

**Public Workshop
Forest Plan Revision
Dec 1, 2008**

National Forest Recreation Opportunities



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Forest Plan Revision Timeline

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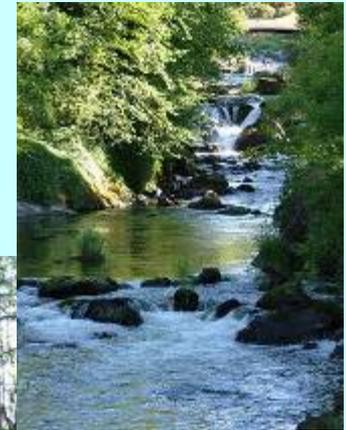


September Public Workshops

Key Topics of Interest

Forest Health & Management

- Fuels Reduction & Wildlife Habitat
- Fuels Reduction & Water, Soil, and Air Quality



Recreation Management

Other Comments: Noise management, cultural heritage, stewardship & education, and communication



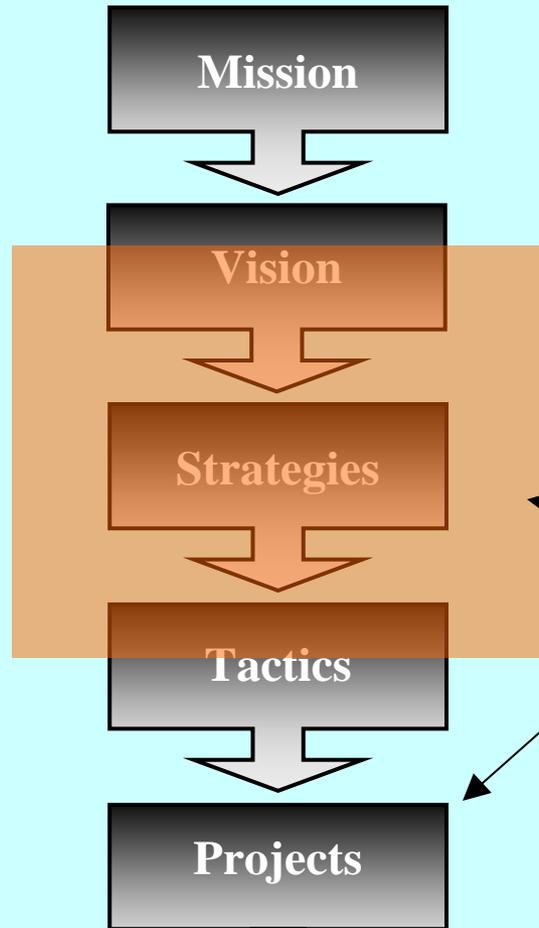
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Three Topic Specific Workshops

- **Balancing Forest Health, Fuels Reduction, and Wildlife Habitat**
November 3rd
- **Balancing Forest Health with Water, Soil, and Air Quality Issues**
November 12th
- **Recreation Management – The Right Mix of Recreation Opportunities**
December 1st (North Lake Tahoe) – Today!



2008 Planning Rule



- New Format for Plan
- Focused at Strategic Level vs. Project Level

Forest Plan

Project Level examples:

- Access and Travel Management
- OSV/OHV Management
- Incline Lakes Long Term Management
- Recreation Residences Permitting



Forest Plan Structure



Part 1. Vision

- **Desired Conditions**

Part 2. Strategies

- **Objectives**
- **Suitability of Areas**
- **Special Areas**

Part 3. Design Criteria

- **Guidelines**



Tonight's Workshop Objectives

- Describe and invite public input on the LTBMU's proposed ***desired conditions and strategies*** for recreation opportunity.
- Inform the public of future opportunities for participation and comment.



Agenda

- 6:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 6:10 Review Workshop Objectives and Agenda
- 6:20 Present Summary of Key Issues Pertaining to Recreation Opportunity
- 6:50 Invite Public Input on Recreation
 - Breakout session discussions
- 7:50 Recap Next Steps
- 8:00 Adjourn



Participation Guidelines to Support a Productive Workshop

- Focus is on sharing information; no decisions will be made at this workshop.
- Please speak to the focus and objectives of this workshop.
- Everyone will participate and keep the process on track.
- Participants will respect each other's personal integrity, values, and legitimacy of interests.
- Please turn cell phones off or to vibrate mode.



Clarifying Questions?



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Recreation Opportunities Presentation Outline

- Current conditions and trends affecting recreation
- Desired conditions
- Proposed strategies to achieve desired conditions





Background

General Inventory of Recreation Resources

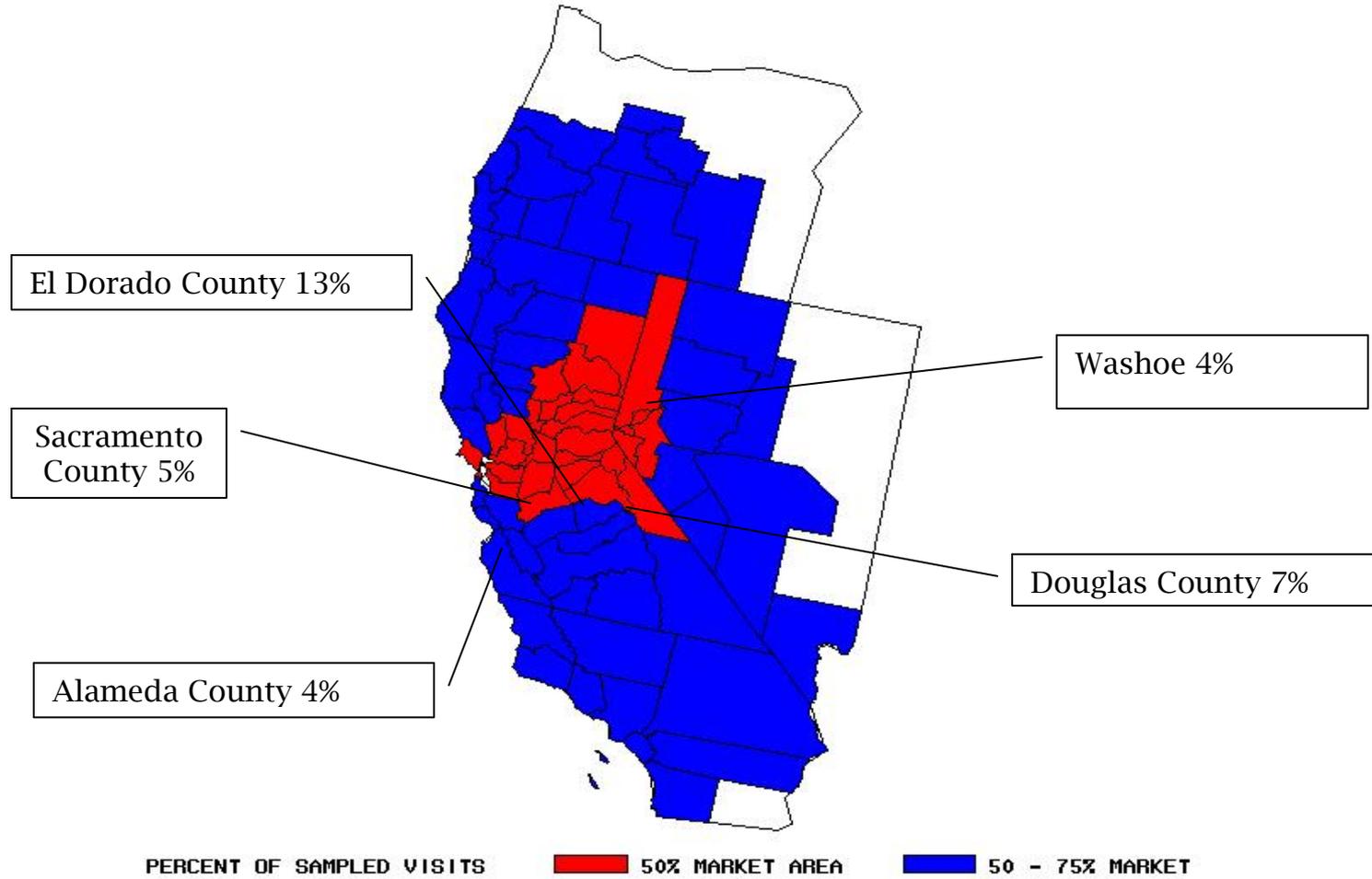
165,000	Acres National Forest	10	Campgrounds
24,689	Acres of Wilderness	7	Recreation Events
46,803	Acres of Inventoried Roadless	6	Picnic Sites/Overlooks
594	Recreation Residences	5	Resorts
576	Miles of Roads	3	Visitor Centers
452	Miles of Trails	3	Organization Camps
86	Miles of OHV Routes	2	Ski Areas
17	Miles of Shoreline	1	Historic Sites
11	Outfitter Guides		



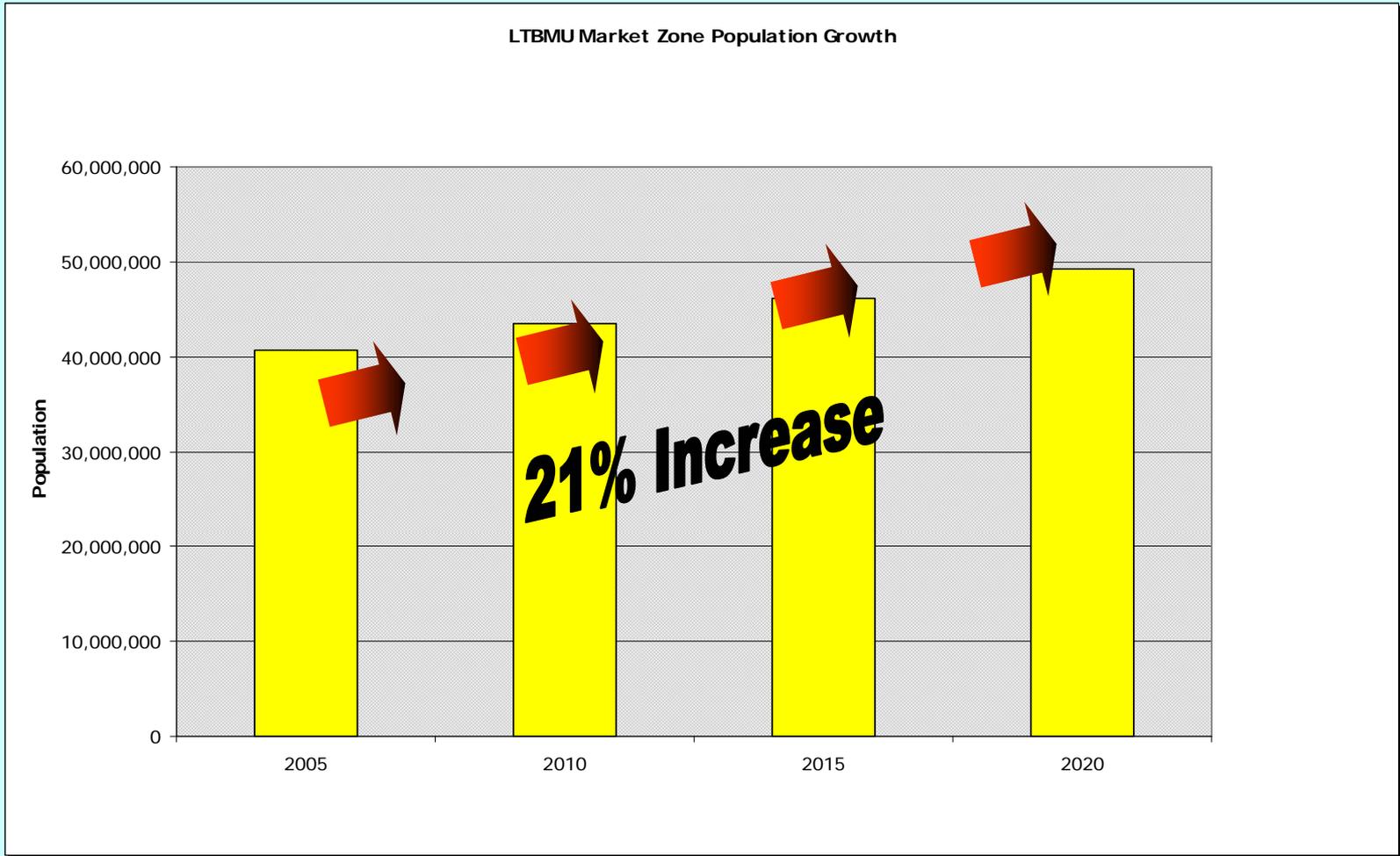


Visitor Market Zone

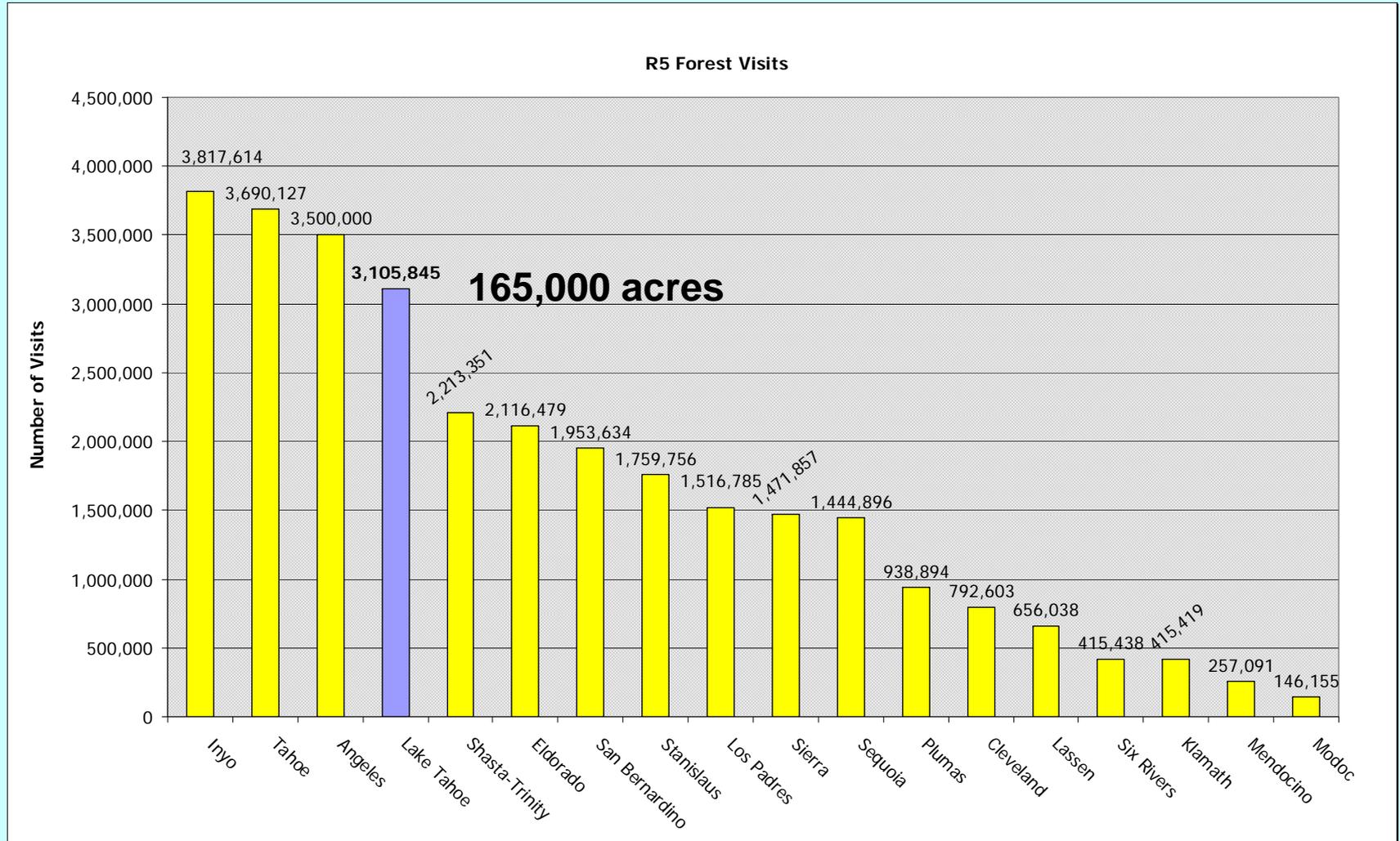
50% AND 75% Market Area for LTBMU NF



Population Change



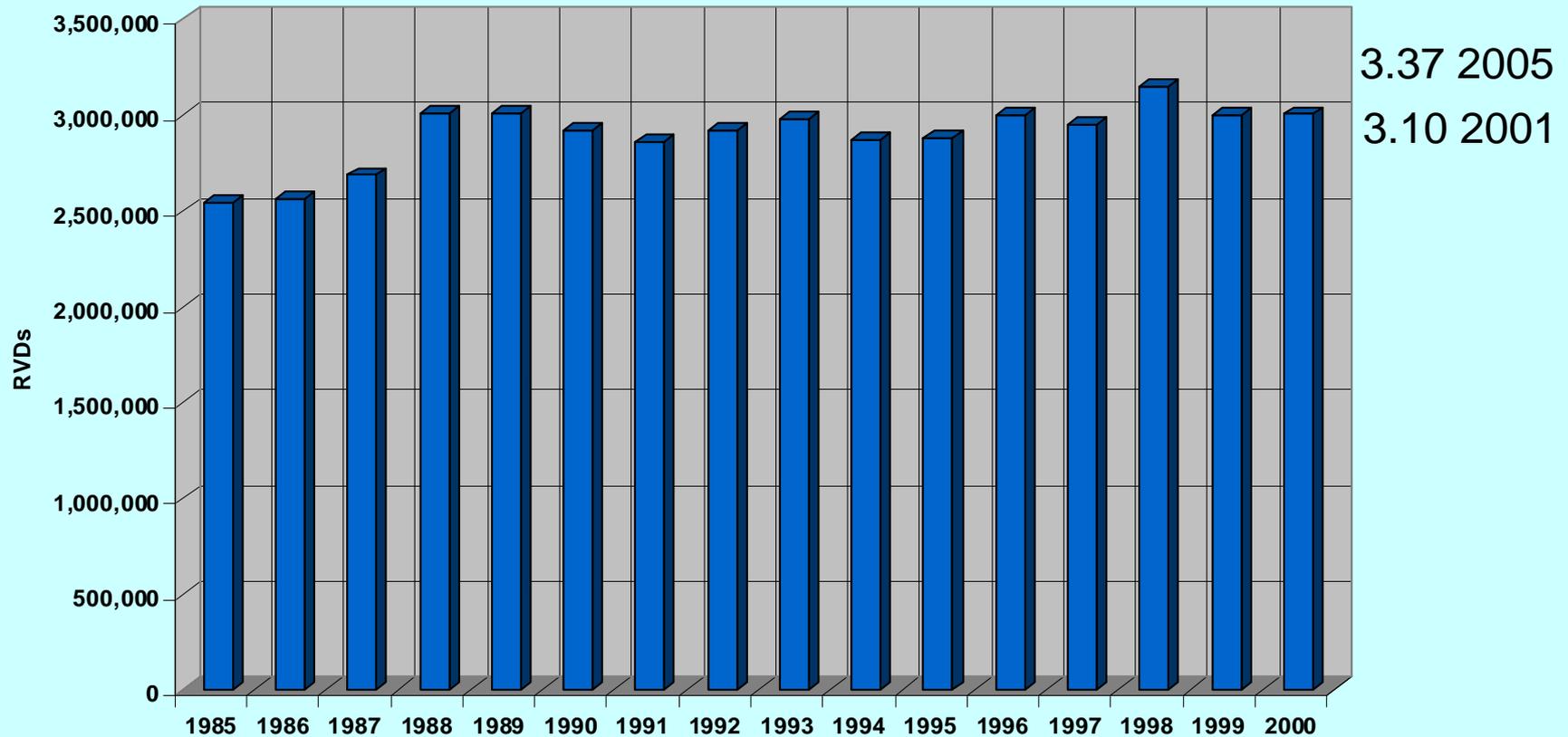
Estimated Annual Use



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Recreation Visitor Days

LTBMU Recreation Visitor Days (RVD)



* No RVD's recorded for LTBMU beyond 2000

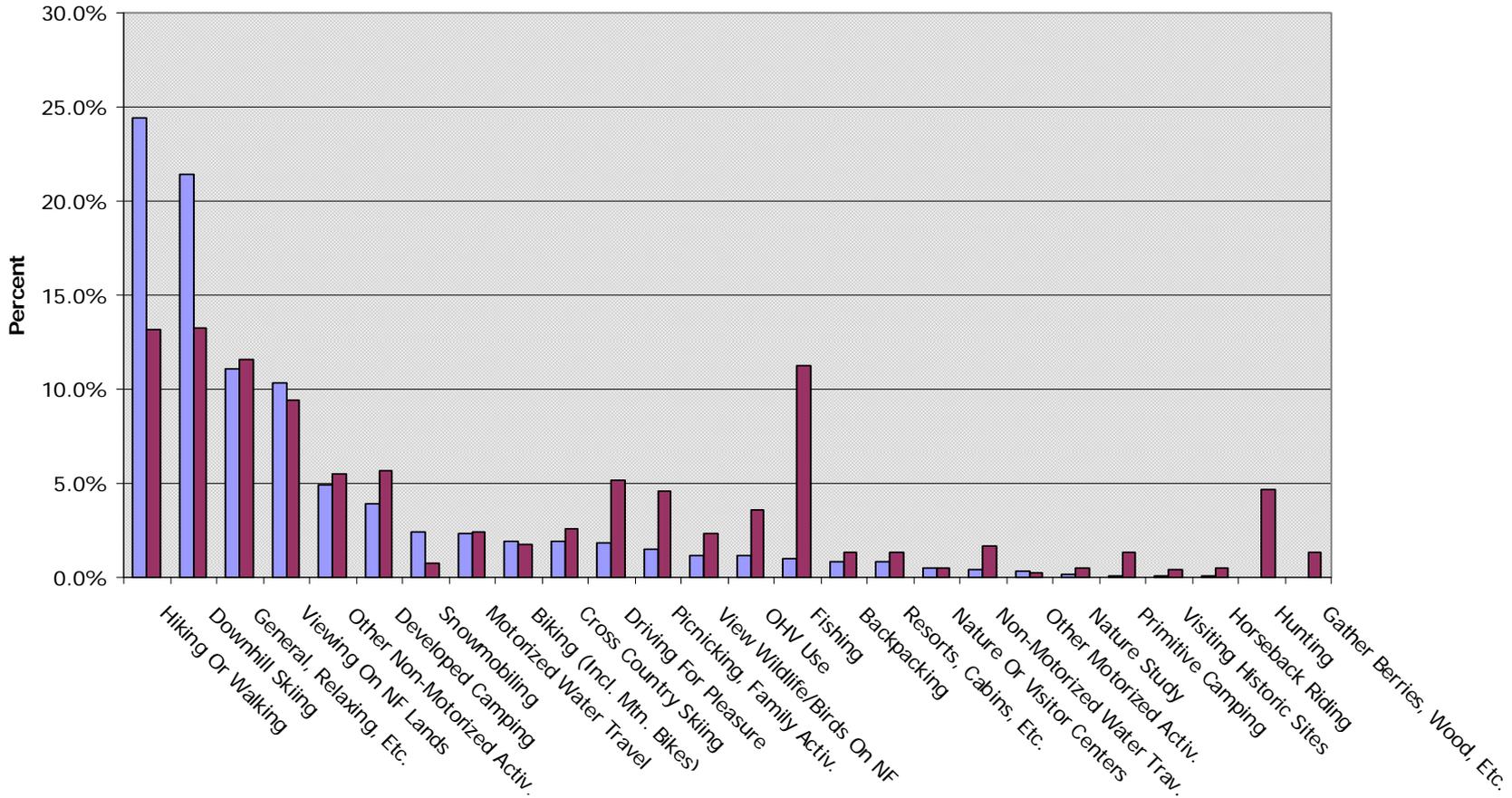


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Primary Visitor Activity

LTBMU/R5 Primary Activity- NVUM

LTBMU Regional Average- Unweighted



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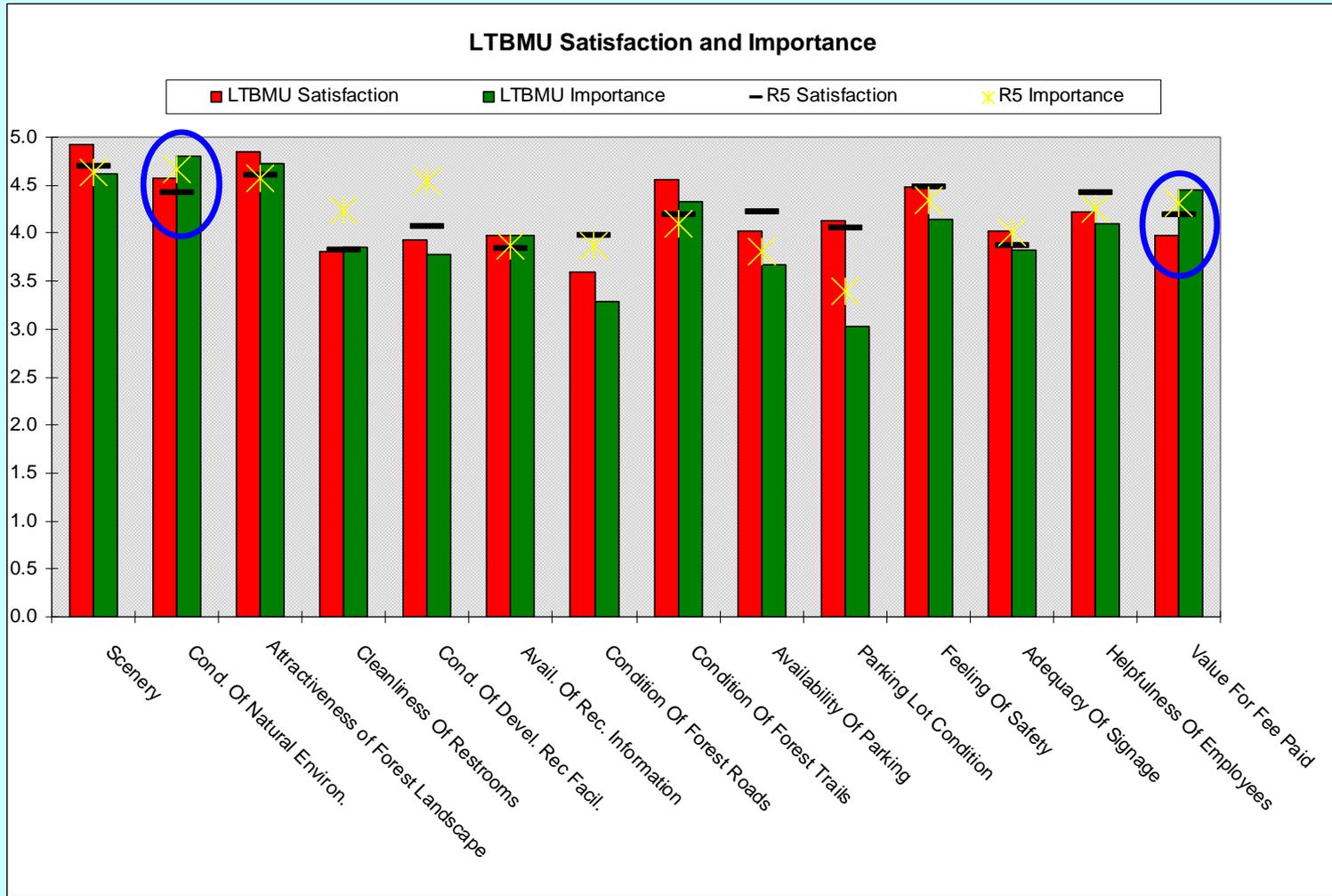
Trends – Participation rates TRPA DATA

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Beach activities	80%	71%	76%
Trail Hiking	56%	74%	63%
Sightseeing	62%	33%	51%
Paved bike trails	37%	56%	44%
Pleasure driving	46%	23%	37%
Mountain bike	17%	56%	32%
Cultural event	16%	40%	25%
Gaming	32%	19%	27%
Shopping	44%	38%	42%



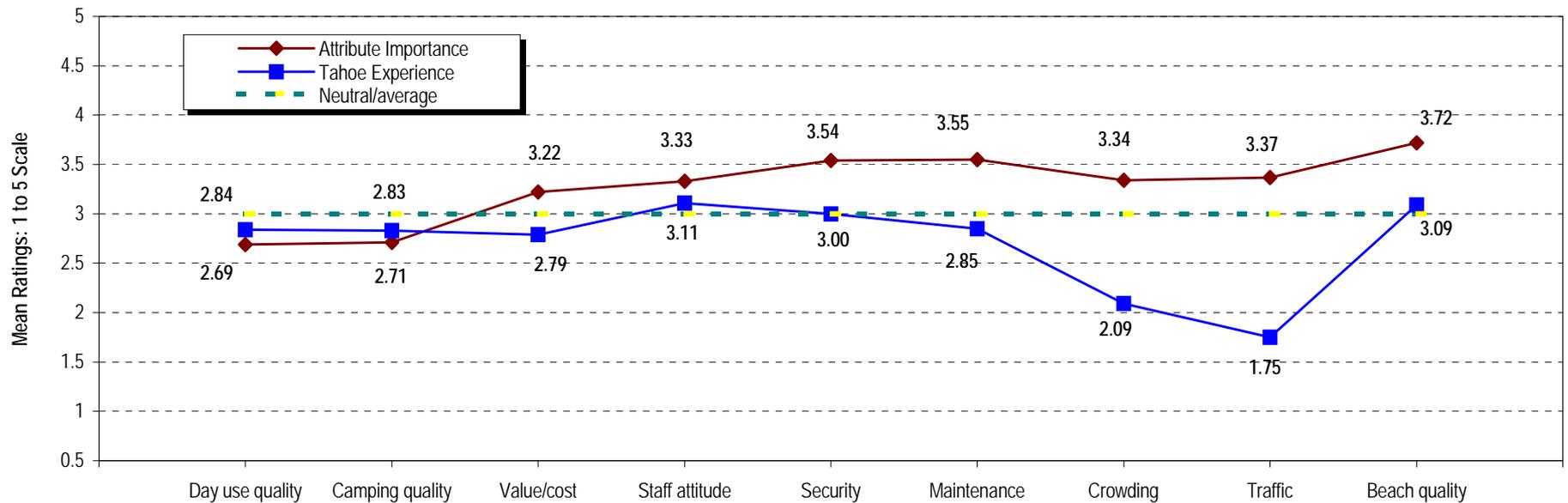


Satisfaction & Importance



Trends – Visitor Experiences

RECREATION CONDITIONS MEAN RATINGS IMPORTANCE VS. EXPERIENCE BY VISITORS



Summary



- 80% of the lands in the basin are managed by the Forest Service
- Limited land area 165,000 acres
- Sites frequently full during peak seasons
- Demand is expected to increase
- Most congested in National Forest System
- Budget Limitations



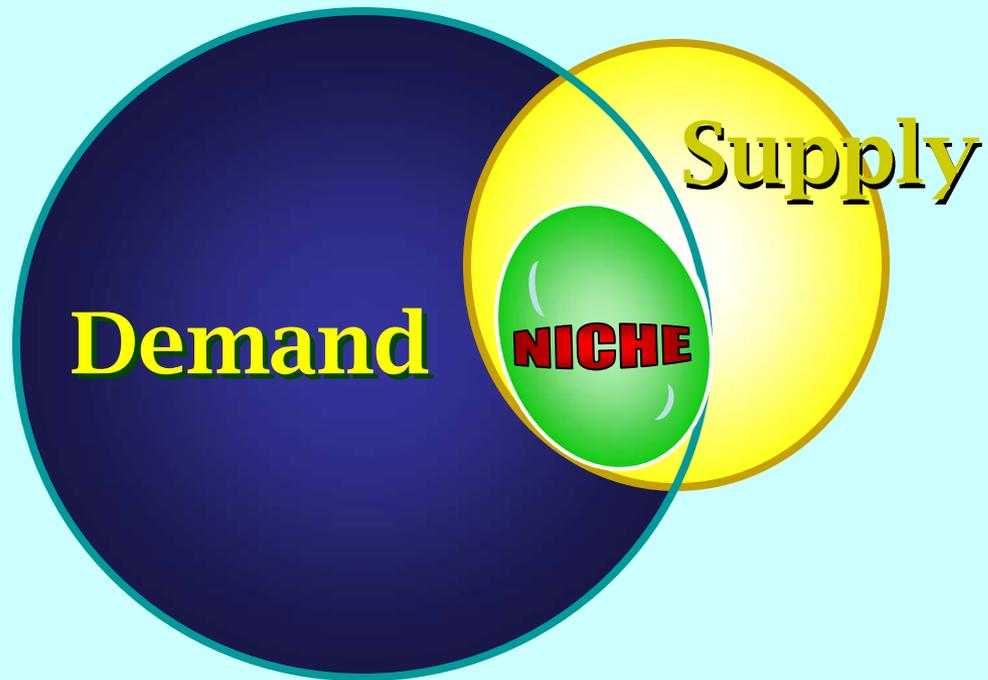
Recreation Opportunity Desired Condition

Provide a suitable spectrum of high quality recreational opportunities while sustaining the Basin's natural setting as an outstanding recreation destination.





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Six Dominant Themes

- Viewing scenery year round
- Summertime shorezone activities
 - Beach day use, water play
- Family camping, picnicking
- Trail use
 - Hiking, biking
- Winter recreation
 - Resort use, alpine skiing and snowboarding
 - X-country, back country, snowmobiling, snow play
- Interpretation of cultural and natural resources



Proposed Strategies

- Manage to a desired range of activities, settings, and experiences across the Forest



Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

- A framework of land delineations that identifies a variety of recreation experience opportunities categorized into classes on a continuum.
 - Urban (U),
 - Rural (R),
 - Roaded Natural (RN),
 - Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (SPNM),
 - Semi-primitive Motorized (SPM), and
 - Primitive (P). (FSM 2311)



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Breakout Session

1. Does the current mix of recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands around the Lake Tahoe Basin generally meet the desired condition?
2. What challenges do you see in maintaining this mix of opportunities?
3. What strategies should the Forest Service consider to address these challenges?



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Additional Comments Are Invited!

Please provide suggestions, comments, and ideas by **Friday, December 5th**, to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) planning team:

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