprint (pulp) as tracer with 1,300 gallons water;
  - » Other tackifiers: mix 100 pounds dry adhesive and a minimum of 250 pounds recycled newsprint (pulp) as tracer with 1,300 gallons water.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Reapply as needed.

## Seeding (WDNR T.S. 1059)



### DEFINITION

Planting seed to establish temporary/permanent vegetation for erosion control.

### PURPOSE

**Temporary Seeding** reduces runoff and erosion until permanent vegetation or other erosion control practices can be established.

**Permanent Seeding** permanently stabilizes areas of exposed soil.

**Nurse Crop** is seeded with a permanent mix to provide fast-growing cover to protect the soil surface until permanent vegetation becomes established.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Areas of exposed soil where the establishment of vegetation is desired.

- Temporary seeding: disturbed areas that will not be brought to final grade or on which land-disturbing activities will not be performed for a period greater than 30 days and requires vegetative cover for less than one year.
- Permanent seeding: where perennial vegetative cover is needed.

### SEED

- Seed shall conform to WI statutes and WI Administrative Code ch. ATCP 20 regarding noxious weed seed content and labeling.
- Use seed within one year of test date appearing on the label.
- Store seed to protect it from damage by heat, moisture, rodents. Discard and replace previously tested and accepted seed that becomes damaged.

## SEEDING INSTALLATION

### Seedbed Preparation

- Permanent seeding needs a seedbed of at least 4 inches of loose topsoil.
- Necessity of fertilizer application should be based on soil testing results. Prior to seeding, work the area being seeded with appropriate equipment to prepare a tilled fine, but firm, seedbed. Remove rocks, twigs, foreign materials, and dirt clods >2 inches diameter that cannot be broken down.

### Sowing

- Apply uniformly over the seedbed at the correct seeding rate. Appropriate seed mixes should be lightly incorporated into the seedbed.

DOT Seed Mixture	Sowing Rate [pounds/1,000 square feet]
10	1.5
20	3
30	2
40	2
60	equivalent seeding rate of 1.5
70 and 70A	0.4
75	0.7
80	0.8
Temporary Seeding	3
Nurse Crop Seeding	0.8

- Seed when soil temperatures remain consistently above 53° F. Avoid seeding during periods where seedlings could be damaged or killed by frost (usually late September to early November).
- Dormant seed after November 1. Do not sow seeds over snow cover.

### Seed Protection

- Protect seed using mulch (WDNR T.S. 1058) or erosion mat (WDNR T.S. 1052). Limit vehicle traffic in areas that have been permanently seeded.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Inspect per permit requirements. Verify seed germination and vegetation establishment. Maintenance includes reapplying mulch and matting, irrigating, regrading, and reseeding.

## Storm Drain Inlet Protection (WDNR T.S. 1060)



### DEFINITION

A temporary device installed around a storm drain inlet, drop inlet or curb inlet.

### PURPOSE

To minimize sediment from entering storm drainage systems where the contributing drainage area is temporarily disturbed.

### STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION GENERAL CRITERIA

- Inlet protection devices are for drainage areas of one acre or less.
- Runoff from areas >1 acre should be routed through a properly designed sediment trapping or settling practice upstream of the inlet.
- Inlet protection devices shall not interfere with the flow of traffic, create a safety hazard, or cause property damage.
- All devices shall have provisions such as overflow holes or “emergency spillways” to safely pass water if the device becomes clogged.
- No gaps shall be left in the material that would allow the flow of water to bypass the inlet protection device, except for overflow holes.
- All fabrics used as part of an inlet protection device must be selected from the list of Geotextile Fabric, Type FF in the WisDOT PAL. For Types D-M and D-HR inlet devices select Type F, R, DF or HR fabric inserts based on soil type.





## Dewatering (WDNR T.S. 1061)



### DEFINITION

A practice or combination of practices that are used to prevent or reduce the discharge of sediment-laden water from dewatering operations.

### PURPOSE

Land-disturbing construction activity can create conditions where runoff and/or groundwater accumulates in ponds, pits, trenches or other excavations and needs to be removed by pumping or other means of dewatering. The purpose of this standard is to identify common methods which may be used to prevent or reduce the discharge of sediment-laden water from dewatering operations.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

This standard applies where sediment-laden water needs to be removed by pumping or other means for construction operations or maintenance activities.

Dewatering practices shall meet criteria in the WDNR T.S. Dewatering (1061) Dewatering Practice Selection Matrix.

This practice does not apply to water being discharged directly to groundwater or karst features (see NR140) or well dewatering systems (see NR 812).

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Municipal storm drainage system may need cleaning prior to/after discharging to prevent scouring solids from the drainage system.
- Do not use geotextile bags when discharging to Exceptional Resource Waters, Outstanding Resource Waters, waterbodies supporting cold water communities, trout streams, or susceptible wetlands.
- Pressurized filtration is most efficient for removing fine sediments.
- Portable sediment tanks may be appropriate when other sediment trapping practices cannot be installed.
- Filtration is not an efficient treatment of water with heavy sediment loads. Use a settling tank or sand filter as pretreatment when possible.
- Practices may need to be combined to achieve intended results.

## DEWATERING INSTALLATION

- Select practices based on soil texture at the dewatering site with consideration of pumping or flow rates, volumes and device effectiveness.
- WDNR T.S. Dewatering (1061) Dewatering Practice Selection Matrix illustrates acceptable dewatering options and their effective ranges.
- Practices selected that are not on the matrix must provide an equivalent level of control, with justification provided to the reviewing authority.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- If the dewatering effluent is discolored, has an odor, an oily sheen, or other toxins are present, notify the DNR immediately:
  - » **24 Hours Spills Reporting Hotline 1-800-943-0003**
- Remove sediment from devices. Properly dispose of all sediment collected.
- Document test results on a daily log and keep on site:
  - » Discharge duration and specified pumping rate;
  - » Observed water table at time of dewatering;
  - » If used, type and amount of chemical used for pH adjustment;
  - » If used, type and amount of polymer used for treatment;
  - » Maintenance activities.

# Dewatering Practice Selection Matrix

DEWATERING PRACTICE SELECTION MATRIX	Soil and Partide Size Classification		
	Coarse to Medium	Medium to Fine	Fine to Very Fine
	Sand, Loamy Sands, and Sandy Loams	Loams, Silt Loams, and Silts	Clay Loams, Silty Clays, and Clay
<b>Type of Device</b>			
<b>Clay Geotextile Bags</b>			
Type I	Orange	Blue	
Type II	Cyan	Orange	Blue
<b>Gravity Based Settling</b>			
Sediment Tank (Portable)	Orange	Blue	
Sediment Trap (Temporary)	Orange	Blue	
Sediment Basin (Temporary)	Orange		Blue
Wet Detention Basin (Permanent)	Orange		Blue
<b>Passive Filtration</b>			
Filter Tank (Portable)	Orange	Orange	Blue
Filter Basin	Orange	Orange	Blue
Vegetative Filter	Orange		Blue







Effective range of device:

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Effective range with addition of polymer:



- (1) The effectiveness of many practices can be enhanced through the use of polymer mixture.
- (2) Soil classification shall be done in accordance to an accepted method (i.e. USDA, AASHTO)

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Type of Device			
Pressurized Filtration			
Portable Sand Filter			
Wound Cartridge Units			
Membranes and Micro-filtration			
Other Practices			
Sanitary Sewer Discharge			
Pump Truck			
Alternative Method	Discuss with regulatory authority.		

Effective range of device:

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Effective range with addition of polymer:



- (1) The effectiveness of many practices can be enhanced through the use of polymer mixture.
- (2) Soil classification shall be done in accordance to an accepted method (i.e. USDA, AASHTO)

## Ditch Check (WDNR T.S. 1062)



### DEFINITION

A temporary dam constructed across a swale, drainage ditch, channel or other area of concentrated flow to reduce the velocity of water. Ditch checks can be constructed out of stone, a double row of straw bales or from manufactured products found on the WisDOT PAL.

### PURPOSE

To reduce flow velocity and to pond water, thereby reducing active channel erosion and promoting settling of suspended solids behind the ditch check.

### GENERAL CRITERIA

- Ditch checks shall have a minimum height of 10 inches after installation.
- Ditch checks shall not cause ponding that adversely impact or damage adjacent areas.
- Design and install ditch checks to be capable of withstanding anticipated flow, volume and velocity.
- Do not use silt fencing or single rows of straw bales as ditch checks.
- Under no circumstance shall ditch checks be placed in intermittent or perennial stream without permission from WDNR. This practice may not be substituted for sediment control measures such as sediment basins.
- Do not use steel posts or rods to stake ditch checks to avoid safety hazards.

## DESIGN CRITERIA

Use the following equation to calculate ditch check spacing in channels:

$$L = H / S$$

Where:

- L** = distance between ditch checks, in feet
- H** = height of the ditch check measured from the ditch check overflow invert to the channel bottom on the downslope side of the ditch check, in feet.
- S** = longitudinal slope of the channel in decimal form (e.g. 2% = 0.02)

## MANUFACTURED DITCH CHECKS

- Use products identified on the WisDOT PAL
- Shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations
- Entrench manufactured products at least 2 inches or install over erosion matting

## STONE DITCH CHECKS

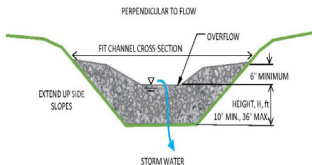
Shall have a minimum top width of 2-ft with a maximum slope of 2:1 on the upslope and downslope sides. Stone shall meet any of the following criteria:

1. Well-graded angular stone with a  $D_{50}$  of 3 inches or greater with no more than 5% passing the #4 sieve.
2. 1-foot layer of 1-inch (#2) washed stone over 3 to 6-inch clear stone.
3. Angular stone meeting the gradation for WisDOT Specification 312 select crush or local equivalent.

Stone ditch checks may be constructed using bags or socks filled with stone.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Look for indicators that water is eroding around the ends, undercutting, or erosion is occurring downslope. Remove sediment from behind ditch check when reaching 1/2 the height. Remove when channel permanent vegetation is established, unless part of a permanent plan.



## Sediment Trap (WDNR T.S. 1063)



### DEFINITION

A temporary sediment control device formed by excavation and/or embankment to intercept sediment-laden runoff and to retain the sediment.

### PURPOSE

To detain sediment-laden runoff from disturbed areas for sufficient time to allow the majority of the sediment to settle out.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

- Areas of concentrated flow or points of discharge during construction activities. Construct sediment traps at locations accessible for clean out.
- Sediment traps are designed to be in place until the contributory drainage area has been stabilized.
- The contributory drainage area shall be a maximum of five acres. For concentrated flow areas smaller than one acre, ditch checks may be installed; refer to WDNR T.S. Ditch Check (1062).
- For larger drainage areas and/or for sediment basins requiring an engineered outlet structure refer to WDNR T.S. Sediment Basin (1064) or Wet Detention Basin (1001).



## SEDIMENT TRAP CRITERIA

### Timing

- Constructed prior to disturbance of up-slope areas and placed so they function during all phases of construction and in locations where runoff from disturbed areas can be diverted into the traps.
- Remove and stabilize the sediment trap after the disturbed area draining to sediment trap is stabilized.

### Sizing Criteria

- Properly sized sediment traps are relatively effective at trapping medium and coarse-grained particles.
- To effectively trap fine-grained particles, the sediment trap must employ a large surface area or polymers.
- See WDNR T.S. Sediment Trap (1063) for specific design criteria. Based on:
  - » Surface area;
  - » Depth;
  - » Shape;
  - » Side slopes.

### Embankments

- Not to exceed five feet in height measured from the downstream toe of the embankment to the top of the embankment. Construct with a minimum top width of four feet, and side slopes of 2:1 or flatter.
- Earthen embankments shall be compacted.
- Where sediment traps are employed as a perimeter control, the embankments shall have stabilization practices in place prior to receiving runoff.

### Outlet

- Need both a principal outlet and emergency spillway and shall meet WDNR T.S. Sediment Trap (1063) design criteria.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Remove and properly dispose of sediment deposits when it accumulates to a depth of one foot. Clean outlet when clogged.

## Sediment Basin (WDNR T.S. 1064)



### DEFINITION

A temporary or permanent device constructed with an engineered outlet, formed by excavation or embankment to intercept sediment-laden runoff and retain sediment.

### PURPOSE

Detain sediment-laden runoff from disturbed areas for sufficient time to allow the majority of the sediment to settle out.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

- Utilize in areas of concentrated flow or points of discharge during construction activities. Construct at locations accessible for clean out.
- Site conditions must allow for runoff to be directed into the basin.
- Sediment basins are designed to be in place until the contributory drainage area has been stabilized. Temporary sediment basins serve drainage areas <100 acres (other practices are often more economical).
- For drainage areas <5 acres, sediment traps or ditch checks may be applicable; for design criteria refer to WDNR T.S. Sediment Trap (1063) or Ditch Check (1062). Design to WDNR T.S. Wet Detention Basin (1001) when a permanent stormwater basin is required.
- Minimum standards for design, installation and performance requirements are deemed 80% effective by design in trapping sediment.

## SEDIMENT BASIN CRITERIA

### Timing

- Construct prior to disturbance and place to function during all phases of construction, and in locations where runoff can be diverted into the basin.

### Sizing Criteria

- Specific trapping efficiency varies based on the surface area and the particle size distribution of the sediment entering the device.
- Permanent sediment basins must be designed by an engineer.
- See WDNR T.S. Sediment Basin (1064) for specific design criteria. Based on:
  - » Treatment surface area and depth below treatment surface area;
  - » Active storage volume and shape.

### Embankments

- Design earthen embankments to address potential risk and structural integrity issues such as seepage and saturation, and meet WDNR T.S. Sediment Basin (1064) design criteria.

### Outlet

- Need both a principal outlet and an overflow spillway meeting WDNR T.S. Sediment Basin (1064) design criteria.

### Inlet Protection

- Designed to prevent scour and reduce velocities during peak flows.
- Possible design options include flow diffusion, plunge pools, directional berms, baffles, or other energy dissipation structures.

### Location

- Located to provide access for cleanout and disposal of trapped sediment.

### Removal

- After the contributing drainage area has been stabilized, if temporary.
- Complete final grading and restoration according to the site plans. If standing water needs to be removed see WDNR T.S. Dewatering (1061).

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Remove and properly dispose of sediment to maintain three foot depth of the treatment surface area. Clean outlet when clogged.

## Construction Site Diversion (WDNR T.S. 1066)



### DEFINITION

A temporary berm or channel constructed across a slope to collect and divert runoff.

### PURPOSE

To intercept, divert, and safely convey runoff at construction sites in order to divert clean water away from disturbed areas, or redirect sediment laden waters to an appropriate sediment control facility.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

- Where temporary surface water runoff control or management is needed.
- Locations and conditions include:
  - » Above disturbed areas, to limit runoff onto the site;
  - » Across slopes to reduce slope length;
  - » Below slopes to divert excess runoff to stabilized outlets;
  - » To divert sediment-laden water to sediment control facilities;
  - » At or near the perimeter of the construction area to keep sediment from leaving the site.
- Does not pertain to permanent diversions. Refer to appropriate design criteria and local regulations when designing permanent diversions.

## CONSTRUCTION SITE DIVERSION INSTALLATION

- Shall have stable side slopes and shall not be overtopped during a 2-year frequency, 24-hour duration storm.
- The minimum berm cross section shall be as follows:
  - » Side slopes of 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) or flatter;
  - » Top width of two feet;
  - » Berm height of 1.5 feet.
- Sediment-laden runoff from disturbed areas shall be diverted into a sediment control practice. For typical sediment control practices see WDNR T.S. Sediment Trap (1063) or Sediment Basin (1065) for design criteria.
- When diverting clean water, the diversion channel and its outfall shall be immediately stabilized for the 2-year frequency, 24-hour duration storm.
- Build and stabilize clean water diversions before initiating down slope land-disturbing activities.
- Diversions shall be protected from damage by construction activities.
- At all points where diversion berms or channels will be crossed by construction equipment, the diversion shall be stabilized or shaped appropriately.
- Temporary culverts of adequate capacity may be used.
- For diversions that are to serve longer than 30 days, the side slopes including the ridge, and down slope side of the diversion shall be stabilized as soon as they are constructed.
- For diversions serving less than 30 days, the down slope side of the diversion shall be stabilized as soon as constructed.
- The diversion channel should be stabilized (i.e. erosion mat) or an additive sediment control practice, such as ditch checks, shall be installed.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Remove sediment from behind diversion berm when reaching 1/2 the height.

## Grading Practices for Erosion Ctrl. (WDNR T.S. 1067)



### DEFINITION

Temporary grading practices used to minimize construction site erosion. These practices include, but are not limited to surface roughening (directional tracking and tillage) and temporary ditch sumps.

### PURPOSE

To minimize erosion and sediment transport during grading operations on construction sites.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

Where land disturbing activities occur on construction sites, to be used in conjunction with other erosion control practices.

## TEMPORARY GRADING PRACTICES INSTALLATION

- These interim practices may be employed in addition to the approved grading plan to reduce erosion and sediment transport.

### Surface Roughening

- Abrading the soil surface with horizontal ridges and depressions across the slope to reduce runoff velocities.
  - » Directional tracking: the process of creating ridges with tracked vehicles by driving up and down unvegetated slopes, used for short durations on sites actively being graded. Use in conjunction with other practices, and place at the end of each workday;
  - » Tillage: utilizing conventional tillage equipment to create a series of ridges and furrows on the contour no more than 15 inches apart.

### Temporary Ditch Sump

- » Temporary ditch sumps are ½ to 5 cubic yard excavations made in a drainageway during earthmoving operations. Their purpose is to slow and pond runoff during the time that drainageways are being graded;
- » Place sumps prior to anticipated rain events;
- » Construction involves excavating sumps in the rough ditch grade, and using the excavated material to form a dike on the downstream side of the sump;
- » Temporary ditch sumps are not effective perimeter controls. Utilize other sediment control practices prior to channels discharging into public waterways.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Inspect and repair/reinstall after every runoff event.

## Dust Control (WDNR T.S. 1068)



### DEFINITION

Dust control includes practices used to reduce or prevent the surface and air transport of dust during construction. Includes minimization of soil disturbance, applying mulch and establishing vegetation, water spraying, surface roughening, applying polymers, spray-on tackifiers, chlorides, and barriers.

### PURPOSE

- Reduce wind erosion and dust.
- Minimize deposition of dust and wind transported soils into water bodies through runoff or wind action.
- Reduce respiratory problems.
- Minimize low visibility conditions caused by airborne dust.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

At any construction site, but is particularly important for sites with dry exposed soils which may be exposed to wind or vehicular traffic.

### DUST CONTROL INSTALLATION

- Implementation limits the area exposed for dust generation.
- Asphalt and petroleum based products cannot be used.



### **Mulch and Vegetation**

- Mulch or seed and mulch may be applied to protect exposed soil from both wind and water erosion. Refer to WDNR T.S. Mulching (1058) and Seeding (1059) for criteria.

### **Water**

- Water until the surface is wet and repeat as needed, applied at rates so that runoff does not occur. Treated soil surfaces that receive vehicle traffic require a stone tracking pad or tire washing at all point of egress. Refer to WDNR T.S. Trackout Control Practices (1057) for criteria.

### **Tillage**

- Performed with chisel type plows on exposed soils, beginning on the windward side of the site. Only applicable to flat areas.

### **Additives**

- Can be effective for areas that do not receive vehicle traffic. Dry applied additives must be initially watered for activation to be effective for dust control. Refer to WDNR T.S. Land Applied Additives for Erosion Control (1050) for criteria.

### **Tackifiers and Soil Stabilizers Type A**

- Products must be selected from and installed at rates conforming to the WisDOT PAL. Example products include Latex-based and Guar Gum.

### **Chlorides**

- Apply according to the Wis DOT Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction.

### **Barriers**

- Place barriers at right angles to prevailing wind currents at intervals of about 15 times the barrier height. Solid board fences, snow fences, burlap fences, crate walls, bales of hay and similar material can be used to control air currents and blown soil.

## **INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

Inspect daily at a minimum.

## Turbidity Barriers (WDNR T.S. 1069)



### DEFINITION

A temporary fabric barrier with low permeability, installed parallel to the flow in or near the bed of a waterway or waterbody to minimize sediment transport.

### PURPOSE

To provide sediment containment while construction activities are occurring in or directly adjacent to a waterway or waterbody.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

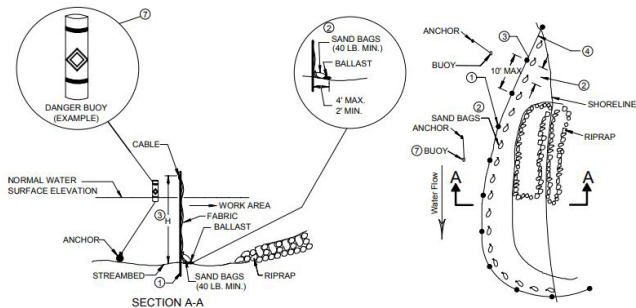
Where construction activities intrude or are directly adjacent to a waterway or waterbody. This includes but is not limited to bridge construction, rip rap placement, utility work, streambank restoration, boat launches and dredging. Use in conditions with fine soils and flow velocities not exceeding 5 feet per second, unless additional reinforcement is installed.

### MATERIAL NOTES

- Reusable components of the turbidity barrier shall be clean and free of potential exotic species. Fabric cannot be reused.
- See WDNR T.S. Turbidity Barrier (1069) for detailed material specifications, per Wis DOT Spec 628.2.10.

## TURBIDITY BARRIERS INSTALLATION

- Refer to WDNR T.S. Turbidity Barriers (1069) for specific criteria.
- Install before construction activities are initiated in, or adjacent to the waterway or waterbody, as close to the construction as practical.
- The ends of the barrier shall be securely anchored and keyed into the shoreline to fully enclose the area where sediment may enter the water.
- Follow guidelines outlined in WDNR T.S. Turbidity Barriers (1069) regarding posts and spacing, flotation devices, height, anchorage, and danger buoys.
- Turbidity barriers shall be installed parallel to the direction of flow and shall not be installed across channels.
- Keep in place and maintain until the construction activity is completed and the disturbed area stabilized.
- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Inspect daily and repair if necessary. Do not remove until the water behind the barrier has equal or greater clarity than the waterbody (minimum of 24 hours). When removing the silt curtain, minimize the release or re-suspension of accumulated sediment.

## Silt Curtain (WDNR T.S. 1070)



### DEFINITION

A temporary permeable fabric installed in a waterway or waterbody to minimize sediment transport. A silt curtain does not extend to the bottom of the channel and is placed parallel or perpendicular to the direction of flow. Use in calm, slow-moving water conditions.

### PURPOSE

To provide sediment containment while construction activities are occurring in or directly adjacent to a waterway or waterbody.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

- Calm water conditions, not subjected to wind, wave, or current.
- To settle out coarse and granular soils where water depth at the time of construction is greater than or equal to 4 feet.
- For applications in finer sediment or moving water see WDNR T.S. Turbidity Barrier (1069).

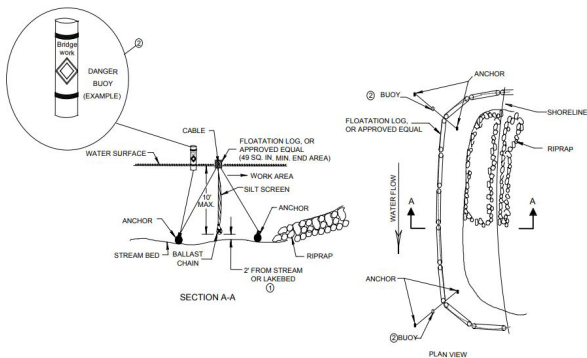
### MATERIAL NOTES

- Reusable components of the silt curtain system shall be clean and free of potential exotic species. Fabric cannot be reused.
- See WDNR T.S. Silt Curtain (1070) for detailed material specifications.

## SILT CURTAIN INSTALLATION

### Installation

- Refer to WDNR T.S. Silt Curtain (1070) for specific criteria.
- Install in or adjacent to the waterway or waterbody before construction activities begin. Install as close to the construction as practical.
- Maintain a 2-foot gap between the weighted lower end of the curtain and the bottom of the waterway or waterbody.
- Follow guidelines outlined in WDNR T.S. Silt Curtain (1070) regarding anchorage and danger buoys.
- Must remain in place and be maintained until the construction activity is completed and the disturbed area is stabilized.
- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



### INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Inspect daily and repair if necessary. Do not remove until the water behind the curtain has equal or greater clarity than waterbody (minimum 24 hours). When removing the silt curtain, minimize the release or re-suspension of accumulated sediment.

## Manufactured Slope & Perimeter (WDNR TS. 1071)



### DEFINITION

Manufactured perimeter control and slope interruption products are designed to detain or slow the flow of sediment-laden sheet flow runoff from small areas of disturbed soil.

### PURPOSE

To reduce uninterrupted slope length to slow the velocity of runoff so as to retain transported sediment from disturbed areas.

### CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

**This standard applies to the following:**

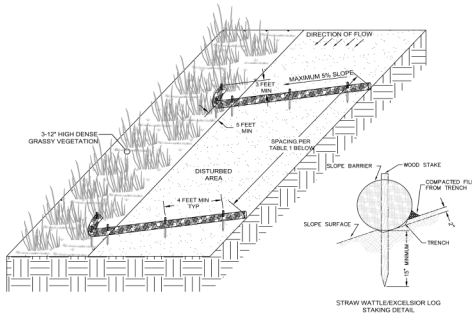
- Where only sheet and rill erosion occurs unless the product is approved for use in concentrated flow areas as a ditch check on Wis DOT PAL and is designed/installed in accordance with WDNR T.S. Ditch Checks (1062).
- Products not approved for concentrated flow that are installed on slopes that terminate in a channel shall be installed no lower than 6 inches above the design flow depth of the channel, limited to 12 months.
- Proper installation (Criteria Section V) and maintenance (Criteria Section VIII) in WDNR T.S. Temporary Slope Break (1071) must be present.

**Under no circumstance should products be used in the following:**

- Below ordinary high watermark or placed perpendicular to flow in streams.
- Where the maximum gradient upslope of product is greater than 50% (2:1).

## TEMPORARY SLOPE BREAKS INSTALLATION

- Proprietary products shall be installed per manufacturer's requirements.
- Installed to intercept sheet water flow and direct to an undisturbed area stabilized with grassy vegetation. Entrench 2 inches with the ends facing upslope. Configure lower end to provide sediment containment.
- The sediment barrier shall be secured with wooden stakes spaced every 4 linear feet across the length of the barrier. The stakes shall be driven through the center of the barrier into the ground a minimum of 15 inches
- This detail is an example of typical installation guidance.



Slope	Slope Break Spacing
< 2 %	100 feet
2 - 5 %	75 feet
5 - 10 %	50 feet
10 - 33 %	25 feet
33 - 50 %	20 feet
>50 %	Not Permitted

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Remove sediment from behind ditch check when reaching 1/2 the height.

# Channel Erosion Control Matrix

CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Ditch Grade					
	4% - 6%		6% - 9%		9% - 12%	
	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]
Seed with properly anchored mulch	300	600	1200	300	600	1200
Sod ditch checks with seed and mulch						
Temporary ditch checks (hay bales or approved alternatives in WisDOT PAL)						
Sod ditch liner						
Double netted light duty (WisDOT Class I Type B) erosion mat						
Sod reinforced with a double netted jute (WisDOT Class II Type A) erosion mat						
Stone or rock ditch checks, or rock-filled filter bag						
Medium duty coconut erosion mat (WisDOT Class II Type B or C)						

Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMP's:



\* For ditch grades over 9% special design considerations may be required.

\*Use matrix in conjunction with notes on Page 57.



CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Permissible Shear [lbs/ square foot]	Ditch Grade					
		<2%			2% - 4%		
		Max Length [feet]	300	600	1200	300	600
Seed with properly anchored mulch	0.6						
Sod ditch checks with seed and mulch	N/A						effective for clayey soil only
Temporary ditch checks (hay bales or approved alternatives in WisDOT PAL)	N/A						
Sod ditch liner	1.0						
Double netted light duty (WisDOT Class I Type B) erosion mat	1.5						
Sod reinforced with a double netted jute (WisDOT Class II Type A) erosion mat	1.5						
Stone or rock ditch checks, or rock-filled filter bag	N/A						
Medium duty coconut erosion mat (WisDOT Class II Type B or C)	2.0						

Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMP's:



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# Channel Erosion Control Matrix

CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Ditch Grade					
	4% - 6%		6% - 9%		9% - 12%	
	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]
Heavy duty synthetic (WisDOT Class III Type A) erosion mat or turf reinforcement mat (WisDOT Class III Type B)	300					
	600					
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type C) mat	300					
	600					
Riprap ditch checks	300					
	600					
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (Class III Type D) mat	300					
	600					
Light riprap	300					
	600					
Medium riprap	300					
	600					
Heavy riprap	300					
	600					
Grouted riprap	300					
	600					

Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMP's:



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CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Permissible Shear (lbs/ square foot)	Ditch Grade					
		<2%		2% - 4%			
		Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]
Heavy duty synthetic (WisDOT Class III Type A) erosion mat or turf reinforcement mat (WisDOT Class III Type B)	2.0	300	1200	300	600	1200	
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type C) mat	3.5						
Riprap ditch checks	N/A						
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (Class III Type D) mat	5						
Light riprap	4						
Medium riprap	5						
Heavy riprap	8						
Grouted riprap	N/A						

Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:  
 Device applicable, may not be cost effective:  
 Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMP's:



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 \*Use matrix in conjunction with notes on Page 57.

## Channel Erosion Control Matrix

CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Permissible Shear [lbs/ square foot]	Ditch Grade					
		< 6%		6% - 9%		9% - 12%	
		Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]	Max Length [feet]
		300	600	1200	300	600	1200
Articulated Concrete Block Type A	5						
Articulated Concrete Block Type B	10						
Articulated Concrete Block Type C	15						
Articulated Concrete Block Type D	20						
Articulated Concrete Block Type E	30						

Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:  
 Device applicable, may not be cost effective:  
 Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMP's:



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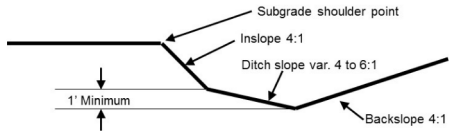
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## NOTES FOR THE CHANNEL EROSION CONTROL MATRIX






- 1) Ditch flow rates used to develop bar chart are based on a 60 foot right of way (ROW) from pavement centerline and a 2-year rainfall event for temporary liners or a 25-year rainfall event for permanent (Class III mat or riprap) liners. If the drainage area extends outside the 60 foot ROW or unusual flows are expected, use the shear stress column values to determine the suitability of a liner. See FDM procedures in Chapter 10 and in Section 13-30-10.
- 2) Erosion mats shall extend upslope 1 foot minimum vertically from the ditch bottom or 6" higher than the design flow depth. There shall be no joints within 18" of the low point.
- 3) Cost shall be a consideration in the selection of these devices.
- 4) Add sediment traps at the bottom of channel slopes.
- 5) Refer to FDM Chapter 10 for any channels exceeding the limits shown.
- 6) Approved materials for erosion products are referenced from the Wis DOT PAL: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cns/lt-rsrcs/tools/pal/default.aspx>
- 7) On long or steep channels that require a higher class mat, use the appropriate lower class mat for the first 300-600 feet of the channel.
- 8) Effective erosion control involves minimizing the amount of time soil is exposed and the selection of a combination of practices, and not reliance on just one practice.

## STANDARD DITCH SECTION

Erosion control for ditches not conforming to the typical at right, that complies with FDM procedures 11-15-1 Figures 6 & 7 should be designed according to FDM Chapter 13.



## Slope Erosion Control Matrix

SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Slope					
	2.5:1		2:1		1:1	
	Slope Length [feet]		Slope Length [feet]		Slope Length [feet]	
	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Seed with properly anchored mulch						
Single netted light duty (WisDOT Class I Type A) erosion mat						
Light duty single netted 100% biodegradable (WisDOT Urban Type A) erosion mat						
Light duty double netted 100% biodegradable (WisDOT Urban Type B) erosion mat						
Bonded Mulch (WisDOT Type A Soil Stabilizer)						
Polymer (WisDOT Type B Soil Stabilizer)						
Double netted light duty (WisDOT Class I Type B) erosion mat						
Sod						

Used in conjunction with other BMPs effective up to a 2:1 slope. Not effective in sand. When used alone effective up to a 3:1 slope. Stand alone use appropriate for earthen stock piles, temporary, and late season applications.

**Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:**

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMPs:

\* For ditch grades over 9% special design considerations may be required.

\*Use matrix in conjunction with notes on Page 62.

SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Slope					
	6:1 or flatter		4:1		3:1	
	Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]
Seed with properly anchored mulch	0-30 30-60 60-120	0-30 30-60 60-120	0-30 30-60 60-120	0-30 30-60 60-120	0-30 30-60 60-120	0-30 30-60 60-120
Single netted light duty (WisDOT Class I/Type A) erosion mat						
Light duty single netted 100% biodegradable (WisDOT Urban Type A) erosion mat						
Light duty double netted 100% biodegradable (WisDOT Urban Type B) erosion mat						
Bonded Mulch (WisDOT Type A Soil Stabilizer)						
Polymer (WisDOT Type B Soil Stabilizer)						
Double netted light duty (WisDOT Class I/Type B) erosion mat						
Sod						

Used in conjunction with other BMPs effective up to a 2:1 slope. Not effective in sand. When used alone effective up to a 3:1 slope. Stand alone use appropriate for earthen stock piles, temporary, and late season applications.

\* For ditch grades over 9% special design considerations may be required.

\*Use matrix in conjunction with notes on Page 62.

**Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:**  
**Device applicable, may not be cost effective:**  
**Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMPs:**



## Slope Erosion Control Matrix

SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Slope					
	2.5:1			2:1		
	Slope Length [feet]		Slope Length [feet]	Slope Length [feet]		Slope Length [feet]
Medium duty coconut erosion mat (WisDOT Class II Type B or C)	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Sod reinforced with a double netted jute (WisDOT Class II Type A) erosion mat	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Heavy duty synthetic erosion control revegetation mat (WisDOT Class III Type A)	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Riprap	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type B or C) mat	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type D) mat	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120
Slope paving or grouted riprap	0-30	30-60	60-120	0-30	30-60	60-120

**Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:**

Device applicable, may not be cost effective:

Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMPs:



\* For ditch grades over 9% special design considerations may be required.

\*Use matrix in conjunction with notes on Page 62.



SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Type of Device	Slope								
	6:1 or flatter			4:1			3:1		
	Slope Length [feet] 0-30	30-60	60-120	Slope Length [feet] 0-30	30-60	60-120	Slope Length [feet] 0-30	30-60	60-120
Medium duty coconut erosion mat (WisDOT Class II Type B or C)									
Sod reinforced with a double netted jute (WisDOT Class II Type A) erosion mat									
Heavy duty synthetic erosion control revegetation mat (WisDOT Class III Type A)									
Riprap									
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type B or C) mat									
Heavy duty synthetic turf reinforcement (WisDOT Class III Type D) mat									
Slope paving or grouted riprap									

**Effective range of device for Sandy or Clayey Soil:**  
**Device applicable, may not be cost effective:**  
**Not applicable. Use in conjunction with other BMPs:**



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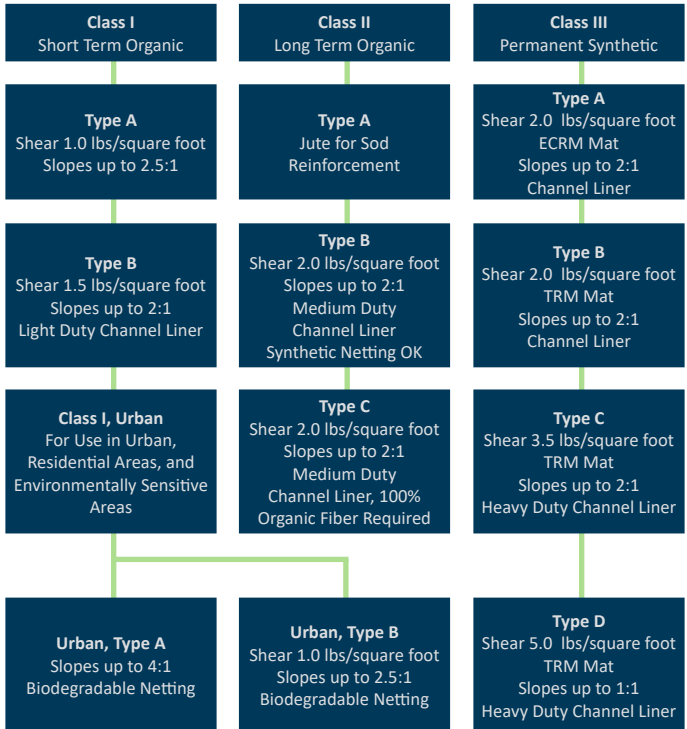
## Slope Erosion Control Matrix

SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX Erosion Control	
Benches	Consider benches when cuts exceed 20', bench at approximately 15' vertical intervals to collect and drain water. Treat benches as channels (ditches). Adjust elevations to provide drainage. Consider flumes at transitions.
Intercepting embankments	Used to intercept runoff from abutting lands. Flumes may be necessary to direct runoff.
Silt fence	Used at toe of slopes to intercept and detain small amounts of sediment. Use only Wis DOT approved silt fence as listed in the PAL.
Temporary ditch checks or erosion bales	Used at toe of slopes to intercept and detain small amounts of sediment.
Slope drains/flumes	May be necessary on slopes (see channel matrix for design guidance).
Sediment traps	Used to trap sediment laden runoff. Could be used at the inlet or outlet end of slope drain.

### NOTES FOR THE SLOPE EROSION CONTROL MATRIX

- 1) Cost shall be a consideration in the selection of these devices.
- 2) Designers should review FDM Chapter 10 prior to selection of erosion mats.
- 3) Install intercepting ditches to limit slope lengths to 15' vertical intervals (see FDM Chapter 10).
- 4) Refer to FDM Chapter 10 for any slopes exceeding the limits shown.
- 5) Approved materials for erosion products are referenced from the Wis DOT PAL: <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnsilt-rsrcces/tools/default.aspx>
- 6) On steeper slopes that require a higher class mat, use the appropriate lower class mat or seed and mulch for the first 30-60 feet of the slope.
- 7) Unless project conditions require otherwise, seed and mulch all slopes that are flatter than a 5% grade, regardless of length. If practicable, bench the slopes.
- 8) Effective erosion control involves minimizing the duration of soil exposure and the selection of a combination of practices, and not reliance on just one practice.

# WisDOT Erosion Mat Categories



## General Inspection and Maintenance Guidance

- The environmental monitor will inspect erosion and sediment control practices a minimum of:
  - » Once a week;
  - » Within 24 hours following a rainfall of 0.5 inches or more.
- Take corrective action as soon as possible with consideration of site conditions, at the most within 24 hours of the inspection.
- Maintain written documentation of the inspection at the construction site describing:
  - » Date, time, and location of construction site inspection;
  - » Name of individual performing inspection;
  - » Assessment of the condition of erosion and sediment controls;
  - » Description of any corrective erosion and sediment control implementation or maintenance performed;
  - » Description of the current location and phase of land disturbing activity.
- For a sample construction site inspection report form:  
**<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/3400/3400-187.pdf>**

**Notice:** This form was developed in accordance with s. NR 216.48 Wis. Adm. Code for VPDDES permittees' convenience; however, use of this specific form is voluntary. Multiple copies of this form are required for each construction site and implemented erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) must be performed weekly and within 24 hours after a rainfall event 0.5 inches or greater.

**Construction Site Name and Location (Project, Municipality, and County):**

**Site/Facility ID No. (FNI):**

**Onsite Contact/Contractor:**

**Onsite Phone/Cell:**

**Note: Inspection reports, along with erosion control and storm water management plans, are required to be maintained on site in accordance with s. NR 216.48 (4) and made available upon request. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

**Date of inspection:** Time of inspection: Start: \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm End: \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ pm  
**Type of inspection:**  Weekly  Precipitation Event  Other (specify)

**Weather/Soil conditions:**  Dry  Frozen or snow covered **Describe current phase of construction:**

**Temp.** \_\_\_\_\_ °F **Antecedent**  Variable  Frozen (Thaw predicted in next week)

**Soil Moisture**  Wet  Melting Snow/slush

**Last Rainfall Depth:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Scheduled Final Stabilization Date for Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) 1):

**Last Rainfall Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project on Schedule?**  Yes  No

**Name(s) of individual(s) performing inspection:**

**Inspector Phone/Cell:**

I certify that the information contained on this form is an accurate assessment of site conditions at the time of inspection.

**Inspector Signature**

**Date:**

<b>Inspection Questions:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No (Identify Actions Required):</b>	<b>Location/Comments:</b>	<b>Actions Completed by Date &amp; Initials</b>
1. Is the erosion control plan accessible to operators?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide onsite copy		
2. Is the permit certificate posted where visible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Post certificate		
3. Is the current phase of construction on sequence with the permit? (e.g., are ponds and ditches installed, including installation/stabilization of ponds and ditches?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Add sediment control <input type="checkbox"/> Install missing ditch/perforated <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize bare soil		
4. Are all erosion and sediment control BMPs shown on plan properly installed and in functional condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Modify <input type="checkbox"/> Install/Replace		
5. Is inlet protection properly installed and functioning in all inlets likely to receive runoff from the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean <input type="checkbox"/> Replace <input type="checkbox"/> Install		
6. Is the air free of fugitive dust resulting from construction activity and bare soil exposure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply water <input type="checkbox"/> Apply dust control product		

<sup>1</sup> The Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) model and the Construction Site Soil Loss and Sediment Discharge Guidance are available at [http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/damwater/land/ndr/consort\\_landdrstds.html](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/damwater/land/ndr/consort_landdrstds.html)  
<sup>2</sup> If the project is not on schedule then the soil loss summary for the project should be reviewed and schedule, plan or practices modified accordingly.

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