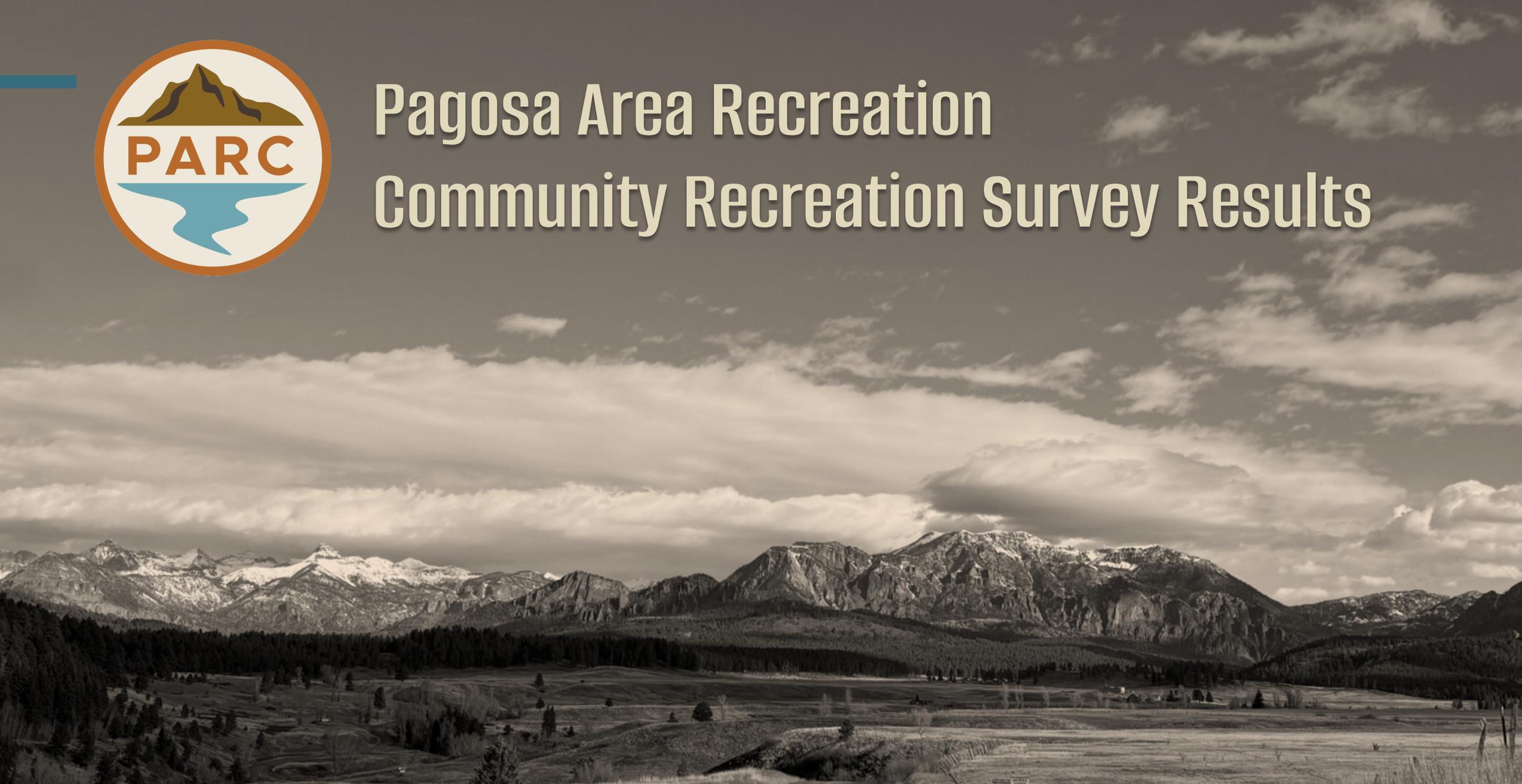




Pagosa Area Recreation Community Recreation Survey Results

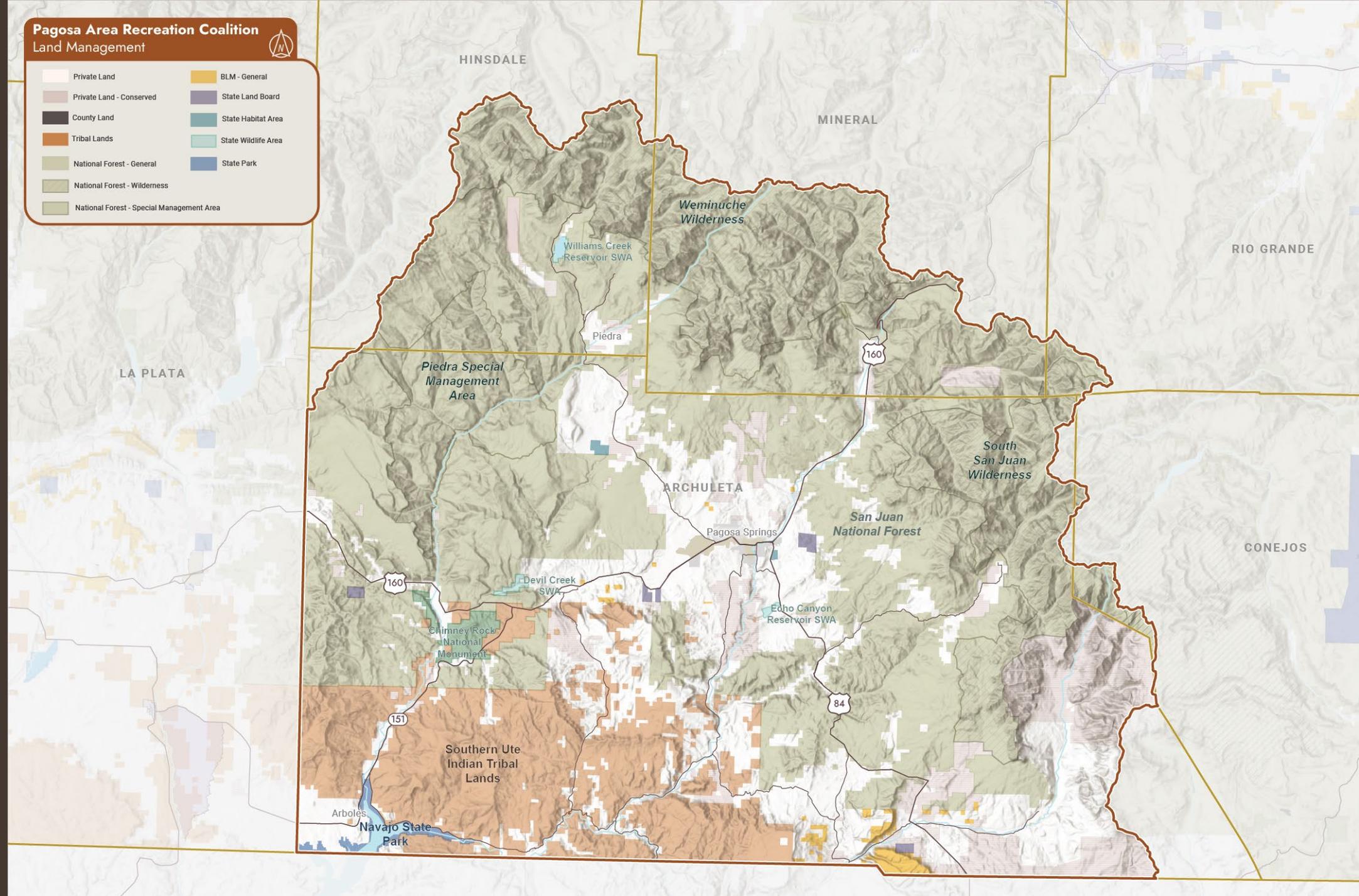


Study Area

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition
Land Management



Private Land	BLM - General
Private Land - Conserved	State Land Board
County Land	State Habitat Area
Tribal Lands	State Wildlife Area
National Forest - General	State Park
National Forest - Wilderness	
National Forest - Special Management Area	





Community Recreation Survey Results

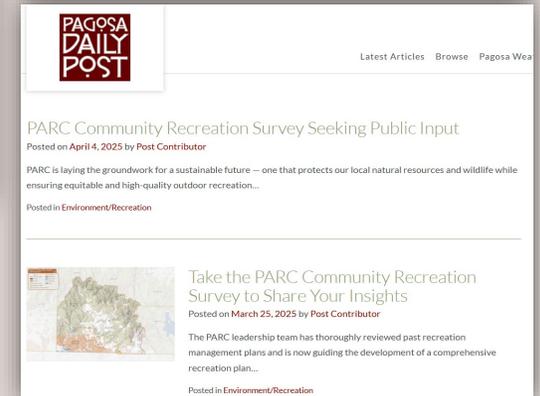
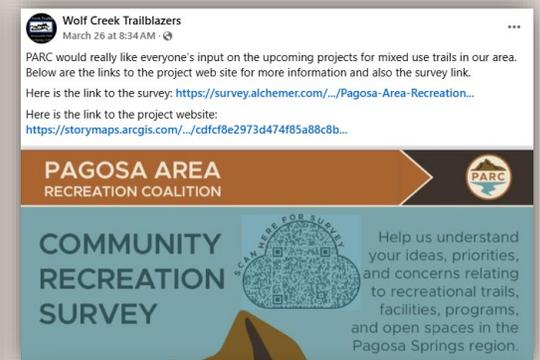
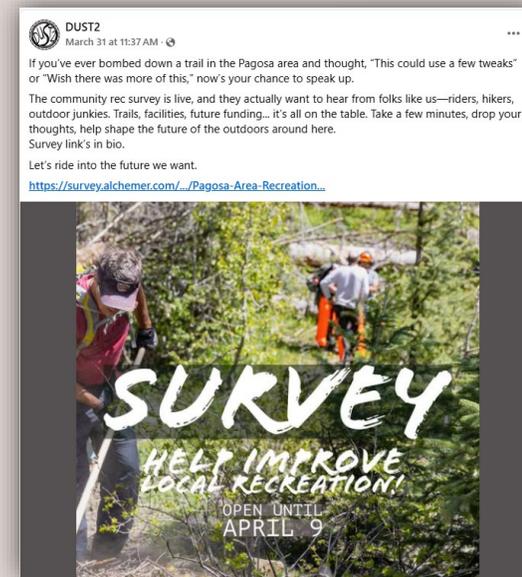
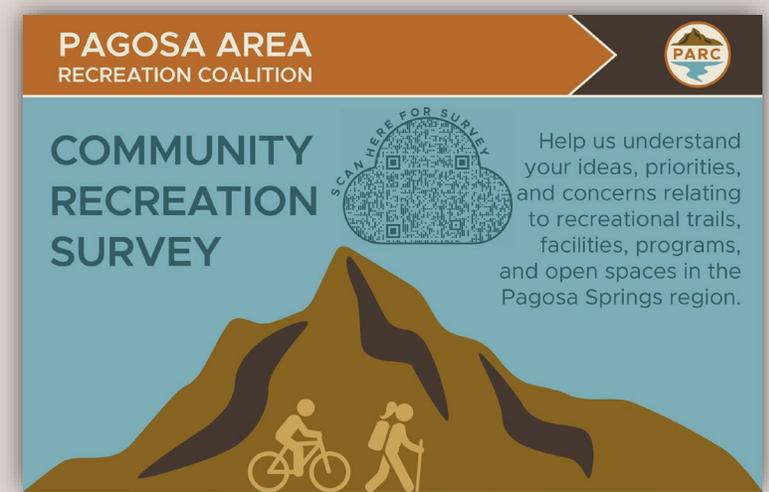
Community Recreation Survey

Survey Round 1

- Open from March 12–April 14
- 1,286 Participants

Survey Round 2

- Open from May 16–June 13
- 96 participants



Who did we hear from?

Location

- PLPOA (54%)
- Archuleta County (25%)
- Town of Pagosa Springs (16%)

Tenure

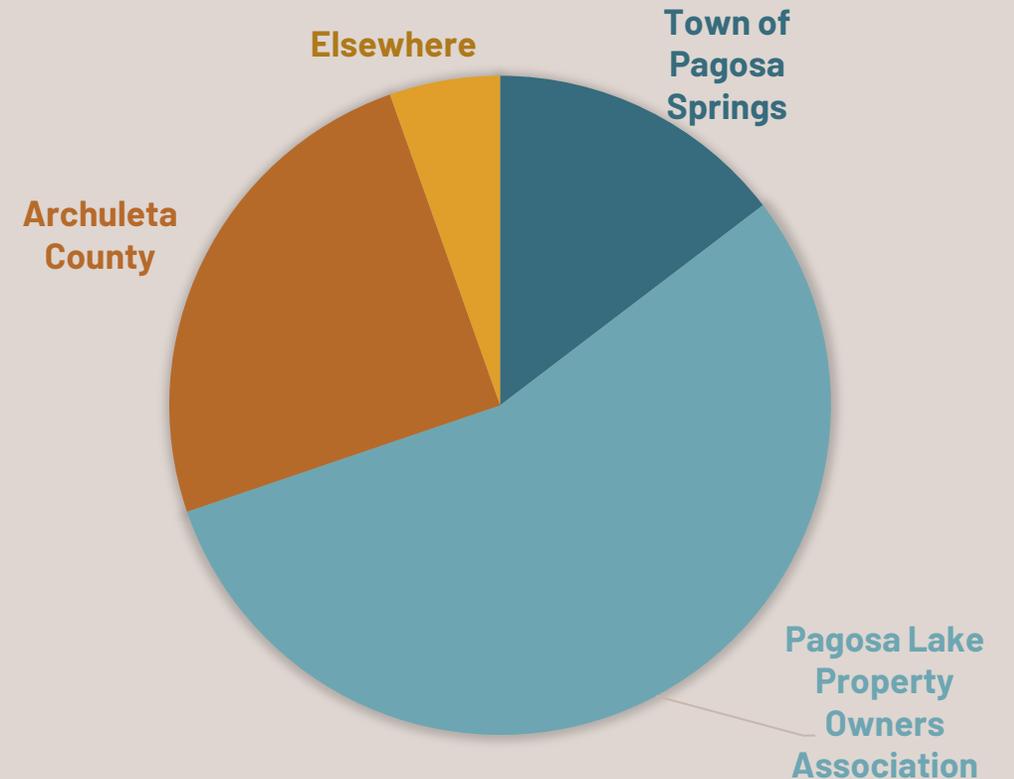
- More than 10 years (51%)
- 1-5 years (23%)
- 6-10 years (22%)
- Year-Round resident (87%)
- Seasonal/Part-Time (12%)

Age

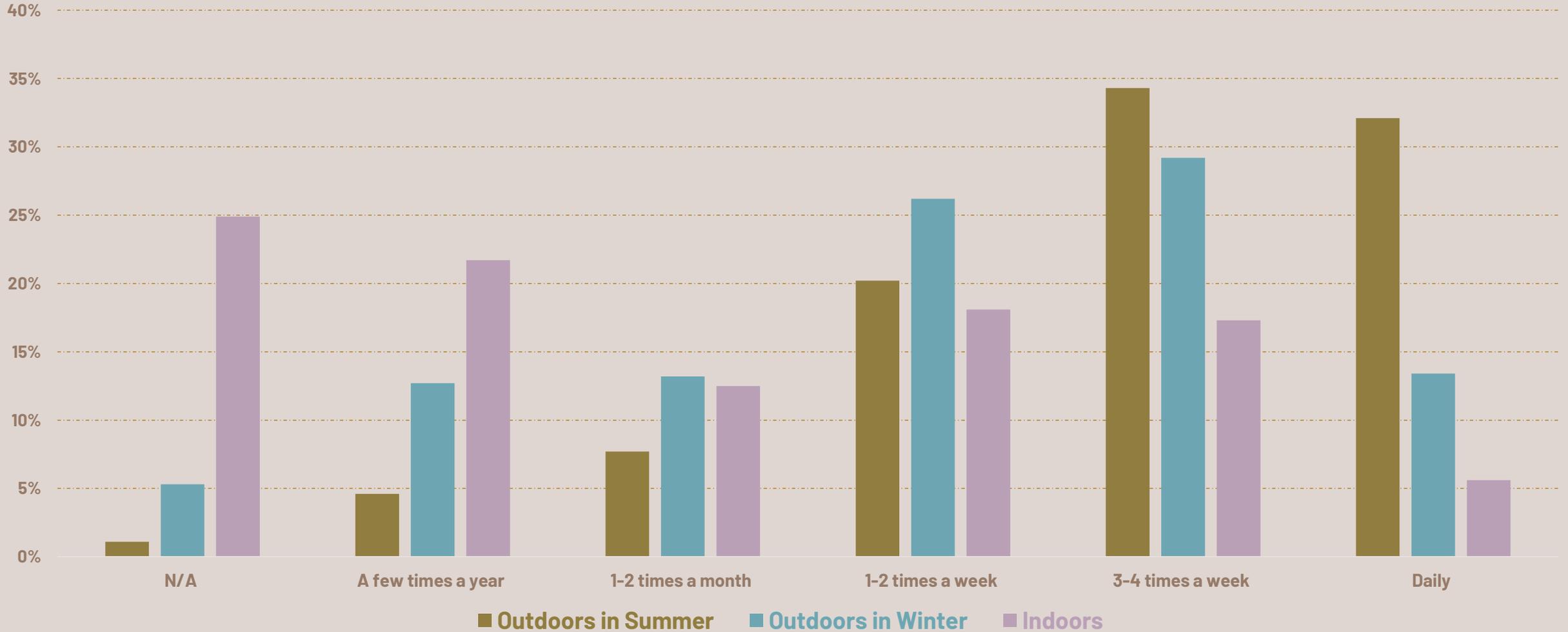
- 65+ (39%)
- 41-65 (46%)
- 18-40 (14%)

Key Takeaway

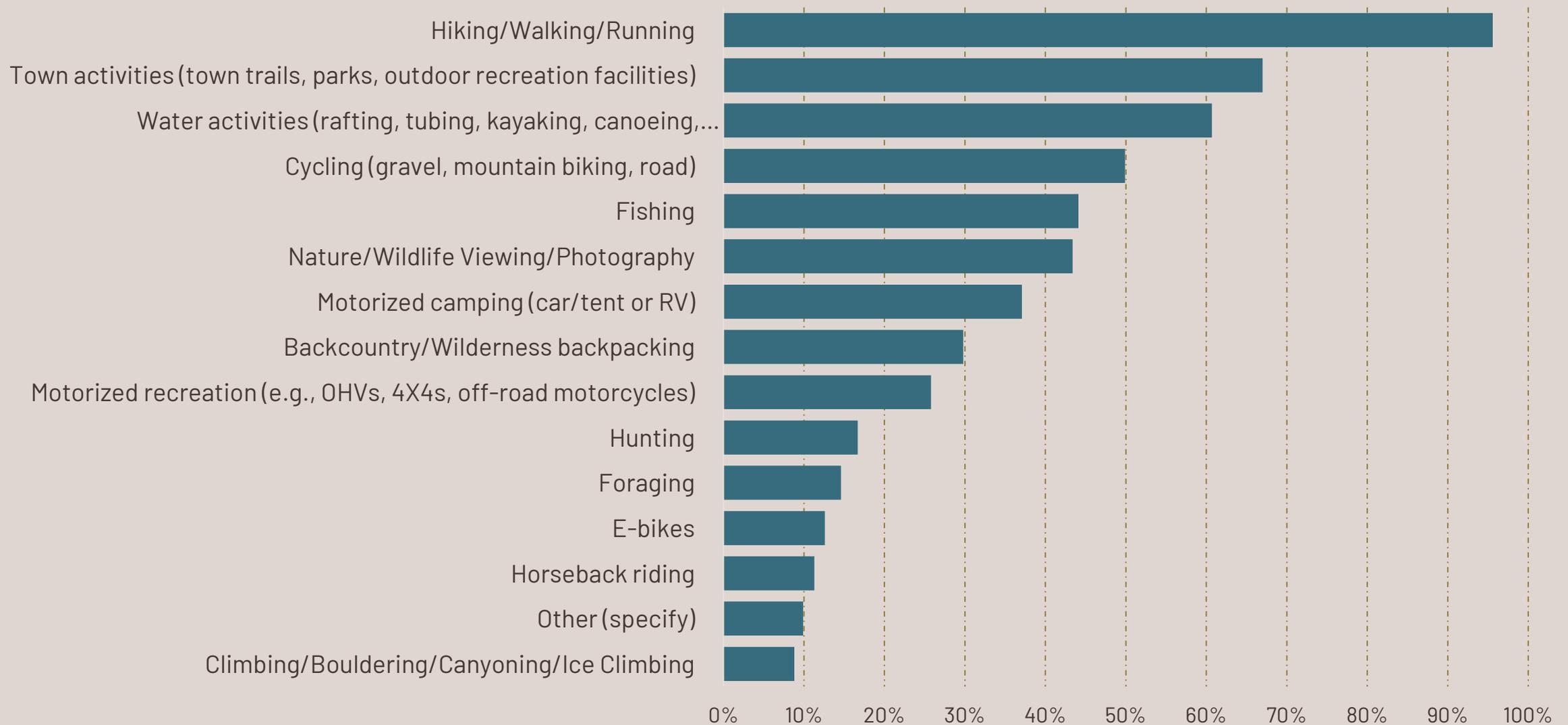
Survey participants skewed heavily towards older, long-time residents of the region.



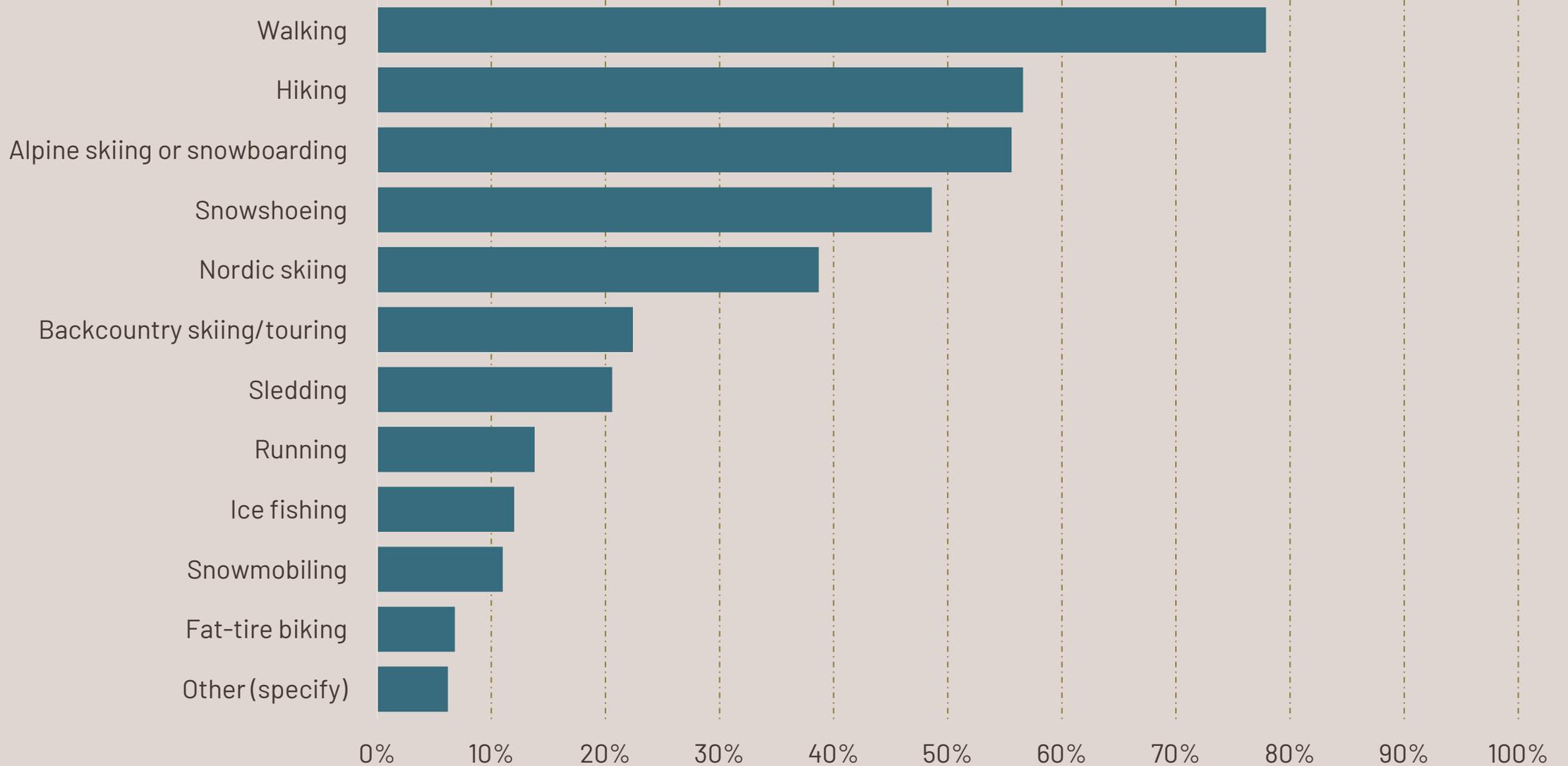
Recreation Patterns



Recreation Activities - Summer

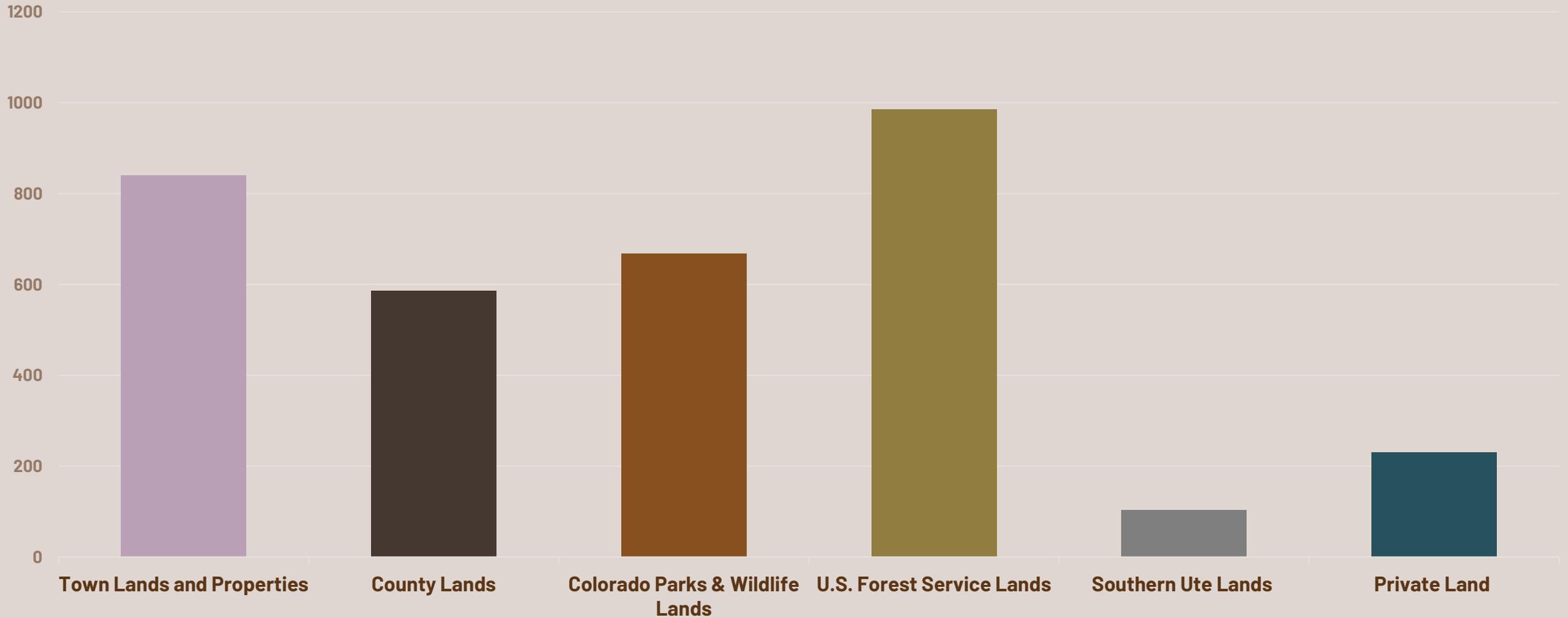


Recreation Activities - Winter



Recreation Location

Where do you and your family recreate at?



Vision

Recreation Vision

What is your overall vision for recreation in this area?

Respect Nature

Swimming Pool

Playgrounds

Noise Pollution

Protect Wildlife

Less Motorized Use

Keep It Wild

Local

Multi-use Trails

Affordable

Bike Paths

Discount

Preserve What We Have

Recreation Center

Wilderness

Motorized vs Non-motorized Conflict

Experience

Connect Uptown And Downtown

Accessibility For All

Youth Programs

Conservation Vision

What is your overall vision for conservation in this area?

Protect wildlife

Water Conservation

Biodiversity

Wetlands

Fire Mitigation

Forest Health

Tourism Impacts

Wildlife corridors

Trash and Pollution

Climate Change

Sustainable Practices

Leave no Trace

Overdevelopment

Enforcement

Respect for Nature

Public access with limits

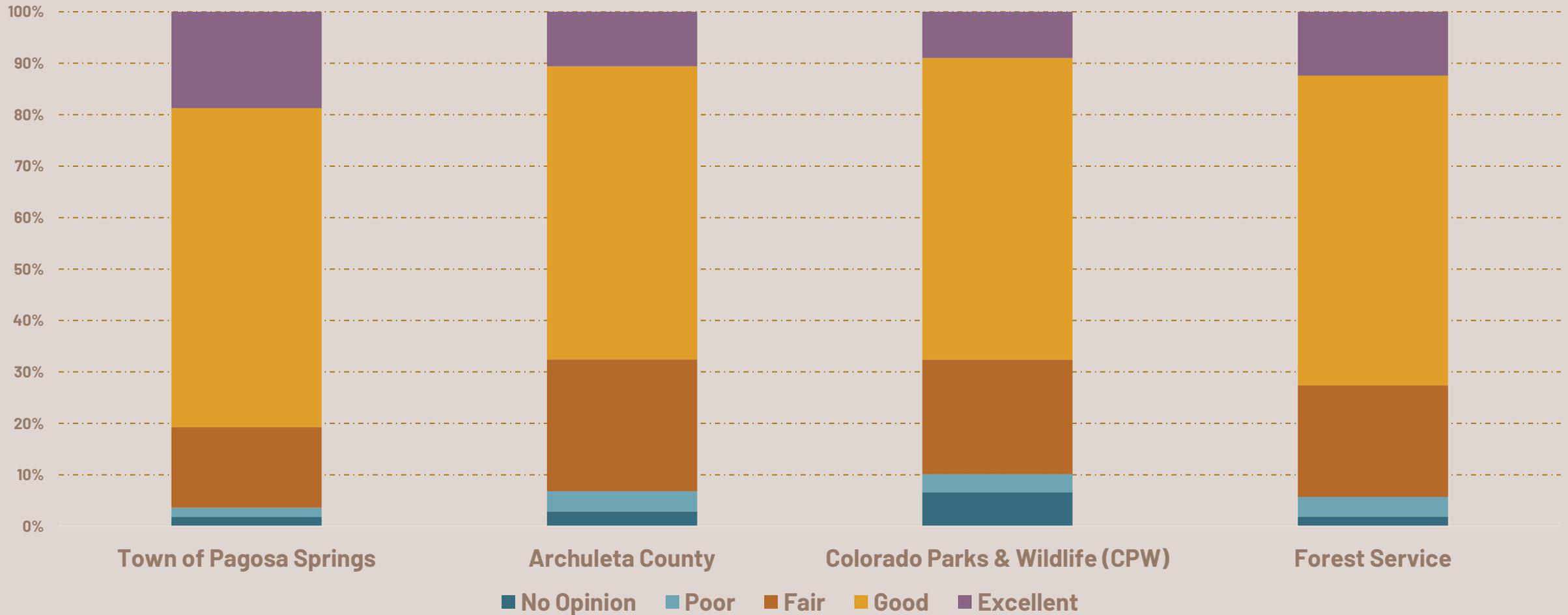
Natural Beauty

Shared Stewardship

Recreation Experience

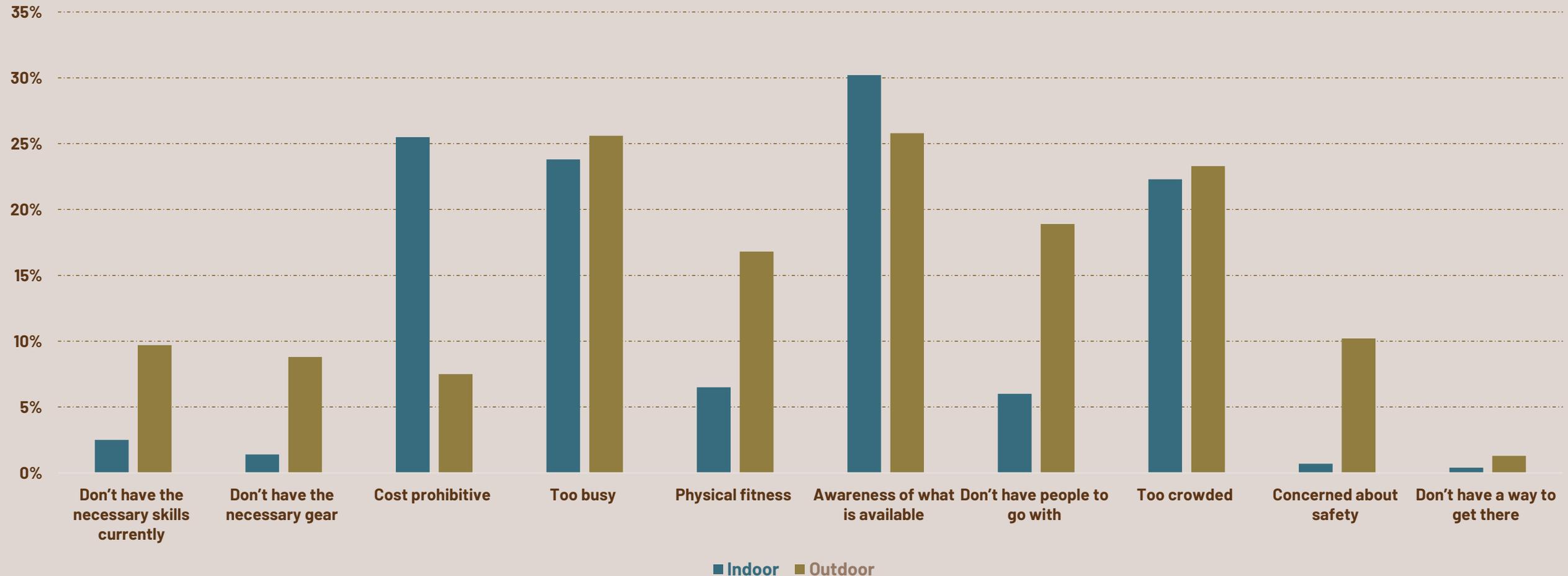
Recreation Satisfaction

Overall, how would you rate the current condition of the recreation facilities?



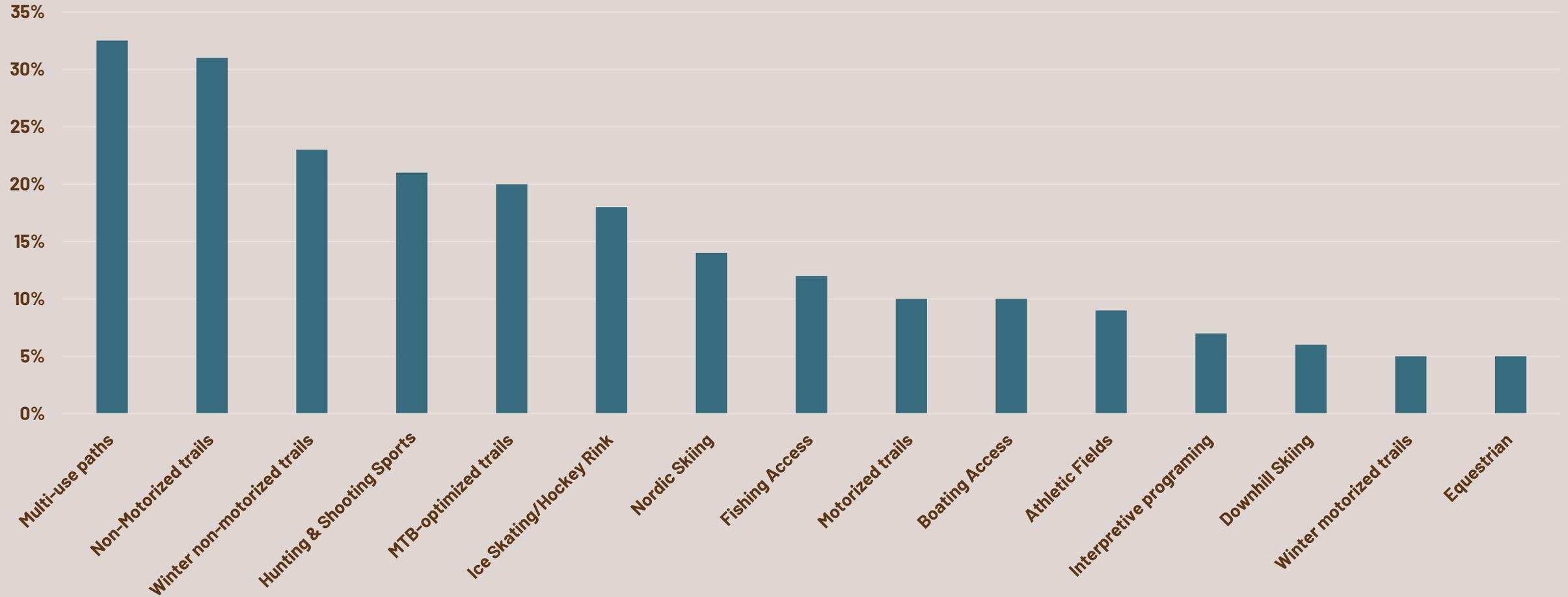
Barriers to Recreation

When it comes to indoor and outdoor recreation within the study area, what barriers do you experience from recreating how you want to, if any? Check all that apply.



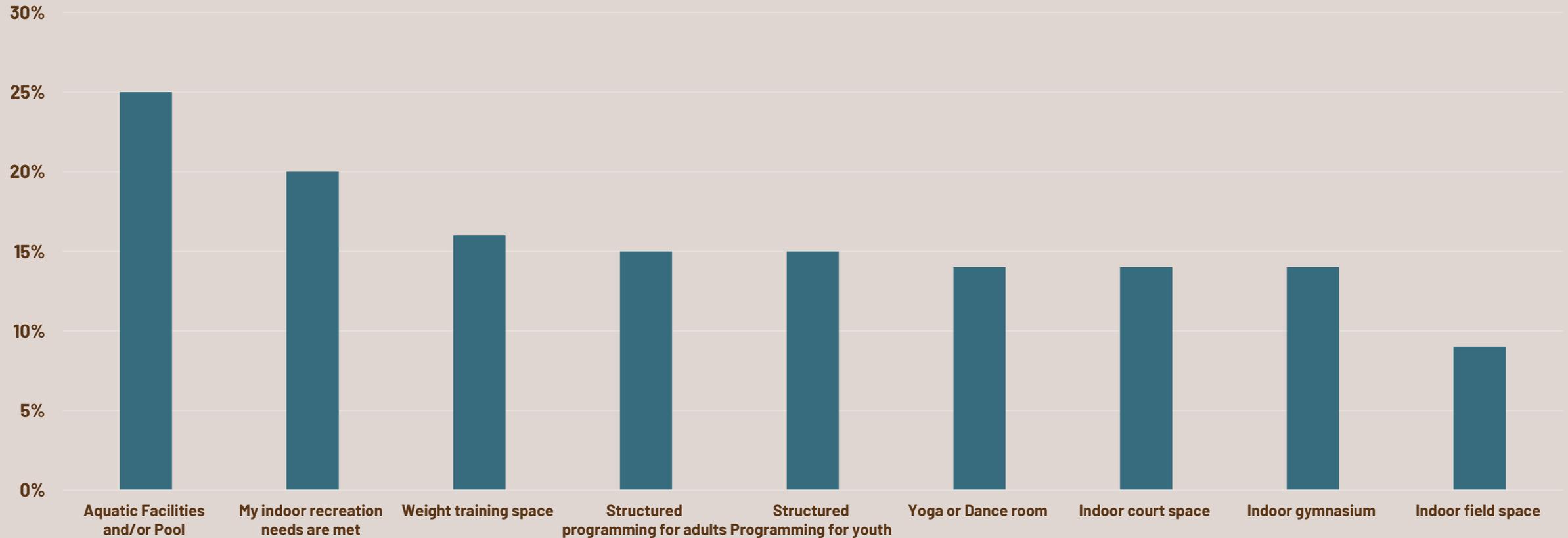
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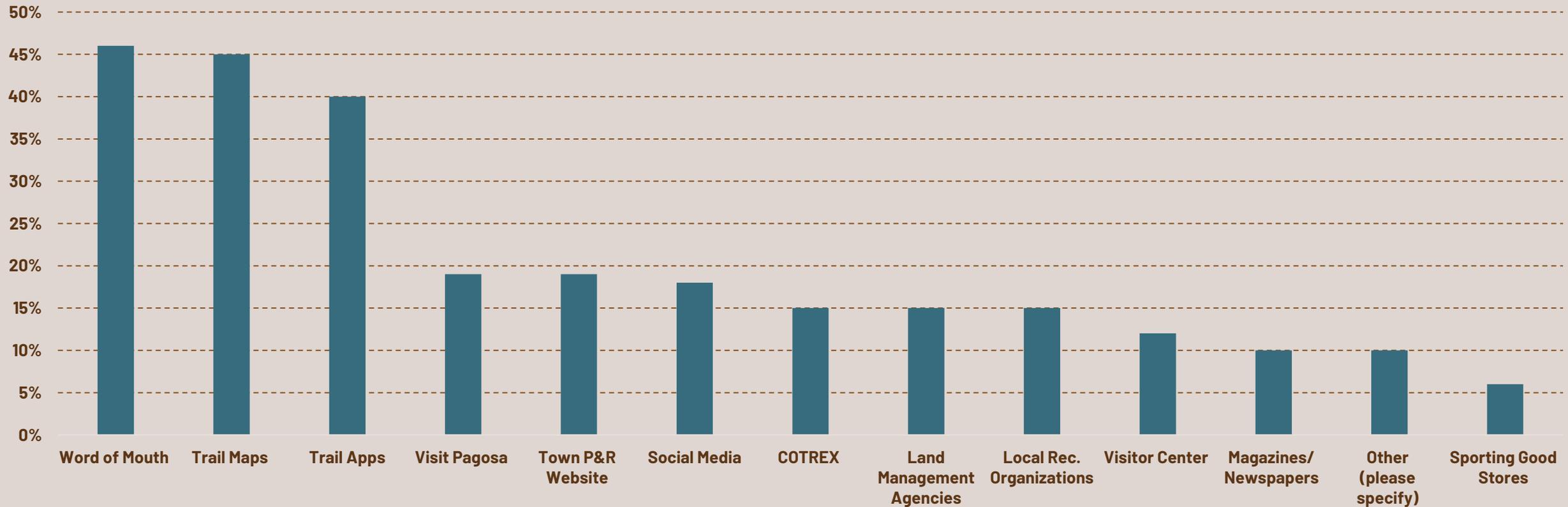
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Trip Planning

What information, apps, and websites are you using to plan your outings? Check all that apply.



Changes to Quality of Experience

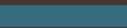
What changes have you noticed in the past 3-5 years relating to recreation in the study area?
Have any of these changes impacted the quality of your experience?

Positive:

- Investments in Disc Golf, Pickleball Courts
- Improvements to Walking/Bike paths
 - Restrooms
 - Shaded Pavilions
- River Access Improvements
 - Trail Signage

Negative:

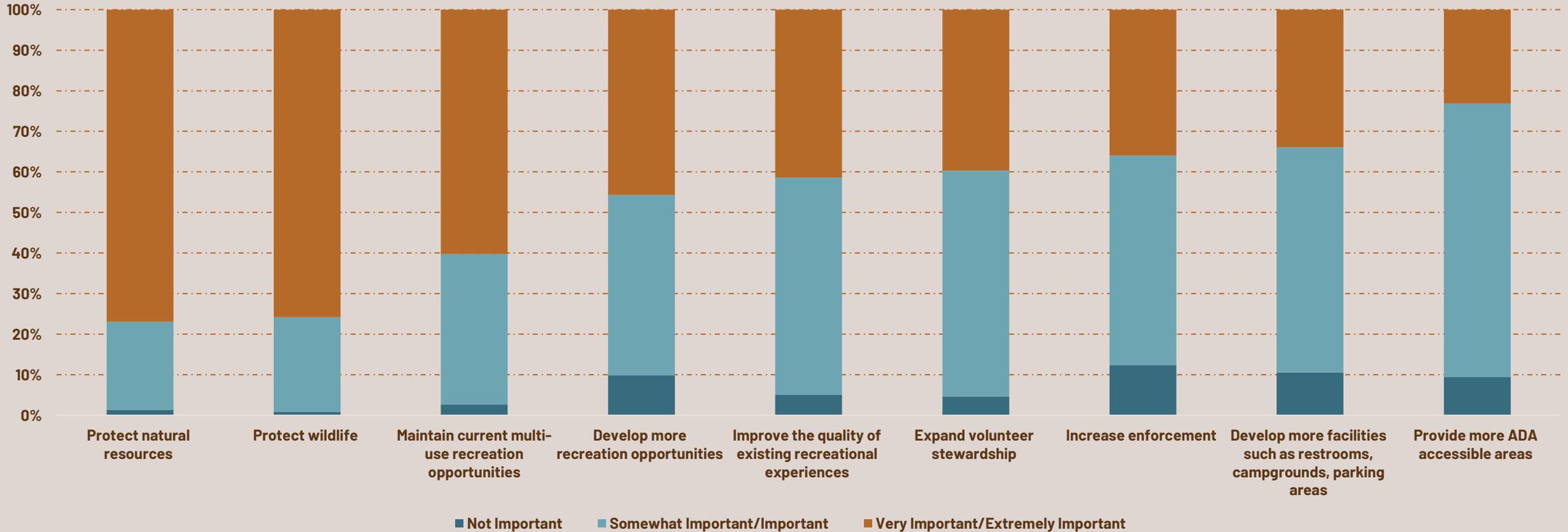
- Crowding
- Trash/Waste
- Disregard for regulations
- Impacts to Natural Resources
 - Winter reliability
 - Trail conditions
 - Restrooms
 - User Conflict



Recreation Management

Management Priorities

When managing increasing recreation use in the PARC study area, how important do you think each of the following considerations are?



Maintenance Locations

Are there any trails or trail areas systems in which you would like to see better maintenance?

The top locations survey respondents mentioned that needed better management and maintenance were Turkey Springs, Pagosa Peak, and Coyote Hill.

Turkey Springs

- Missing or vandalized signage
- cattle grazing conflicts,
 - erosion
 - overuse
 - user conflict (motorized vs. non-motorized)
- need for trail maintenance and expansion
- desire for more technical mountain biking trails

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Pagosa Peak

- trail maintenance
- lack of formalization
- Users want the social trail to be officially recognized and maintained, especially due to its growing use.

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Coyote Hill

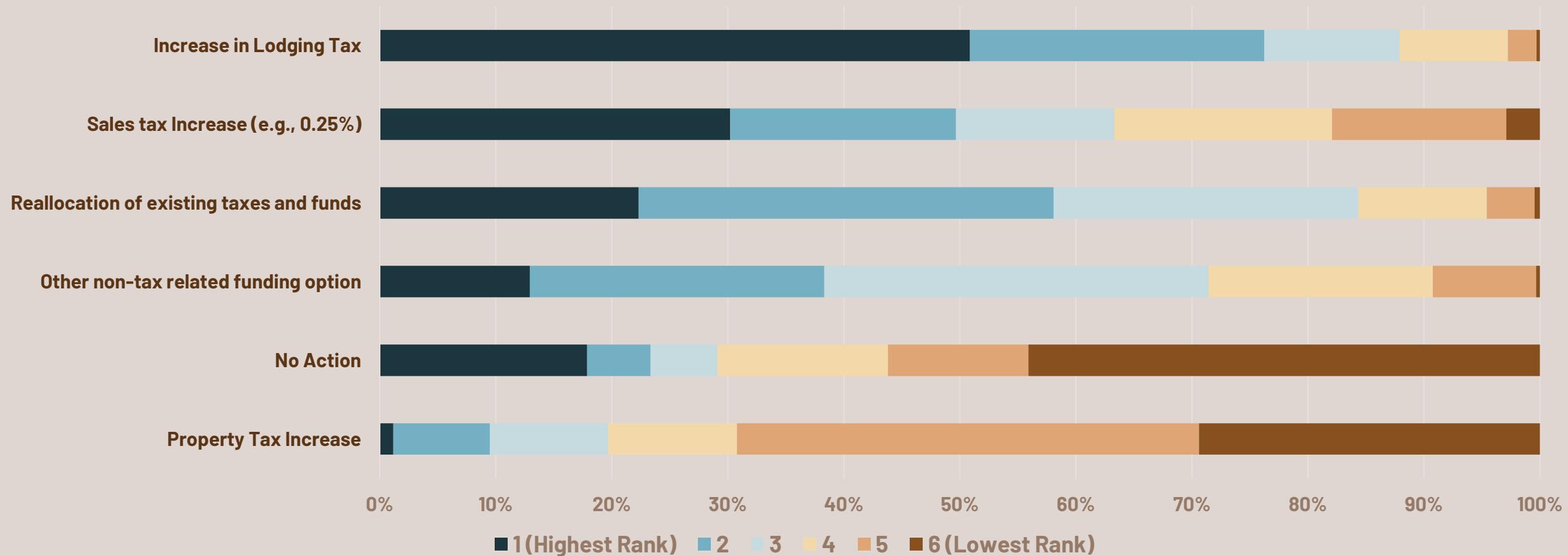
- Muddy sections
- fall-line erosion
- insufficient drainage
- lack of infrastructure like boardwalks or dust control in parking area



Funding

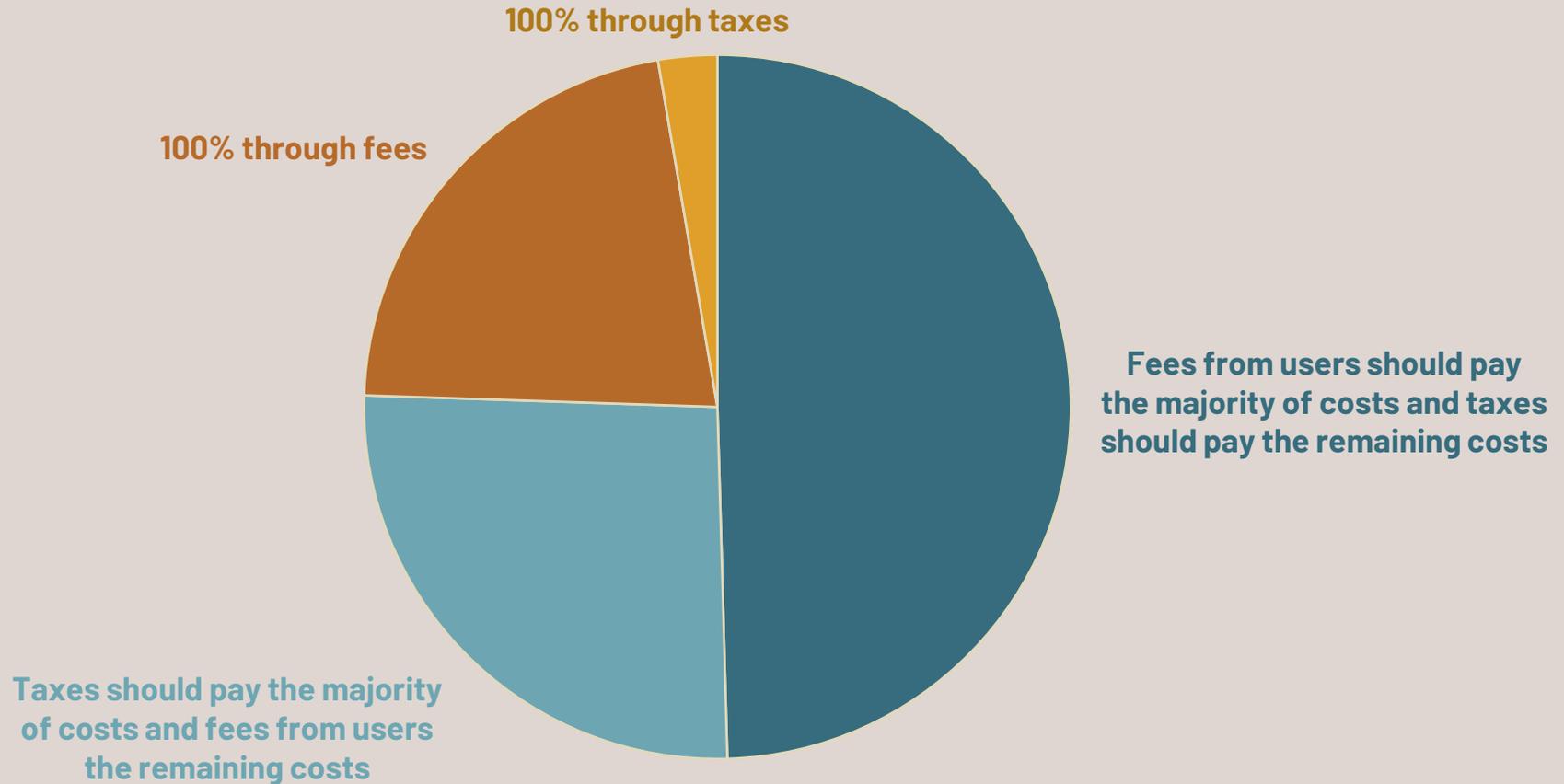
Funding Options

If a dedicated fund for recreation and conservation initiatives was established, which funding method would you be most likely to support?



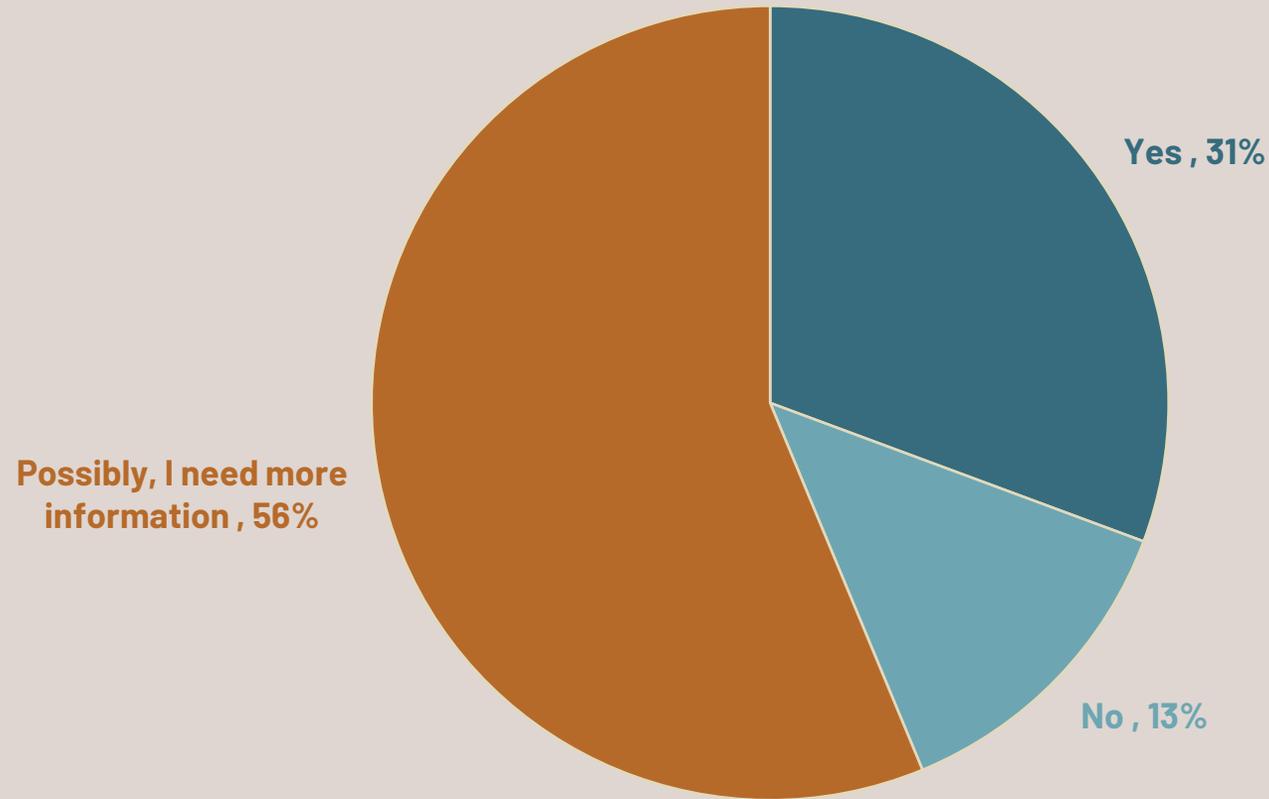
Funding Options

If new facilities or programs were developed, please indicate which of the following statements best represents how you feel the associated costs should be paid.



Funding Options

Would you be supportive of creating a Special Recreation District that covers the PARC boundary?

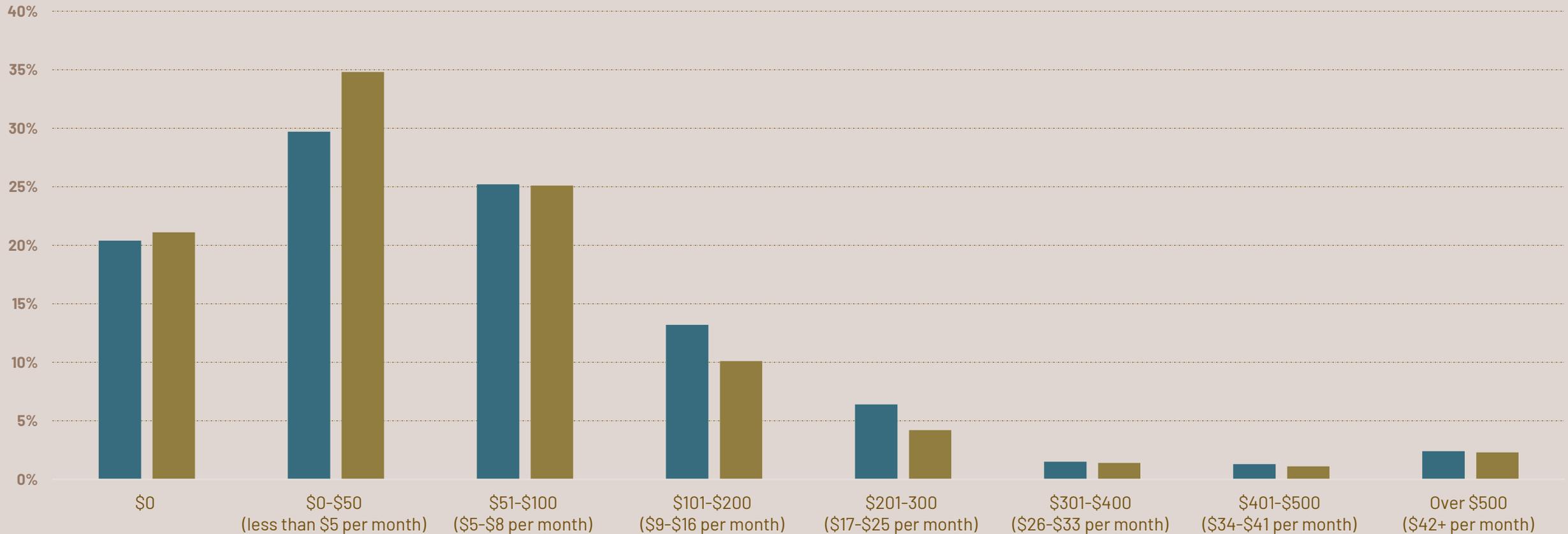


Willingness to Pay

How much would you be willing to pay annually to maintain and improve **recreation opportunities** and **conservation efforts (habitat restoration, water quality, etc.)** in the PARC boundary?

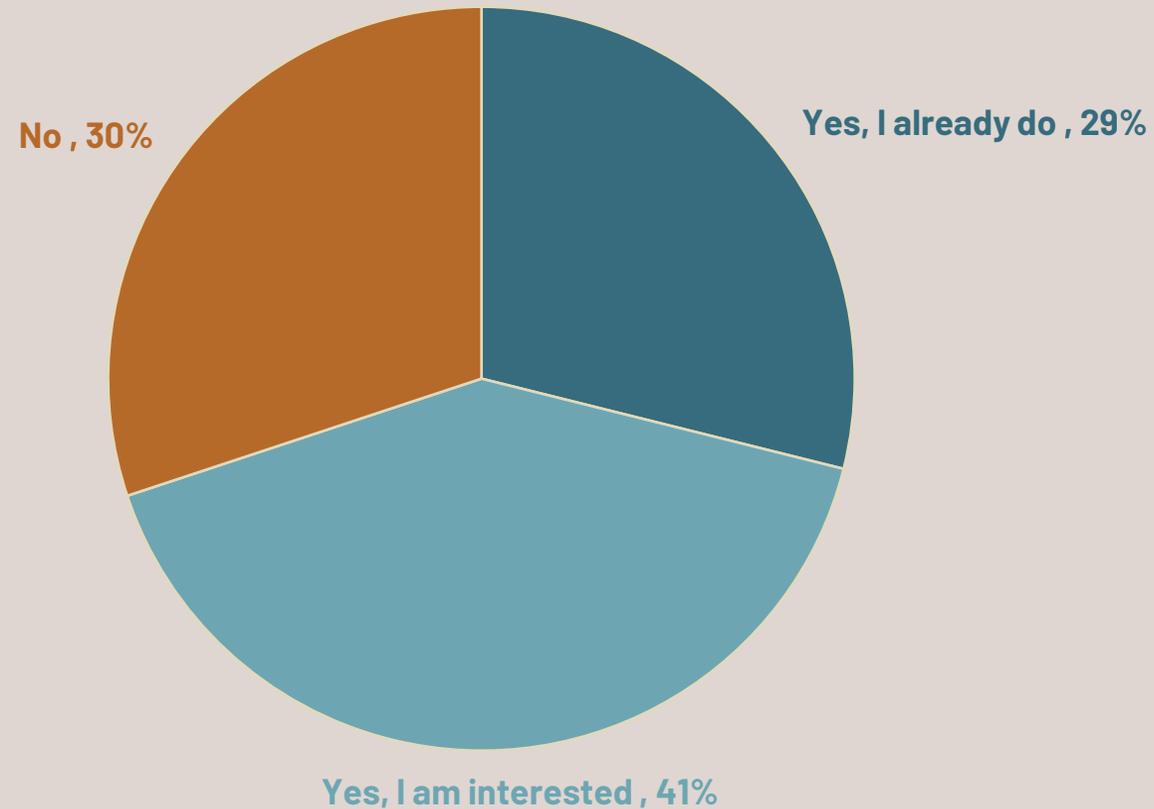
■ Maintain and improve recreation opportunities

■ Support conservation efforts (habitat restoration, water quality, etc.)



Volunteerism

Are you interested in volunteering to help support recreation, conservation, and citizen-science initiatives (i.e., clean-ups, trail maintenance, bird counts, restoration work, etc.)?





Summary

Summary / Key Findings

- **Demographics:** Considerations for aging population and providing family-friendly amenities
- **Importance of Collaboration:** Addressing community recreation needs will require efforts from all land managers
- **Trail Maintenance:** Goes a long way towards creating a more family/visitor experience without heavily compromising forest experience
- **Indoor Recreation Facilities:** Provide shoulder season and winter activities, increase options during low-snow years, community-building
- **User Conflict:** Identify opportunities for better management and separated uses
- **Conservation Education:** Opportunity for PARC to provide education about ongoing conservation related work in area
- **POST-COVID Adaptation:** More people, more recreators, less/stagnant recreation funding
- **Balance of Amenities:** Find the balance of “wild” character with family-friendly, easy access, restrooms, water, etc.
- **Funding Options:** Interest in lodging tax raises and reallocation towards rec development/management.