

**Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project  
(FERC No. 14241)**

**Recreation Resources Study  
Study Plan Section 12.5**

**Initial Study Report  
Part B: Supplemental Information (and Errata) to  
Part A (February 3, 2014 Draft Initial Study Report)**

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<b>Part A Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>
Section 5.2.4	Additional summer trail location data has been made available for summer trails with a nexus to proposed project, at a scale greater than 1:24,000. Included in the data are trail braiding information and trail impedances identified during the mapping process.
Table 5.6-14	This table has been updated to include Recreation Users Intercept Survey sample preliminary data for the full fielding season, March 2013-March 2014 (see below).
Table 5.6-15	This table has been updated to include Recreation Users Intercept Survey sample preliminary data for the full fielding season, March 2013-March 2014 (see below)
Table 5.6-16	This table has been updated to include Recreation Users Intercept Online Survey sample preliminary data for the full fielding season, March 2013-March 2014 (see below).
Table 5.6-17	This table has been updated to include Recreation Users Intercept Online Survey sample preliminary data for the full fielding season, March 2013-March 2014 (see below).

**Table 5.6-14. Recreation Users Intercept Survey – Completed Surveys by Days of the Week, Field Sampling March 2013-March 2014, Preliminary Data**

Month	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Total	Weekend	Weekday
March	45	8	18	5	5	7	82	170	127	43
April	68	4	6	4	12	26	66	186	134	52
May	12	4	5	3	14	5	20	63	32	31
June	23	20	23	19	19	6	23	133	46	87
July	11	18	22	31	35	17	30	164	41	123
August	32	30	15	13	12	13	16	131	48	83
September	14	17	5	9	12	8	14	79	28	51
October	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	6	4	2
November	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	7	4	3
December	3	5	1	1	2	0	5	17	8	9
January	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	7	3	4
February	2	2	1	1	4	2	10	22	12	10
March	8	0	2	1	3	1	9	24	17	7
Total	223	110	100	88	121	86	281	1,009	504	505

Source: McDowell Group.

**Table 5.6-15. Recreation Users Intercept Survey – Sample Days, Field Surveyor Effort, Completed Surveys by Time of Day, Field Sampling March 2013-March 2014, Preliminary Data**

Month	Sample Days	Total Surveys Completed	Field Surveyor Hours	7:00- 11:59 am	12:00-4:59 pm	5:00-8:00 pm
March	23	170	937	33	92	45
April	21	186	830	45	102	39
May	18	63	578	19	24	20
June	27	133	607	40	48	45
July	27	164	576	38	51	75
August	27	131	594	41	44	46
September	19	79	409	23	33	23
October	6	6	72	3	3	0
November	5	7	89	2	3	2
December	10	17	89	2	10	5
January	6	7	133	0	6	1
February	9	22	91	5	9	8
March	10	24	93	0	13	11
Total	208	1,009	5,098	251	438	320

Source: McDowell Group.

**Table 5.6-16. Recreation Users Intercept Online Survey – Month of Trip, March 2013-March 2014, Preliminary Data**

Month*	Total Surveys Completed
March	0
April	1
May	4
June	7
July	15
August	27
September	42
October	2
November	0
December	0
January	0
February	0
March	8
Unknown**	3
Total	107

\*Month of arrival

\*\* Did not indicate trip start date.

Source: McDowell Group.

**Table 5.6-17. Recreation Users Intercept Online Survey – Selected Recreation Locations, Day and Overnight Visits, March 2013-March 2014, Preliminary Data**

Selected Locations	Overnight Visit (n=106)	Day Visit (n=37)
Talkeetna	4	9
Trapper Creek	1	6
Byers Lake Campground	4	6
Cantwell	4	20
Brushkana Campground	9	7
Tangle Lakes Campground	19	9
Lake Louise	31	1
Other Study Area Locations	50	39
Total locations	122	97

Source: McDowell Group.