

Survey Responses

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What community do you live in?

Anderson/Clear	10
Healy/Stampede/June/Ferry	168
McK/Denali HQ, Carlo Creek, Sline	54
Cantwell	11
No Answer	2

Do you live here...

Year-round	218
Seasonal	26
No answer	1

Age Range

12-18	5
19-29	22
30-44	88
45-64	94
65 or older	35
No answer	1

Do you consider yourself primarily a...

Nonmotorized User	82
Motorised User	33
Both	128
Neither	2

Do you consider yourself primarily a...

Summer Recreationist	35
Winter Recreationist	4
Both	202
Neither	4

Who do you recreate with?

(Check all that apply)

Adults	190
Dogs	154
Children	111
Solo	137
Seniors	50
Horses	5
Multi-generaltions	87
I don't go outside	2

What recreation activities do you participate in?

(Check all that apply)

Hiking	221
Walking	199
XC Skiing	149
Biking	140
Snow Machining	126
ATV	111
Hunting	101
Boating/Kayaking	100
Sports	88
Snowshoeing	64
AT/BC Ski/Snowboard	53
Mushing	37
Climbing	28
Fishing (write in)	8
Equestrian	4
Foraging (write in)	4
Flying (write in)	1
View landscape (write in)	1

Why is recreation important to you?

(Check all that apply)

Physical Health	227
Enjoyment of Outdoors	233
Mental Health	219
Time with Family	159
Subsistence Activities	93
All of the above	1
Enjoying the quiet (write-in)	1
Participating in nature cycles (write-in)	1
Time with friends (write-in)	1
Spirituality (wriite-in)	1

What prevents you from partaking in recreation?

(Check all that apply)

Inexpreience	23
Access to local options	63
Weather conditions	92
Lack of information	44
Wildlife safety	23
Poor conditions of existing options	55
Level of difficulty of existing options	18
Lack of motivation	91
Nothing	37

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Do you Disagree or Agree with the following statements about Community & Outdoor Recreation:

Community and Outdoor Recreation is important to you.

Strongly Agree	164
Agree	69
Neutral	5
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	6
No answer	1

Community and Outdoor Recreation can bring economic opportunity to a community.

Strongly Agree	135
Agree	78
Neutral	19
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	10
No answer	1

Community and Outdoor Recreation improves a community's quality of life.

Strongly Agree	176
Agree	56
Neutral	5
Disagree	0
Strongly Disagree	7
No answer	1

Community and Outdoor Recreation infrastructure and activities should be a priority of local government investment.

Strongly Agree	106
Agree	83
Neutral	32
Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	12
No answer	1

Do the following "Purpose Statements" resonate with what you think is important for recreation planning in the Denali Borough.

Plan diverse and accessible community and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Strongly Agree	100
Agree	84
Neutral	37
Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	10
No answer	3

Protect the unique identity of our communities and subsistence uses of wild resources.

Strongly Agree	130
Agree	75
Neutral	27
Disagree	4
Strongly Disagree	8
No answer	1

Preserve our subarctic ecosystem through sustainable use and intentional management.

Strongly Agree	121
Agree	73
Neutral	32
Disagree	7
Strongly Disagree	8
No answer	4

Does the following "Vision Statement" resonate with what you think is important for the future of recreation in the Denali Borough?

Our vision is that the Denali Borough is a vibrant place to live and recreate. It is a place where recreation creates a strong sense of community identity, supports physical and mental health, sustains a resilient economy, and safeguards subsistence uses of the land. Planning and management of recreation resources and infrastructure are done with a commitment to community engagement, and to balancing future growth with honoring the past.

Strongly Agree	96	Disagree	3
Agree	101	Strongly Disagree	8
Neutral	32	No answer	5

Do the following "Goals" resonate with what you think are priorities for recreation in the Denali Borough?

Goal: Community Identity - Ensure the unique identity of each community within the Denali Borough is preserved.

Strongly Agree	73
Agree	103
Neutral	52
Disagree	7
Strongly Disagree	8
No answer	2

Goal: Indoor and Outdoor Facilities and Parks - Support mental and physical health in the Denali Borough.

Strongly Agree	130
Agree	87
Neutral	13
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	8
No answer	4

Goal: Trails - Create and maintain sustainable trail networks throughout the Denali Borough.

Strongly Agree	100
Agree	85
Neutral	35
Disagree	10
Strongly Disagree	12
No answer	3

Goal: Education - Educate the public on the values of responsible recreation in the Denali Borough.

Strongly Agree	107
Agree	90
Neutral	31
Disagree	5
Strongly Disagree	8
No answer	4

Goal: Partnerships - Bring energetic trails and outdoor recreation partnerships to the Denali Borough.

Strongly Agree	88
Agree	76
Neutral	53
Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	14
No answer	3

If you had to choose one, what would you prioritize for Borough investment?

Trails	99
Indoor Fitness	80
Sports	21
Nothing	11
Parks	10
Swimming Pool (write-in)	4
Shooting Range (write-in)	3

If you would NOT prioritize recreation for Borough investment, why?

(Check all that apply)

N/A - DO not prioritize investment	144
Different fiscal priorities	32
Support of smaller government	30
Do not want to see increased use	24
Protection of privacy	17
No answer	38

If you had to choose one, what would you rather see for your local area:

Improve existing COR infrastructure	107
Intentionally design and build new	129
No answer	9

If you had to choose one, what would you care more about having in your community:

Winter recreation options	137
Summer recreation options	80
Neither	21
No answer	7

If you had to choose one, what would you care more about having in your community:

Trailheads and maintained trails	116
Infrastructure for sports	90
Neither	27
No answer	12

What would you hope to see available in your community?

PICK YOUR TOP 5

Fitness center	133
Highway bike paths	119
Ice rink	95
Covered ice rink	48
Indoor ice rink	47
Highway Waysides	74
Winterized pullouts	40
Wayside bathrooms	34
Groomed ski trails	68
New/existing trailheads	62
Shooting range	58
Community sidewalks	52
Mountain biking trails	45
Community garden	43
Rock climbing wall	42
Apline hiking trails	42
Track & sports fields	42
Archery range	28
Stocked fishing holes	28
Dog park	24
Sledding hill	23
Backcountry ski trails	21
Campgrounds	19
Disc golf course	17
Boat launches	15
Picnic areas	13
ATV trails	12
ADA trails	11
Snowmachining trails	11
Playgrounds	11
Skate park	9
Rental gear	7
Mushing trails	5
Ice climbing course	5
Pump track course	4
Horseback riding	3