

Alaska Recreation Survey 2013



Alaska Outdoor Recreation (page 2)

Thank you for helping us learn more about outdoor recreation activities in Alaska. The next four pages contain questions about your snow machining, fishing, recreational boating, and hunting outings. Below is a tutorial of how to complete the questions. The text in red illustrates the type of information that you would provide as answers to your questions. **Please review this tutorial prior to completing your own questions.**

TUTORIAL FOR YOUR REVIEW AND REFERENCE

RECREATIONAL SNOW MACHINING ANYWHERE IN ALASKA

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RECREATIONAL FISHING ANYWHERE IN ALASKA (page 4)

If you have any questions on how to complete this summary, please refer to the example on Page 2.

4. Do you **ever** fish recreationally in Alaska? Yes \Rightarrow What type of species do you target (**circle all the apply**)? Halibut Rockfish Trout
(Circle the correct choice) Coho Sockeye Chinook Chum Pink Salmon Grayling Dolly Varden/Arctic char Other
No \Rightarrow GO TO NEXT PAGE

5. In the table below, please list all of the locations where you fished recreationally for all or part of a day between May and October 2012. If you **did not** fish on any day between May and October 2012, please go to Question 6 at the bottom of the page.

Where did you fish?		Between May and October 2012	
Describe the waterbody where you fished Please be as specific as possible.	Write the name where you accessed this location Boat launch, nearest town or point of interest	Number of fishing days How many days did you fish at this location?	Fishing Location
Example: Kenai River	Cooper Landing Boat Launch	10	0
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If you fished at more than 7 locations and would like to complete additional trip summaries, you can complete them online at www.2013alaskarecreationsurvey.com or check the box to the right and we will mail you additional summaries once we receive this completed questionnaire.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please send me additional summaries

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6. What is the total number of days you fished recreationally between May and October 2012? _____ days

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RECREATIONAL BOATING ANYWHERE IN ALASKA (page 5)

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7. Other than fishing, do you ever go recreational boating in Alaska? Yes \Rightarrow What type of recreational boating do you do (**circle all that apply**)?
 (Circle the correct choice) Canoeing Kayaking Motor/Air boating Drift boating Rafting Sailing Other
 No \Rightarrow GO TO NEXT PAGE

8. In the table below, please list all of the locations where you went recreational boating for all or part of a day between May and October 2012. If you did not go recreational boating on any day between May and October 2012, please go to Question 9 at the bottom of the page.

Where did you go recreational boating?		Between May and October 2012	
Describe the waterbody where you went recreational boating Please be as specific as possible.	Write the name where you accessed this location Boat launch, nearest town or point of interest	Number of recreational boating days How many days did you go recreational boating at this location?	Recreational Boating Location
Example: Valdez Harbor	Valdez	9	0
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9. What is the total number of days you went recreational boating between May and October 2012? _____ days

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RECREATIONAL HUNTING ANYWHERE IN ALASKA (page 6)

If you have any questions on how to complete this summary, please refer to the example on Page 2.

10. Do you ever hunt recreationally in Alaska? (Circle the correct choice) Yes \Rightarrow What type of game do you hunt (circle all that apply)?
 Big game Small game Upland Birds Waterfowl Other
 No \Rightarrow GO TO NEXT PAGE

11. In the table below, please list all of the locations where you hunted recreationally for all or part of a day between June and November 2012. If you did not go hunting on any day between June and November 2012, please go to Question 12 at the bottom of the page.

Where did you hunt?		Between June and November 2012	
Describe the location where you hunted Please be as specific as possible.	Write the name where you accessed this location Highway milepost, nearest town or point of interest	Number of hunting days How many days did you hunt at this location?	Hunting Location
Example:: Denali Highway	Cantwell	7	0
			1
			2
			3
			4
			5
			6
			7
			8
If you hunted at more than 8 locations and would like to complete additional trip summaries, you can complete them online at www.2013alaskarecreationsurvey.com or check the box to the right and we will mail you additional summaries once we receive this completed questionnaire.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please send me additional summaries

2012

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

12. What is the total number of days you hunted recreationally between June and November 2012? _____ days

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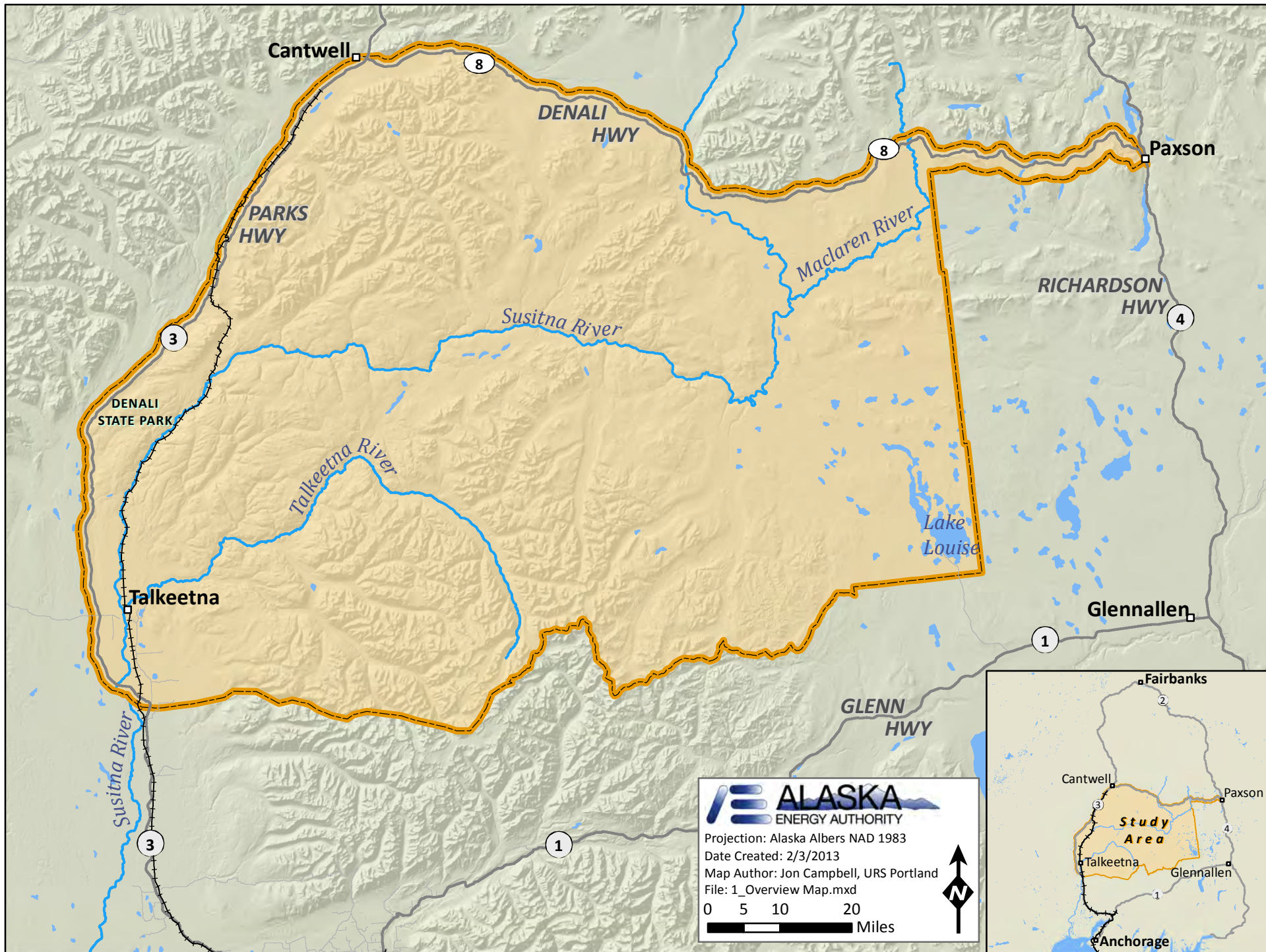
RECREATION IN THE STUDY AREA (page 7)

13. Do you live within the Study Area highlighted on the map on page 8? ☐ Yes (continue below with 13b and 13c) ☐ No

13a. Did you visit the Study Area for any outdoor recreational activities between May 2012 and April 2013?

☐ Yes (continue below with 13b and 13c) ☐ No (skip to Q17 on the last page)

Recreation Activities	RECREATION Between May 2012 and April 2013	
	13b. Check box for each activity that you participated in within the Study Area.	13c. About how many days did you participate in this activity within the Study Area?
A. Rafting/canoeing/kayaking/ pack raft (non-motorized)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
B. Motorized boating (jet, prop, air)	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
C. Fishing for salmon	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
D. Fishing for other species	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
E. Riding ATV's	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
F. Wildlife viewing	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
G. Collecting berries/mushrooms	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
H. Sightseeing	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
I. Camping - remote tent	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
J. Camping - RV/cabin/campground	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
K. Hiking/backpacking	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
L. Alaska Railroad	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
M. Flightseeing	13 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
N. Attending special event or race	14 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
O. Bird watching	15 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
P. Bicycling	16 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
Q. Hunting	17 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
R. Snow machining	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
S. Dog sledding	19 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
T. Snow shoeing	20 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
U. Skiing	21 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
Please write in any additional recreational activities you participated in between May 2012 and April 2013		
V. Specify other activity _____	22 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
W. Specify other activity _____	23 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
X. Specify other activity _____	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days
Y. Specify other activity _____	25 <input type="checkbox"/>	# ____ days



YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING TO THE STUDY AREA (page 9)

14. What was your primary recreational activity on your most recent outing in the Study Area?

CHECK ONLY ONE ACTIVITY

- 01 ☐ Fish for salmon
- 02 ☐ Fish for other species
- 03 ☐ Motorized boating (jet, prop, air)
- 04 ☐ Rafting/canoeing/kayaking/pack raft (non-motorized)
- 05 ☐ Ride ATV's
- 06 ☐ Wildlife viewing
- 07 ☐ Collecting berries/mushrooms
- 08 ☐ Sightseeing
- 09 ☐ Camping-remote tent
- 10 ☐ Camping-RV/cabin/campground
- 11 ☐ Hiking/backpacking
- 12 ☐ Alaska Railroad
- 13 ☐ Flightseeing
- 14 ☐ Attending special event or race
- 15 ☐ Bird watching
- 16 ☐ Bicycling
- 17 ☐ Hunting
- 18 ☐ Snow machining
- 19 ☐ Dog sledding
- 20 ☐ Snow shoeing
- 21 ☐ Skiing
- 22 ☐ Other activity _____

→ 14a. (IF HUNTED) Which of these was your primary harvest objective?

Please select only one.

- 01 ☐ Caribou – Federal subsistence
- 02 ☐ Caribou – State draw permit one bull
- 03 ☐ Caribou – State registration permit any caribou
- 04 ☐ Caribou – State community harvest
- 05 ☐ Caribou – Non-resident
- 06 ☐ Moose – Federal subsistence
- 07 ☐ Moose – State draw permit any bull
- 08 ☐ Moose – State draw permit cow
- 09 ☐ Moose – State community harvest
- 10 ☐ Moose – State harvest ticket
- 11 ☐ Moose – Non-resident
- 12 ☐ Bear (brown or black)
- 13 ☐ Waterfowl
- 14 ☐ Upland game birds
- 15 ☐ Other _____

15. Had you ever been to the Study Area for this activity prior to your most recent trip?

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No (skip to Q16) 3 ☐ Live in study area

15a. What year did you first visit the study area for this activity? (If you live within the Study Area, please indicate what year you moved there.)

Year _____

15b. In general, how often do you participate in this activity in the Study Area?

- 1 ☐ More than 10 times per year 4 ☐ Once every few years
2 ☐ Two to ten times per year 5 ☐ Less than once every few years
3 ☐ Once every year

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YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING TO THE STUDY AREA (page 10)

16. Did you hire a guide for any portion of your most recent outing to the Study Area? 01 ☐ Yes 02 ☐ No (skip to Q17)

16a. Did you hire the guide for your primary activity? 01 ☐ Yes 02 ☐ No

17. Was your last outing a day visit, or did you overnight anywhere in the Study Area besides your primary home?

1 ☐ Day visit (skip to Q19)

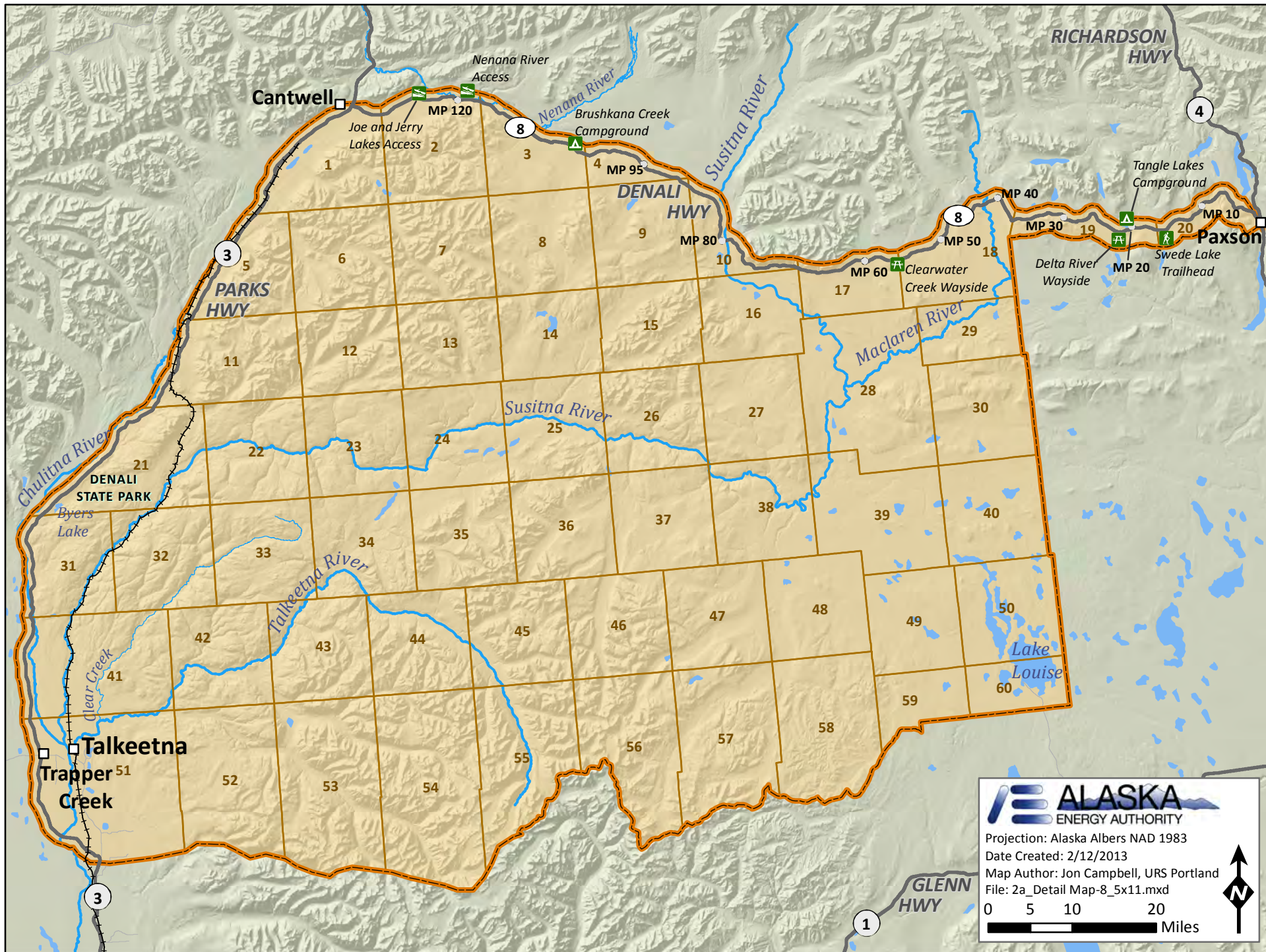
2 ☐ Overnight

17a. How many nights did you spend in the Study Area on your last outing? # _____ (if you live in the Study Area, count only nights away from home)

18. Please record how many nights you spent in each location and the type of lodging. For “other” locations, write in the location name and the grid number found on the map on page 11.

	Grid Number	Hotel/ motel/ B&B	Lodge	Private home	Established campground (RV/tent/etc.)	Undeveloped/ on-road RV, camper, car	Wilderness camping (tent)	Other
EXAMPLE: Denali Hwy Mile 45	#3					4	2	
Talkeetna	#51							
Talkeetna Lodge	#41							
Trapper Creek	#51							
McKinley Princess	#41							
Byers Lake	#21							
Cantwell	#1							
Brushkana	#3							
Tangle Lakes	#19							
Lake Louise	#60							
Other location:	_____							
Other location:	_____							
Other location:	_____							
Other location:	_____							
Other location:	_____							
Other location:	_____							

Please continue to page 12



YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING TO THE STUDY AREA (page 12)

19. On your most recent outing, did you visit anywhere in the Study Area without spending the night? Check boxes for all that apply. Please write in locations and the grid number (map on page 11) for each of the “other” locations visited.

	Day Visit (Check box)	Grid Number
Talkeetna	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#51
Trapper Creek	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#51
Byers Lake	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#21
Cantwell	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	#1
Brushkana	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3
Tangle Lakes	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	#19
Lake Louise	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	#60
Other location:	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other location:	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other location:	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other location:	13 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other location:	14 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other location:	15 <input type="checkbox"/>	

20. Including yourself, how many people were traveling in your immediate party, sharing expenses such as food, lodging, and transportation?

_____ in party

21. Including yourself, what was the total number of people traveling in your group (friends or relatives traveling with you, but not necessarily sharing expenses)?

_____ in group

22. Was there anyone in your party with a disability or special need related to outdoor recreation activities?

- 1 ☐ Yes → 22a. Specifically, what type of needs do they have?
 2 ☐ No

- 1 ☐ Wheelchair access to trails
 2 ☐ Wheelchair access to facilities
 3 ☐ Other: _____

Please continue to next page.

YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING TO THE STUDY AREA (page 13)

23. On your last outing in the Study Area, did you feel very crowded, somewhat crowded, or not crowded?

01 ☐ Very crowded

02 ☐ Somewhat crowded

03 ☐ Not crowded (skip to Q24)

23a. If somewhat or very crowded: Do you recall any places in particular where you felt crowded? 1 ☐ No (skip to Q24)

(The detail map on page 11 shows grid numbers for the Study Area. Please write in the grid number for each place you list or just the grid number if you do not know the name of the location).

Place names

Grid #

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

24. Do you recall any specific locations where you found the scenery to be particularly memorable? 1 ☐ No (skip to Q25)

(The detail map on page 11 shows grid numbers for the Study Area. Please write in the grid number for each place you list or just the grid number if you do not know the name of the location).

Place names

Grid #

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

25. What, if any, signs of infrastructure or human activity detracted from the scenic quality within the Study Area? (Check all that apply)

01 ☐ Nothing

02 ☐ Communication towers

03 ☐ Power lines

04 ☐ Railroad

05 ☐ Trash

06 ☐ Roads

07 ☐ Trails

08 ☐ Roadside camping areas

09 ☐ Vehicles (RV, ATV, motorcycles, cars, etc.)

10 ☐ People

11 ☐ Other: _____

26. What, if any, noises detracted from your enjoyment of the Study Area? (Check all that apply)

01 ☐ Nothing

02 ☐ Gunshots

03 ☐ Airplanes

04 ☐ Jet aircraft sonic boom

05 ☐ Helicopters

06 ☐ Boats

07 ☐ Four wheeler/ATV

08 ☐ Cars/trucks/RV

09 ☐ Noise from other people

10 ☐ Heavy equipment (road work, quarries, construction)

10 ☐ Chainsaw

11 ☐ Other _____

Please continue to next page.

YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING TO THE STUDY AREA (page 14)

27. On your most recent outing, did you travel more than one-half mile from a trailhead or main road into the Study Area?

1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No (skip to Q28)

27a. Did you travel on established trails, off-trail, or both?

1 ☐ Established trails 2 ☐ Off-trail 3 ☐ Both

27b. Did you camp in the Study Area more than one-half mile from a trailhead or main road?

1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

28. When considering your most recent outing, were the following factors very important, somewhat important, or not important in your decision to recreate in the Study Area?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. Wildlife viewing opportunities	1	2	3
b. The opportunity to hunt	1	2	3
c. The opportunity to fish	1	2	3
d. The opportunity to experience remote Alaska	1	2	3
e. The opportunity to experience solitude	1	2	3
f. The scenery	1	2	3

Please continue to next page.

STUDY AREA (page 15)

29. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

I recreate in the Study Area because...	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
a. This area means a lot to me.	1	2	3	4	5
b. No other place can compare to this area.	1	2	3	4	5
c. Recreating here is more important to me than doing it in any other place.	1	2	3	4	5
d. This area is close to my home.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My family has been coming to this area for generations.	1	2	3	4	5

30. Below is a list of outdoor recreation facilities, infrastructure, and sources of information in the Study Area. Please tell me whether you think there should be a lot more, a little more, a little less, a lot less, or the same number in the future.

	A lot more	A little more	The same	A little less	A lot less
a. Maintained roads	1	2	3	4	5
b. Designated parking areas	1	2	3	4	5
c. Roadside toilets	1	2	3	4	5
d. RV accessible sites at campgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
e. Trail maps	1	2	3	4	5
f. Designated trails for non-motorized use	1	2	3	4	5
g. Designated trails for off-road vehicles	1	2	3	4	5
h. Directional road signs	1	2	3	4	5
i. Visitor information	1	2	3	4	5
j. Visitor centers	1	2	3	4	5
k. Public use cabins	1	2	3	4	5
l. Boat launches	1	2	3	4	5
m. Facilities for the disabled	1	2	3	4	5

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DEMOGRAPHICS (page 16)

31. In what year were you born? 19_____

32. Your gender: 1 ☐ Male 2 ☐ Female

33. Are you married? 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

34. Including yourself, how many people live in your household for at least six months of the year? # _____

35. Do children under the age of 18 live in your household? 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

36. Which category best describes your household income before taxes for 2012?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 | 04 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 to \$75,000 | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 to \$35,000 | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,001 to \$99,999 | 08 <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001 to \$50,000 | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 | |

37. Which category best describes your race?

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> White | 04 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Some Other Race |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | |

38. What is the highest degree or level of school you have COMPLETED?

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 9 th grade | 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or professional degree |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma | 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree | |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate, GED, or alternative | 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree | |

39. Are you a professional guide for any recreation activities?

- 1 ☐ Yes ⇒ What type of activities do you guide (**circle all that apply**)? Snow machining Fishing Recreational Boating Hunting Other
- 2 ☐ No

40. Do you or your family own a cabin in Alaska?

- 1 ☐ Yes ⇒ Where is it located? _____
- 2 ☐ No Cabin location

41. As part of this recreation study we may be conducting additional research. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up survey? Your contact information will not be used or shared for any other purpose.

- 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

41a. To follow up with you, may we have your email address or phone number?

Email or phone _____

Thank you for participating in this survey!