

2018 WESTERN STATES SURVEY

Interview Schedule: Idaho

Public Opinion Strategies/FM3

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N = 400 voters in Idaho

Margin of Error: $\pm 4.9\%$



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- **An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.**
 - **An carrot (^) denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.**
 - **"Skip base" is the percentage of voters that are asked a question because they meet a criteria based on a response to a previous question, meaning not all 400 respondents received that question.**
 - **"Total base" is the percentage of the total sample, in this survey that is 400 voters.**
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1. Over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited public lands managed by U.S. agencies, such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or Bureau of Land Management Lands? **(ROTATE)**

17% Once or twice
19% 3 to 5 times
17% 6 to 10 times
14% 11 to 20 times
24% More than 20 times

10% NEVER **(DO NOT READ)**
* UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

90%^ TOTAL VISITED
36% 1-5 TIMES
31% 6-20 TIMES
24% MORE THAN 20 TIMES

2. Do you plan to visit a national park sometime in 2018?

75% Yes
16% No

9% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
- REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Q3-4 SPLIT SAMPLED

3. When you think about the economic future of Idaho and the Western U.S., how important do you think the outdoor recreation economy will be - meaning people who come to hunt, fish, camp, see wildlife, as well as those who manufacture and sell equipment for those activities? **(ROTATE)**

76% Very important
18% Somewhat important
3% A little important
1% Not important at all

2% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

94% TOTAL IMPORTANT
4% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

4. When you think about the economic future of Idaho and the Western U.S. in attracting good jobs and innovative companies, would you say that due to the presence of public lands and our lifestyle of outdoor recreation, that the West has - **(ROTATE)**

50% A big advantage over other parts of the country
31% A little advantage over other parts of the country
13% No real advantage over other parts of the country

7% UNSURE **(DO NOT READ)**
– REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

80%^ TOTAL ADVANTAGE
13% NO ADVANTAGE

Q5-6 ROTATED

Thinking some more about people in the Western United States -

5. Do you think most people who live in big cities have values that are similar or different from yours?

(IF SIMILAR/DIFFERENT, ASK) And is that very (choice) or somewhat (choice)?

9% Very similar
21% Somewhat similar
29% Somewhat different
36% Very different

4% UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

30% TOTAL SIMILAR
66%^ TOTAL DIFFERENT

6. Do you think most people who live in rural areas and small towns have values that are similar or different from yours?

(IF SIMILAR/DIFFERENT, ASK) And is that very (choice) or somewhat (choice)?

44% Very similar
34% Somewhat similar
12% Somewhat different
7% Very different

3% UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

78% TOTAL SIMILAR
19% TOTAL DIFFERENT

Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues some people say are problems in Idaho. For each one, please tell me if you think it is **(ROTATE)** an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem in Idaho. The first/next one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused	
Q7-16 SPLIT SAMPLED								
7.	Poorly-planned growth and development	41%	82%	13%	28%	41%	15%	3%
8.	Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	39%	76%	9%	30%	37%	21%	2%
9.	Unemployment	31%	69%	5%	26%	38%	28%	3%
10.	Our dependence on fossil fuels	34%	65%^	11%	23%	32%	26%	8%
11.	Inadequate water supplies	25%^	54%	8%	16%	30%	42%	3%
12.	Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	32%	65%	10%	22%	33%	32%	3%
13.	Uncontrollable wildfires that threaten homes and property	48%	82%^	19%	29%	33%	17%	1%
14.	Low level of water in rivers	28%	64%	11%	17%	36%	34%	2%
15.	Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	34%	73%	9%	25%	39%	27%	*
16.	Rollbacks of laws that protect our land, water, and wildlife	39%	63%	15%	24%	24%	30%	7%

IDAHO: Summary of Issues - Ranked By % Extremely/Very Serious

Issues	% Extremely/ Very Serious	% Total Serious
Uncontrollable wildfires that threaten homes and property	48%	82%
Poorly-planned growth and development	41%	82%
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	39%	76%
Rollbacks of laws that protect our land, water, and wildlife	39%	63%
Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	34%	73%
Our dependence on fossil fuels	34%	65%
Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	32%	65%
Unemployment	31%	69%
Low level of water in rivers	28%	64%
Inadequate water supplies	25%	54%

Moving on... Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job President Trump and his administration are doing in... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) And, do you **STRONGLY** (choice) or just **SOMEWHAT** (choice)?

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know/Refused
17. Handling issues related to our land, water and wildlife?	46%	46%^	26%	20%	13%	34%	8%
18. Handling the economy?	54%	42%^	33%	21%	16%	25%	4%

19. And in general, would you prefer the administration place more emphasis on... **(ROTATE)**

63% Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands

... OR...

22% Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by maximizing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

9% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**

3% **NEITHER/OTHER (DO NOT READ)**

3% **UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

For each of the following actions that have been taken or are being considered by officials in Washington, please tell me if that is something you support, oppose or don't feel strongly about it one way or the other. The (first/next) one is ... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) And, do you **STRONGLY** (choice) or just **SOMEWHAT** (choice) that action?

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No Strong Feelings	Don't Know/Refused
20. Raising fees to enter some of the country's largest National Parks during the peak seasons	38%	51%	13%	25%	19%	32%	10%	1%
21. Privatizing the management of campgrounds, visitor centers and other services provided at National Parks and other national public lands	31%	49%^	14%	17%	16%	34%	16%	4%
Q22 SPLIT SAMPLED								
22. Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to drill for oil and gas on public lands	32%	58%	12%	20%	19%	39%	8%	2%
Q23 SPLIT SAMPLED								
23. Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to mine for uranium and other metals on public lands	29%	56%^	12%	17%	15%	40%	13%	3%
24. Requiring oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air	77%	12%^	52%	25%	3%	8%	9%	3%
25. Allowing mining on public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park, a practice that is currently banned	20%	66%	9%	11%	17%	49%	10%	4%

IDAHO: Summary of Actions - Ranked By % Support

Actions	% Support	% Oppose
Requiring oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air	77%	12%
Raising fees to enter some of the country's largest National Parks during the peak seasons	38%	51%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to drill for oil and gas on public lands	32%	58%
Privatizing the management of campgrounds, visitor centers and other services provided at National Parks and other national public lands	31%	49%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to mine for uranium and other metals on public lands	29%	56%
Allowing mining on public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park, a practice that is currently banned	20%	66%

Let me tell you about one more proposal --

26. Three years ago, the U.S. government, Western states and governors created plans to protect habitat for the threatened sage grouse and other wildlife. The Interior Department now says these plans should be changed to allow more oil and gas production and other activities. Opponents of changes say that the plans had public input and were created in collaboration with states to avoid wildlife like the sage grouse becoming endangered.

Would you prefer keeping these plans or changing them?

(IF KEEP/CHANGE) And, do you feel that way STRONGLY or NOT-SO-STRONGLY?

51%	STRONGLY KEEP PLANS
15%	NOT-SO-STRONGLY KEEP PLANS
12%	NOT-SO-STRONGLY CHANGE PLANS
16%	STRONGLY CHANGES PLANS
6%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
66%	TOTAL KEEP PLANS
28%	TOTAL CHANGE PLANS

Thinking now about national monuments, which are existing public lands that are managed similar to national parks to prioritize conservation of wildlife habitat, historic and archaeological sites, while allowing for outdoor recreation. Mining, drilling and other industrial activities are NOT allowed, however.

I'm going to read you a list of words and phrases, and please tell me whether you think each one describes national monuments in the West. Does it describe them - **(ROTATE)** -- very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all? The (first/next) one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Total Well	Total Not Well	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Very Well	Not At All	Don't Know/ Refused
Q27-33 SPLIT SAMPLED							
27. Helps the economy of nearby communities	81%^	14%	44%	38%	11%	3%	5%
28. National treasures	82%^	11%	53%	28%	9%	2%	8%
29. Important places to be conserved for future generations	87%	9%^	63%	24%	7%	1%	4%
30. Hurts the economy of your state	23%	71%	9%	14%	25%	46%	6%
31. Places to learn about America's history and heritage	87%	11%	61%	26%	7%	4%	2%
32. Places I want my children and grandchildren to see someday	94%^	5%^	76%	17%	4%	2%	1%
33. Ties up too much land that could be put to other uses	26%	72%	12%	14%	25%	47%	2%

IDAHO: Summary of National Monument Descriptions - Ranked By % Very Well

National Monument Descriptions	% Very Well	% Total Well
Places I want my children and grandchildren to see someday	76%	94%
Important places to be conserved for future generations	63%	87%
Places to learn about America's history and heritage	61%	87%
National treasures	53%	82%
Helps the economy of nearby communities	44%	81%
Ties up too much land that could be put to other uses	12%	26%
Hurts the economy of your state	9%	23%

Thinking specifically about two national monuments in Utah - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante, which contain fossils, petroglyphs, cliff dwellings and wildlife habitat -

34. President Trump announced in December that the administration would remove existing national monument protections and reduce the size of the lands conserved as national monuments by approximately two million acres. Would you say that it is - **(ROTATE)** a good idea or a bad idea - to reduce the size of these national monuments?

(IF GOOD/BAD) And is that a very (good/bad) idea or just somewhat?

18% Very good idea
13% Somewhat good idea
13% Somewhat bad idea
50% Very bad idea

6% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

31% TOTAL GOOD IDEA

63% TOTAL BAD IDEA

35. The administration has indicated that it may eliminate protections or reduce the size of other national monuments in the West as well. Would you say that it is - **(ROTATE)** a good idea or a bad idea - to reduce the size or protections at other national monuments?

(IF GOOD/BAD) And is that a very (good/bad) idea or just somewhat?

15% Very good idea
12% Somewhat good idea
17% Somewhat bad idea
51% Very bad idea

6% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

26%[^] TOTAL GOOD IDEA

68% TOTAL BAD IDEA

For each of the following, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that particular statement. The (first/next) one is... **(READ IN ORDER)**

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE) And do you **STRONGLY** (agree/disagree) with that or just **SOMEWHAT** (agree/disagree) with that?

Total Agree	Total Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/ Refused
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Q36-37 SPLIT SAMPLED

36.	Elected officials in Idaho generally reflect my values.	53%	45%	16%	37%	21%	24%	2%
37.	Elected officials in Washington, DC generally reflect my values.	16%	81%	2%	14%	31%	50%	3%

ASKED OF ALL

38.	The increasing number of extreme weather events like wildfires, droughts, and hurricanes is at least in part due to climate change.	55%	40%	34%	21%	13%	27%	5%
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IDAHO: Summary of Statements - Ranked By % Agree

Statements	% Agree	% Disagree
The increasing number of extreme weather events like wildfires, droughts, and hurricanes is at least in part due to climate change.	55%	40%
Elected officials in Idaho generally reflect my values.	53%	45%
Elected officials in Washington, DC generally reflect my values.	16%	81%

Now, switching topics and thinking about energy here in Idaho-

SPLIT SAMPLED

39. Which one or two of the following sources of energy would you say best represent the future of energy here in Idaho? (**READ AND RANDOMIZE - ACCEPT 2 RESPONSES. RECORD 1st CHOICE, 2nd CHOICE**)

Ranked By 1st Choice

<u>1st</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
32%	55%	Solar power
27%	59%	Wind power
15%	29%	Natural gas
8%	16%	Nuclear
3%	6%	Oil
2%	5%	Coal
4%	4%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
5%	6%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
5%	6%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

SPLIT SAMPLED

40. Which one or two of the following sources of energy would you say has the most potential to help Idaho's economy? (**READ AND RANDOMIZE - ACCEPT 2 RESPONSES. RECORD 1st CHOICE, 2nd CHOICE**)

Ranked By 1st Choice

<u>1st</u>	<u>Comb</u>	
31%	64%	Solar power
30%	59%	Wind power
15%	28%	Natural gas
13%	20%	Nuclear
3%	5%	Oil
—	1%	Coal
3%	3%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
3%	5%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
2%	6%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking about you for a moment...

D1. In what year were you born?

23%	18 - 34
17%	35 - 44
15%	45 - 54
20%	55 - 64
24%	65 AND ABOVE
*	REFUSED

Do you consider yourself to be... (RANDOMIZE)

	Yes	No	Don't Know/ Refused
D2. An outdoor recreation enthusiast	84%	15%	1%
D3. A conservationist	76%	22%	2%

D4. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

5%	HUNTER ONLY
19%	ANGLER ONLY
35%	BOTH
40%	NO/NEITHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
59%	TOTAL YES
40%	NO/NEITHER

D5. Which of the following types of outdoor recreation, if any, do you participate in regularly?
(RANDOMIZE :1-6) (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

- 71% Camping
- 61% Hiking
- 43% Bird watching and viewing wildlife
- 39% Boating
- 32% Riding an off-road vehicle or snowmobile
- 20% Mountain biking

- 13% Hunting/Fishing **(DO NOT READ)**
- 3% Sports **(DO NOT READ)**
- OTHER (SPECIFY **(DO NOT READ)**)
- 6% NONE OF THESE **(DO NOT READ)**
- * UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

And for statistical purposes only...

D6. How would you describe the area where you currently live? **(ROTATE)**

- 13% A big city
- 24% A suburban area
- 36% A small town
- 26% A rural area

- 1% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE **(DO NOT READ)**
- * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

- 36%^ TOTAL BIG CITY/SUBURBS**
- 62% TOTAL SMALL TOWN/RURAL**

ASKED IF BIG CITY/SUBURBAN IN D6

D6X. Have you ever lived in a small town or rural area or not?

City/ Burb	Total	
79%	29%	Yes
21%	8%	No
–	–	DON'T RECALL/ REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D7. **IF RESPONDENT FROM FILE: RECORD PARTY FROM FILE
IF OTHER VOTER IN HOUSEHOLD, ASK D7**

No matter how you feel today, are you registered to vote as ... **(ROTATE)** a Republican, a Democrat, Independent, or something else?

49% REPUBLICAN
15% DEMOCRAT
36% INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE

* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D8. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE)** conservative, moderate ...or... liberal on most issues?

44% CONSERVATIVE
31% MODERATE
20% LIBERAL

4% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D9. What is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ CHOICES)**

90% WHITE
5% HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
1% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
1% NATIVE AMERICAN
2% OTHER **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D10. Gender **(BY OBSERVATION)**

48% MALE
52% FEMALE
