

2018 Land Manager Survey Results

Every two years, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics administers a survey to land managers from various federal agencies across the U.S. to collect data on recreation-related impacts, methods used to address these impacts, implementation of Leave No Trace messaging, and overall perceptions of the effectiveness of Leave No Trace in addressing recreation-related impact. Below are highlights from the 2018 survey.

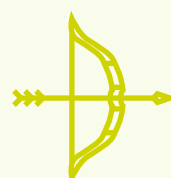
Top three recreational activities on lands managed by agency partners:



HIKING



CAMPING
(in developed sites)



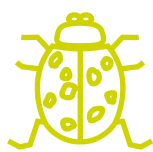
HUNTING

The top four reported impacts on public lands are:



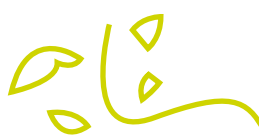
TRAIL EROSION

71%



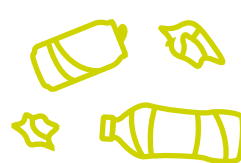
NON-NATIVE SPECIES

70%



DAMAGE TO VEGETATION

65%



TRASH

64%

Most utilized methods of addressing recreation related impacts:



SIGNAGE/
KIOSKS

89%



VISITOR
EDUCATION

88%



LEAVE NO TRACE
INFORMATION

85%



LAW
ENFORCEMENT

85%



EDUCATIONAL
MATERIALS

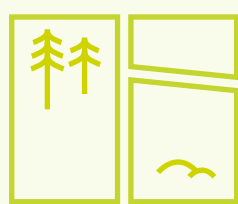
82%



49%

of respondents
said that

they have a Leave No Trace champion at their agency that drives Leave No Trace efforts.



71%

of respondents
indicated that

Leave No Trace provides information that is appropriate for the lands they manage.

RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT RECREATION-RELATED IMPACTS HAVE DECREASED

because of Leave No Trace efforts.

Because of Leave No Trace efforts:

- 49% THERE IS LESS TRASH ON THE LANDS YOU MANAGE.
- 30% THERE ARE FEWER CAMPFIRE IMPACTS ON THE LANDS YOU MANAGE.
- 30% THERE IS LESS TRAIL DAMAGE ON THE TRAILS YOU MANAGE.