Recreational Use & Economics of Conservation Reserve (CRP) Acreage: A National Survey of Landowners

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Executive Summary

From July through September, 2007, a mail survey was conducted at the request of the USDA Farm Service Agency of landowners participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). A random sample of 4,000 CRP enrollees was polled to assess recreational use of their CRP lands and associated revenue generated from recreational use of these lands. After removing 36 undeliverable addresses/non-CRP participants, final response was 74% (2,953 respondents). Error tolerances for this sample are +/- 2 percentage points (95% confidence level) at the national level.

Key findings at the national level revealed:

- Fifty-seven percent of CRP enrollees said some portion of their CRP acreages was used by outdoor recreationists for activities such as hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, and hiking.

- Of that 43% of landowners indicating their CRP acreages were *not* used for outdoor recreation, the most common explanation was, "I am opposed to people I do not know having access to my land" (51%), followed by "I was not asked" (38%).

- Of that 57% indicating that their CRP acreages were used by outdoor recreationists, more than half (55%) said that recreational users included people other than landowners' families or circles of friends.

- Landowners indicated that the recreationists other than their family and friends included those who were "local to your community" (78%), "from out of the area, but still within your state" (39%), and "from out of state" (22%).

- On average, the mean number of recreationists (other than family and friends) that landowners allowed to use their acreages was 25, though the median of 10 and mode of 20 recreationists are insightful indicators of central tendency for the number of recreational users allowed per farm.

- Far and away the most common recreational use of CRP lands used for recreation was hunting (89%), followed by wildlife viewing (44%), hiking/walking (23%), and fishing (7%), though over 25 other recreational activities were identified, from arrow head and rock hunting to hay rides.

- Five percent of CRP enrollees indicated they received income from recreational use of their CRP acreages (or 10% of those landowners who indicated their acreages were used for recreational purposes).

- Of landowners allowing recreational use of their CRP acreages but *not* charging for access, the most common explanation for not receiving a fee was, "I do not believe fees should be charged for hunting or other recreation" (40%).. "I do not have sufficient amount of land to lease for hunting" (26%), and "I did not have the opportunity" (19%) were also common responses.

- Of those landowners receiving fees for recreational use of all or part of the CRP acreages, the most common assessment of fees was "one-time fee for all acres for entire hunting season" (70%), followed by "CRP lands were enrolled in a

state-operated ‘walk-in’ hunting access program” (17%), “daily charge per person” (6%), and “CRP lands were leased to a commercial hunting outfitter/guide service” (5%).

- A majority (62%) of landowners receiving fees for recreational use of their CRP acreages also leased other (non-CRP) acreages for hunting or other recreational uses.

- About one-fourth (23%) of landowners receiving fees for recreational use of their CRP acreages said the presence of CRP enrollments on their lands or neighbors’ lands influenced their decisions to lease their other (non-CRP) acreages for recreational purposes.

- When asked to estimate the average amount they earned in dollars per acre for CRP land that was made available to recreational use, 86% estimated $10 dollars or less per acre, 72% estimated $5 or less per acre, and 37% estimated $1 per acre.

- Nationally, the CRP resulted in landowners receiving $21.3 million more from recreational activities on their lands than they would have without enrolling their lands in the CRP.

- When considering potential revenue forgone by landowners who do not believe in charging for recreational use, the market value of recreational use of CRP lands is estimated to be at least $72.3 million.

- The incidence of CRP land being used for recreational purposes ranged from 61% among landowners in the Midwest to 51% in the Plains states. Elsewhere, the rates were 58% in the East and 53% in the West.

- Landowners in the East were most likely (19%) to charge for recreational access to their land (among landowners who allow recreational access), while Midwest landowners were least likely (4%). Eleven percent of landowners in the West and 16 percent of plains state landowners received income from recreational uses of their CRP lands.

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Introduction

> ***"As a consequence of radically changing agricultural and forest land-use practices, and the increasing encroachment of urban life, few doubts can exist regarding the importance of private lands to the future well-being of this nation's wildlife."***

With this sweeping statement as prologue, social theorist on wildlife values, Dr. Stephen Kellert, introduced, "Landowner and Public Perspectives," the first of 5 sessions comprising the 1981 conference, "Wildlife Management on Private Lands" (Dumke et al., 1981).

But Kellert continued with a grave prediction; that unless U.S. agricultural and natural resource policies coalesced—a blending of public land-management incentives and private land ethics—"America will increasingly face the prospect of wildlife in visible and substantial numbers being found only in relatively isolated areas on our public lands—a reality already existing in many parts of Europe, India, and the Far East" (Kellert, 1981).

Would public and private interests find common ground in support of wildlife conservation, averting Kellert's future vision of mere "pockets of wildlife"?

The answer was, "yes," and in a manner and scale almost unimaginable to land management stakeholders of that era. To illustrate…

> In 1985, spring surveys by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service placed waterfowl breeding populations at 25.6 million ducks and predicted a fall flight of 54.5 million. Mallards, pintails and blue-winged teal in particular were in trouble, with populations at or near their lowest in the 30-year history of the surveys.
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> Waterfowl experts from the United States, Canada and Mexico began working on a biological blueprint to bring back the ducks. That effort, which became the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, set as its goal a spring breeding population of 62 million ducks and a fall flight of 100 million.
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> At the same time, Congress was working on another issue—the 1985 Farm Bill and a new provision called the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The soil conservation strategy of CRP involved paying farmers to retire marginal croplands from production for 10 years. …CRP was about to create millions of acres of prime upland cover that would help protect nests from predators and dramatically increase nesting success.
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> CRP was established in the 1985 Farm Bill and reauthorized in [subsequent Farm Bills]. The program encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to resource-conserving vegetative cover, such as tame or native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filter-strips or

> riparian buffers. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes annual rental payments based on the agriculture rental value of the land, and it provides cost-share assistance…in establishing approved conservation practices. Participants compete nationally to enroll in CRP contracts and receive an annual rental payment for 10 to 15 years.
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> *No program in history has done more for landscape-level conservation of soil, water and wildlife habitat on farmland while offering producers a significant and stable source of income than CRP* (italics added; Ducks Unlimited, 2007).

And even today, land management stakeholders are awaiting final approval of the 2008 Farm Bill, hoping the CRP provisions remain a strong element of this far-reaching program (Ducks Unlimited, 2007; "Farm Bill Passed in House," p. 16).

Of the many benefits apparently accruing from CRP over the years, one that remained unmeasured was the financial return that landowners might be experiencing from recreational use of their CRP acreages—in other words, acceptance of cash payments by landowners from recreational users of those CRP acreages.

Objectives

In June, 2007, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture contracted with Southwick Associates (Southwick) and D.J. Case & Associates (DJ Case) to conduct a nationwide mail survey of landowners participating in the CRP to better understand the benefits created by the CRP for enrolled landowners and the public.

Specific objectives of the study were—

- To determine if CRP enrollment created new sources of farm income via hunting or other wildlife-related recreation;
- To determine if the CRP created new recreational opportunities and land access opportunities for the public; and
- To determine the relative value to landowners of the direct CRP payments compared to the income created by recreational uses of their lands.

Methods

Questionnaire Content and Mailings

Staff of FSA and the Office of Management and Budget cooperated to develop questionnaire content, as well as verbiage for the mail survey materials (OMB NO: 0560-0259). FSA, Southwick, and DJ Case collaborated to prepare materials for the survey mailings (Appendix A). These materials consisted of:

- A "heads-up" postcard (First Class postage) sent to all 4,000 landowners in the sample;
- 1st mail-wave (First Class postage) sent to all 4,000 landowners in the sample, consisting of questionnaire (in machine-scannable format), cover letter signed by Dr. Skip Hyberg (Leader, Natural Resources Evaluation and Assessment Project); and business return (postage paid) envelope;

- 2nd mail-wave (First Class postage) sent to all non-respondents from the 1st mail-wave, consisting of questionnaire, revised cover letter appealing for the landowner's participation, and business return (postage paid) envelope; and
- A "last chance" postcard (First Class postage) sent to all non-respondents from the 1st mail-wave, appealing for the landowner's participation.

Survey preparations continued until June, 2007, when the materials were sent to printing at the Assessment Resource Center (ARC) at the University of Missouri, the organization that printed, mailed, tracked, and machine-scanned the questionnaires, then provided the dataset.

Sample Frame

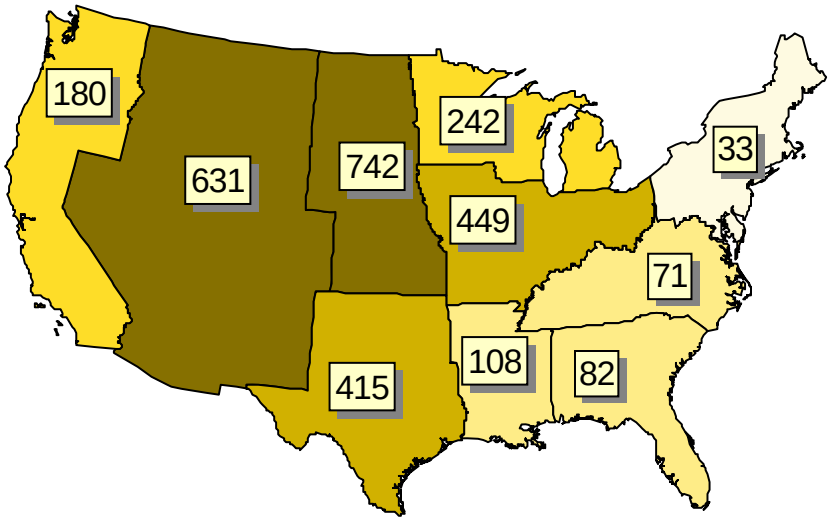
FSA provided Southwick with a landowner sampling frame obtained from the nation-wide list of CRP enrollees. A total sample of 4,000 farms was drawn from the CRP database, stratified by region. The farms were selected randomly in each region, and the number of farms selected was proportional to total CRP acres in each region. The regions and their respective states are listed in Appendix B.

Survey Response

Each survey was opened individually upon its return, examining the form to correct any data entry issues (mainly, ensuring response bubbles were completely filled-in by the respondent), and adding written comments that respondents volunteered in the open-ended final question to the data file.

A final response of 74% (2,953 respondents) was achieved by September 26, 2007, the cut-off to accept surveys. About 52% of landowners responded to the first mail-wave, with the balance responding to the second. The number of responses, by region, is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Response to CRP Landowner Survey 2007.



Data Treatment

Data were carefully handled to assure anonymity of respondents throughout all stages of the study. Data security and quality control were preeminent concerns of Southwick, DJ Case, and ARC as they prepared the dataset.

Error tolerance for individual percentages at the national level are +/- 2 percentage points (95% confidence level).

Generally, percentages that follow are rounded to the nearest whole number, occasionally resulting in slight variations (1%) in reported percent totals (i.e., percent totals equally 99% or 101%).

The original sample was drawn proportional to total CRP acres in each region. Due to significant variation in average farm sizes across regions, the resulting distribution of landowners in the sample did not match the actual national distribution. To address this difference, a sample weight was calculated to make the regional distribution of survey respondents representative of CRP enrollees, nationally. This was done to be able to accurately estimate landowner responses nationally, by addressing regional differences that might be exhibited in the incidence of recreational uses of CRP lands or income that landowners receive from that activity. The regional sample weights are shown in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1. Weights to Re-establish CRP Sample Respondent Proportionality to Total Population of CRP landowners.

Region	Population of CRP Landowners	Population Distribution	Number of Respondents in Sample	Sample Distribution	Sample Weights
Northeast	13,777	3%	33	1%	2.89
Appalachian	25,138	6%	71	2%	2.45
Southeast	20,998	5%	82	3%	1.77
Delta	19,558	5%	108	4%	1.25
Corn Belt	156,255	37%	449	15%	2.41
Lake	62,365	15%	242	8%	1.78
Northern Plains	76,872	18%	742	25%	0.72
Southern Plains	24,641	6%	415	14%	0.41
Mountain	19,735	5%	631	21%	0.22
Pacific	7,280	2%	180	6%	0.28
Total	**426,619**	**100%**	**2,953**	**100%**	

Results

Over the last year, 57% of CRP landowners allowed at least some portion of their CRP lands to be used for recreational uses, including hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking and other activities (Table 2).

Table 2. Use of CRP lands by outdoor recreationists for hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, etc.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1,629	57%
No	1,202	42%
TOTAL	**2,831**	**100%**

No answer = 122

Those who did not allow recreational access selected from several reasons listed on the survey (Table 3). Approximately one-half of them are opposed to allowing access to people they do not know. The second most frequent reason (38%) was that landowners were not asked. This suggests that even more CRP land could be made accessible to the public for recreation with appropriate guidance and awareness programs. Among the additional comments (Appendix C, "Q1") provided by respondents include concerns for liability associated with providing public access, the lack of game species for hunting, limited acreage of their CRP land, and being an absentee landowner unable to oversee the public's access.

Table 3. Landowners' reasons why land was not used by outdoor recreationists for hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, etc.

	Frequency	Percent*
I am opposed to people I do not know having access to my land.	532	51%
I am opposed to hunting	71	7%
I was not asked	401	38%
I do not have sufficient amount of land for hunting	300	28%
My CRP land is too close to the house/farm/livestock to permit hunting	260	25%
Other	79	8%

*No answer = 41. *Based on 1,202 total respondents. Percentages sum to more than 100% because respondents could select more than one reason.*

A little more than one-half of the landowners who allowed recreational uses of their CRP lands provided access to people other than their circle of family and friends. The numbers of people who used their land ranged from 1 to over 5,000, reflecting the wide range in the acreages involved and the manner in which access is provided. Over one-half of the landowners (56%) provided access to 10 people and fewer who were not family or friends, and only 14 percent allowed more than 25 public recreationists onto their CRP lands (Table 4).

Table 4. Number of individuals who used CRP land for recreational uses outside of the enrollees' family and friends over the previous year.

	Frequency	Percent
1 to 5	218	33%
6 to 10	157	23%
11 to 25	201	30%
More than 25	92	14%
TOTAL	**668**	**100%**

Mean = 25; Median =10. No answer = 240

Clearly, the most common type of recreational use of CRP lands is hunting, identified by nine out of every ten CRP landowners as one of the recreational uses of their land, followed by wildlife viewing, hiking and fishing (Table 5). Among the most frequently cited other uses were trails for off-road vehicles (ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles), and horseback trail riding (Appendix C, "Q2").

Table 5. Primary types of recreational uses of CRP lands.

	Frequency	Percent*
Fishing	106	7%
Hiking/Walking	367	23%
Hunting	1,435	89%
Wildlife viewing	708	44%
Other	109	7%
Don't know	17	1%

*No answer = 20. *Based on 1,609 total respondents. Percentages sum to more than 100% because respondents could select more than one answer.*

As might be expected, owing to the rural locations of most CRP lands, people from the local communities are the most frequent users of CRP lands for recreational purposes. However, significant numbers of landowners (61%) indicate that recreational visitors to their CRP lands are from outside of the local community. Thirty-nine percent indicated that their visitors include state residents not from the local community, plus 22% whose visitors include people from outside the state (Table 6). While this survey was not designed to address the broader economic impacts associated with CRP lands, the substantial numbers of CRP lands that attract people from outside the local area suggests that the presence of CRP lands may provide some level of economic benefit to the local communities through potential spending of nonresident visitors while in the area.

Table 6. Residence of recreational users of CRP lands.

	Frequency	Percent
Local to the community	1,202	78%
From out of the area, but within the state	599	39%
From out of state	334	22%
Don't know	116	7%

*No answer = 79. *Based on 1,543 total respondents. Percentages sum to more than 100% because respondents could select more than one answer.*

The financial benefits to the landowners from providing recreational access to their lands are addressed more directly in the survey. Approximately five percent of all CRP landowners receive some income from providing recreational access to their lands. Among landowners who provide recreational access, the proportion who receive income from recreational uses is approximately double that of all landowners (10%) (Table 7).

Table 7. Receipt of fees for outdoor recreational use of CRP land (among enrollees who allowed recreational use of their land).

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	150	10%
No	1,365	90%
TOTAL	**1,515**	**100%**

No answer = 114

Among landowners who do not receive recreational income from their CRP lands the most often cited reason (40%) was a belief that fees should not be charged for recreational uses (Table 8). However, one-fourth of landowners reported that they did not have a sufficient land base to lease for hunting (the most common use of CRP land). Discounting those landowners without a sufficient land base to allow recreational uses, the proportion of CRP landowners who do not believe in charging a fee rises to 50% among people who did not receive any income. Approximately one fifth of all CRP landowners (19%) indicated that they did not have an opportunity to charge a fee for access. This suggests that it may be possible for more landowners to obtain additional income through charging a fee for recreational access to their land. See Appendix C, "Q4a," for other explanations volunteered as to why a fee was not received.

Table 8. Reasons why enrollees who allowed recreational use of their land did not receive a fee.

	Frequency	Percent*
I do not believe that fees should be charged for hunting or other recreation	549	40%
I did not have the opportunity	262	19%
I do not have sufficient amount of land to lease for hunting	353	26%
Other	307	22%

**Based on 1,365 total respondents. Percentages sum to more than 100% because respondents could select more than one answer.*

Most (70%) landowners who received income from recreational uses of their CRP lands charged a one-time fee that provided a hunter with season long access to all of the lands that were available for hunting (Table 9). Less commonly, CRP landowners charged fees on a daily per hunter basis (6%), or leased their land to a commercial guide or outfitter (5%). Seventeen percent partnered with a state agency to provide public access to their lands, receiving a fee directly from state government rather than the individual hunters. See Appendix C, "Q4e," for other fee arrangements volunteered by respondents.

From Table 3, approximately 38% of landowners who did not make their CRP lands available for recreational uses indicated that they were not asked to do so. It is not known how many of these landowners would provide access to their land if asked or what fee structure they might use, if any. However, the large percentage of landowners who responded this way indicates that there may be opportunities for states to develop additional "walk-in" hunting agreements among these landowners.

Table 9. Manner in which fees for recreational use of CRP land are assessed by landowners.

	Frequency	Percent
One-time fee for all acres of entire hunting season	100	70%
Daily charge per person	9	6%
CRP lands were leased to a commercial hunting outfitter/guide service	7	5%
CRP lands were enrolled in a state-operated "walk-in" hunting access program	24	17%
Other	2	2%
TOTAL	**144**	**100%**

No answer = 6

In addition to the economic and conservation aspects of enrolling land in the CRP, the survey sought to determine whether the presence of CRP lands has any influence on whether a landowner who makes their CRP land available for recreational use is more likely to make other non-CRP lands available to recreational users. The existence of such a leveraging effect would suggest that the CRP may be an effective tool for promoting recreational access to more than the targeted CRP acres.

Sixty-two percent of landowners who make their CRP land available for recreational use also lease other non-CRP land for similar uses (Table 10).

Table 10. Did enrollees lease other non-CRP land for hunting or other recreational use?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	92	62%
No	57	38%
TOTAL	**149**	**100%**

No answer = 1

Less than one-fourth (23%) of landowners' decision to lease other lands for hunting or recreational purposes was influenced by the presence of the CRP on their land or neighboring lands (Table 11). While the presence of CRP lands is not a major direct determinant of whether a landowner leases non-CRP lands for recreational uses, the program clearly affects the amount that landowners will charge to allow users access to their land. The average fee per acre of CRP land that landowners report receiving is $6.13. Prior to enrolling in the CRP, landowners received an average $1.90 per acre for access to the same lands (Table 12). Thus, it is apparent that the CRP is likely a significant indirect determinant in leasing decisions.

Table 11. Did the presence of the CRP on the landowners' or neighboring lands influence the decision to lease other (non-CRP) land for recreational purposes?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	33	23%
No	101	70%
Don't know	10	7%
TOTAL	**144**	**100%**

No answer = 6

Table 12. Average dollars per acre earned by landowners who receive a fee for recreational uses of their CRP land, before and after enrolling in the CRP.

	N	Average $/ac.
Before CRP enrollment	131	$1.90
After CRP enrollment	150	$6.13

Across all landowners with land enrolled in the CRP regardless of whether they make their land available for recreational uses or receive a fee for providing access, the average revenues per acre generated by recreational uses is $0.80 per acre of the CRP land. Assuming that participating landowners make all of their CRP acres available for recreational use, this translates into $28.9 million per year of recreational income from 36.0 million acres of land enrolled in the CRP nationally. Without the CRP, the landowners reportedly would have received an average of $0.21 per acre, or $7.6 million nationally on lands that are now enrolled in the CRP. The CRP therefore can be credited with generating an additional $21.3 million per year of income to landowners[1].

Approximately 40% of CRP landowners who allow recreational access to their land choose not to charge a fee. The survey does not explore this issue in depth, but the wording of the question suggests that landowners have altruistic intentions ("I do not

[1] The survey did not address the time between the revenue received prior to enrolling land in CRP and revenue received after enrolling in CRP. Therefore, the analysis does not including any adjustment for inflation which could reduce the differential impact of CRP on recreational land use revenues.

believe that fees should be charged for hunting or other recreation"). This could be interpreted to mean that landowners are willing to forego additional revenue out of a sense of community responsibility and/or the intrinsic values of land stewardship. In any case, we estimate the landowners' choice is worth approximately $51 million in foregone recreational use revenues based on the willingness of hunters to pay for access as evidenced by the average receipts obtained by other landowners.

Approximately one-half of landowners reported that they would receive the same fee if their land were not enrolled in the CRP (Table 13). This suggests that the higher per acre incomes received by landowners after they enroll their acres in the CRP may be the result of improvements to the land provided through participation in the CRP rather than the presence of the program itself. Presumably, landowners could make the same improvements to receive higher recreational use incomes. It is possible that the landowners may be reluctant to do so without the assistance of the CRP if the increased returns from recreational uses are insufficient to compensate for the foregone agricultural revenue. Alternatively, it may be that case that the CRP creates a greater awareness among landowners of the recreational value of their lands, resulting in a willingness to charge higher fees.

Table 13. Would landowners obtain their current recreational use income if the land were not enrolled in the CRP?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	64	51%
No	62	49%
TOTAL	**126**	**100%**

No answer = 24

The survey results were examined for regional differences in landowner experiences with the CRP as it relates for recreational uses of land. Due to small numbers of respondents in some regions, particularly the number of landowners who allowed recreational uses, several regions were combined to create regions with more respondents. Selected results are shown in Tables 14 and 15 below.

Table 14. Use of CRP lands by outdoor recreationists for hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, etc., by region.

	N*	Yes	No
East	280	58%	42%
Midwest	665	61%	39%
Plains	1,096	51%	49%
West	788	53%	47%

**unweighted responses. 2,829 total respondents; no answer = 124*

Table 15. Did landowners receive a fee for outdoor recreational use of CRP land (among enrollees who allowed recreational use of their land), by region?

	N*	Yes	No
East	149	19%	81%
Midwest	373	4%	96%
Plains	523	16%	84%
West	394	11%	89%

**unweighted responses. 1,439 total respondents; no answer = 104*

Concluding Remarks

These data confirm a previously suspected but undocumented benefit of the CRP; specifically, that a group of CRP enrollees are experiencing a financial benefit linked to outdoor recreation and landowners' participation in the CRP. Specifically, at the national level, the CRP resulted in landowners receiving $21.3 million more from recreational activities on their lands than they would have without enrolling their lands in the CRP.

By one estimation, the CRP represents an unprecedented conservation success:

> "No program in history has done more for landscape-level conservation of soil, water and wildlife habitat on farmland while offering producers a significant and stable source of income than CRP (Ducks Unlimited, 2007)"

These findings have identified a significant and previously unquantified benefit accruing to some landowners by virtue of their participation in the CRP. Additionally, the study documents the recreational value of private lands that is provided by CRP landowners at no cost to the general public. This value is estimated to be as much as $51 million that might otherwise accrue to landowners through usage fees.

When these benefits are summed the total value to CRP landowners from recreational use can be estimated to be $72.3 million in the most recent year. Significantly more than two-thirds of these benefits accrue to recreationists other than the landowner.

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Appendix A: Questionnaire, Cover Letters, and Postcards

Conservation Reserve Program: Hunting and Wildlife-Viewing Revenue Survey

Your opinion and experiences count!

Please completely and carefully fill in each chosen circle with a #2 pencil or blue/black pen.

1. ***Over the last year***, was any of your CRP land used by outdoor recreationists for hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing, hiking, etc.?

   ○ **Yes** (*Please continue with question* **1b** *below.*)

   ○ **No**, My CRP land was not used for outdoor recreation (*Mark all that apply.*)

   - ○ I am opposed to people I do not know having access to my land
   - ○ I am opposed to hunting
   - ○ I was not asked
   - ○ I do not have sufficient amount of land for hunting
   - ○ My CRP land is too close to the house/farm/livestock to permit hunting
   - ○ Other (*please describe*): _____

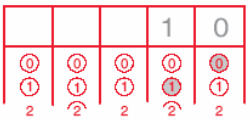
If you answered "No" to the above question you have completed the survey. Do not continue with the following questions. Please return this form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Thank you for your help!

1b. Does this include people other than your family or circle of friends?

○ Yes ○ No

1c. Approximately *how many* individuals used this land outside of your family and circle of friends?

For example, if your answer is 10:



○ Don't know

2. What was the main usage of the CRP land? (*Mark all that apply.*)

   - ○ Fishing
   - ○ Hiking /Walking
   - ○ Hunting
   - ○ Wildlife viewing
   - ○ Other (*please describe*): _____
   - ○ Don't know

3. Were the outdoor recreationists: (*Mark all that apply.*)

   - ○ Local to your community
   - ○ From out of the area, but still within your state
   - ○ From out of state
   - ○ Don't know

4. Did you receive any income from this recreation use of CRP land? (*For example, did you lease hunting rights on this CRP land?*)

   ○ **Yes** (*Please continue with question* **4b** *below.*)

4a. **No**, I have not received a fee for outdoor recreational use of my CRP land (*Mark all that apply.*).

- ○ I do not believe fees should be charged for hunting or other recreation
- ○ I did not have the opportunity
- ○ I do not have sufficient amount of land to lease for hunting
- ○ Other (please describe) _____

If you answered "No" to the above question you have completed the survey. Do not continue with the following questions. Please return this form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Thank you for your help!

4b. If you received a fee for recreational use of all or part of your CRP land, how were fees assessed? (*Answer the one option that best represents your approach.*)

- ○ One-time fee for all acres for entire hunting season
- ○ Daily charge per person
- ○ CRP lands were leased to a commercial hunting outfitter/guide service
- ○ CRP lands were enrolled in a state-operated "walk-in" hunting access program
- ○ Other (*please describe*): _____

4c. Have you leased other (non-CRP) land for hunting or other recreational use?

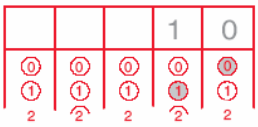
○ Yes ○ No

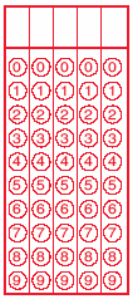
4d. Did the presence of the CRP on your, or your neighbor's land, have any influence on your decision to lease other (non-CRP) land for recreational purposes?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

5. Please estimate the *average* amount you earned in *dollars* **per acre** for CRP land that was made available to recreational use. (*Include any funding received for recreation or other sources of income that is due to use of CRP land.*)

For example, if your answer is $10 per acre:





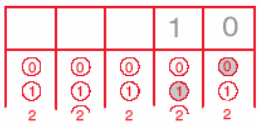
If you answered "$0 per acre" to the above question you have completed the survey. Do not continue with the following questions. Please return this form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Thank you for your help!

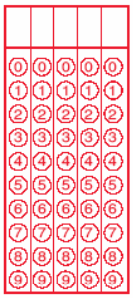
6. Would you have made this recreational use income if the land were NOT in CRP (if it was still being cropped)?

○ Yes
○ No

7. BEFORE enrolling in CRP, how much did you receive from recreation uses over the course of a year (on *average*) in *dollars* ***per acre*** from land that is now in CRP?

For example, if your answer is $10 per acre:





Thank you for completing this survey related to recreational use and economic benefits received from enrollment in the CRP. Please return this form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Please use the space below if you would like to furnish any additional comments. Thank you.

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United States Department of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

Farm Service Agency

August 6, 2007

Dear (merge field),

By taking a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey (OMB Control NO – 0560-0259), you'll be assisting the U.S. Department of Agriculture gain vital information helpful in better serving you, this nation's farm and ranch community, and the U.S. citizenry. (Recall, we contacted you some time ago by postcard to give you a "heads-up" that you would be receiving this survey.)

As you know, the **Conservation Reserve Program** (CRP) provides technical and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in a cost-effective manner.

The enclosed survey is being conducted by the Farm Service Agency to help the U.S. Department of Agriculture better understand the benefits created by the CRP program for enrolled landowners and the public. The information gathered will be used to answer the following questions:

a. Does being enrolled in CRP create new sources of farm income via hunting and other wildlife-related recreation?;
b. Does CRP create new recreational opportunities and land access opportunities for the public?; and
c. What is the relative value to landowners of the direct CRP payments compared to the income created by recreational uses of their lands?

The questions in the survey refer to all of the CRP contract acres on your farm listed in our records as Farm Number (merge field).

The survey is voluntary and is designed to take at most 10 minutes to answer. *The results of each survey are strictly confidential and will not be shared outside of combined analyses estimating the effects of CRP benefits.* The contents of the survey will be combined with other surveys to provide statistically valid multi-state and national estimates, while protecting the identities of all participants.

Southwick Associates, in cooperation with the Assessment Resource Center at the University of Missouri, is helping the Farm Service Agency conduct the survey. If you have any questions about the survey, you can contact:

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Thank you in advance for completing the form and returning it in the ***postage-paid*** return envelope! Your input is sincerely appreciated.

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Farm Service Agency

August 28, 2007

Dear [merge name],

Some time ago, we sent you a brief mail questionnaire about the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Response from our nation's ranchers and farmers has been encouraging, but we've not yet received your completed questionnaire.

The Farm Service Agency is conducting the survey to help the U.S. Department of Agriculture better understand the benefits created by the CRP program for enrolled landowners and the public.

Enclosed is a replacement questionnaire for the CRP acres on your farm listed in our records as Farm Number [merge number]. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the survey (OMB Control NO – 0560-0259).

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4 in. x 6 in. Postcards to Survey Participants

Prior to survey

Greetings

You have been randomly selected to receive a survey to estimate the wildlife benefits from the Conservation Reserve Program. In the next several weeks you will receive a short survey asking 7 questions regarding the use of your CRP land for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreation. Landowners testing the survey have estimated it took between 2 and 5 minutes to complete. Your completing the survey will help USDA to estimate the value of the CRP to wildlife. We greatly appreciate your taking several minutes to complete this survey. Please return the survey in the postage paid envelope enclosed with the survey.

Thank you for your assistance.
OMB NO: 0560-0259

Reminder to Non-responders After First Mail-Wave

Greetings

Several weeks ago you received a survey asking questions regarding the use of your Conservation Reserve Program land for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreation. You have been randomly to represent CRP landowners from your region. Landowners testing the survey have estimated it took between 2 and 5 minutes to complete. Your completing the survey will help USDA to estimate the value of the CRP to wildlife. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return in the postage paid envelope enclosed with the survey. We hope to complete the survey within the next 2 weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.
OMB NO: 0560-0259

United States Department of Agriculture
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Farm Service Agency

Greetings

Recently you received a survey asking questions regarding the use of your Conservation Reserve Program land for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreation. You have been randomly selected to represent CRP landowners from your region. Landowners testing the survey have estimated it took between 2 and 5 minutes to complete. Your completing the survey will help USDA to estimate the value of the CRP to wildlife. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return in the postage paid envelope enclosed with the survey. We hope to complete the surveying within the next 2 weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.
OMB NO: 0560-0259

CRP Survey
c/o Assessment Resource Center
2800 Maguire Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65211

4 x 6” postcard

Appendix B: State-Region List

East	Appalachian States	Kentucky
East	Appalachian States	North Carolina
East	Appalachian States	Tennessee
East	Appalachian States	Virginia
East	Appalachian States	West Virginia
East	Delta States	Arkansas
East	Delta States	Louisiana
East	Delta States	Mississippi
East	Northeast	Connecticut
East	Northeast	Delaware
East	Northeast	Maine
East	Northeast	Maryland
East	Northeast	Massachusetts
East	Northeast	New Hampshire
East	Northeast	New Jersey
East	Northeast	New York
East	Northeast	Pennsylvania
East	Northeast	Rhode Island
East	Northeast	Vermont
East	Southeast States	Alabama
East	Southeast States	Florida
East	Southeast States	Georgia
East	Southeast States	South Carolina
Midwest	Corn Belt	Illinois
Midwest	Corn Belt	Indiana
Midwest	Corn Belt	Iowa
Midwest	Corn Belt	Missouri
Midwest	Corn Belt	Ohio
Midwest	Lake	Michigan
Midwest	Lake	Minnesota
Midwest	Lake	Wisconsin
Plains	Northern Plains	Kansas
Plains	Northern Plains	Nebraska
Plains	Northern Plains	North Dakota
Plains	Northern Plains	South Dakota
Plains	Southern Plains	Oklahoma
Plains	Southern Plains	Texas
West	Mountain States	Arizona
West	Mountain States	Colorado
West	Mountain States	Idaho
West	Mountain States	Montana
West	Mountain States	Nevada
West	Mountain States	New Mexico
West	Mountain States	Utah
West	Mountain States	Wyoming
West	Pacific	California
West	Pacific	Oregon
West	Pacific	Washington

Appendix C:
Open-Ended Comments (un-edited, as provided by respondents)
See Questionnaire (Appendix A) for Exact Question Wording

Q1. "Other" explanations offered by respondents as to why their CRP acreages were not used for outdoor recreation.

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	2813	95.3	95.3
16th section trust school district	1	.0	95.3
2 acres	1	.0	95.3
3 people hunt, 2 people use house and recreate.	1	.0	95.4
A sodwaterway is not big enough to hunt on.	1	.0	95.4
Adj[acant] pasture rented april-nov.	1	.0	95.4
adjacent to airport	1	.0	95.5
Concerned about lawsuits	1	.0	95.5
CRP is on hilltops	1	.0	95.5
CRP only on very steep hills for erosion control.	1	.0	95.6
CRP totals 1.4 acres around 2 sink holes.	1	.0	95.6
Delay[?] Erosive [?] only	1	.0	95.6
Didn't know it was allowed.	1	.0	95.7
Do not own anymore	1	.0	95.7
Do you want people you don't know walking, etc. on your land[?]	1	.0	95.7
Don't know	1	.0	95.8
Don't know.	1	.0	95.8
Don't want new trees damaged.	1	.0	95.8
Due to draught wildlife is not established yet.	1	.0	95.9
Early to[o] young will be available in future hunt	1	.0	95.9
Fairly close to house	1	.0	95.9
Family friends hunt	1	.0	96.0
family rec and hunt	1	.0	96.0
family use only	1	.0	96.0
fire danger	1	.0	96.1
Fire danger too high, would allow walkin [?]	1	.0	96.1
fire hazard	1	.0	96.1
Fire hazard	1	.0	96.2
Fire hazard to home buildings and machines.	1	.0	96.2
For last year no. For 3 previous years it was. They stated their funds were limited.	1	.0	96.2
For personal use only.	1	.0	96.3
graze with cows	1	.0	96.3
have not signed up for allowing hunting of farmlan	1	.0	96.3
highway, risk of fire too dry	1	.0	96.4
hunters abused privilege	1	.0	96.4
hunters and recreationists welcome	1	.0	96.4

Hunters may slip in & hunt & I not know.	1	.0	96.5
hunting & wildlife & viewing	1	.0	96.5
Hunting by friends and family	1	.0	96.5
Hunting club	1	.0	96.6
I am away from the land. It is near a lake and mountains, so it may have been used.	1	.0	96.6
I am nonresident owner	1	.0	96.6
I do not want to be sued.	1	.0	96.7
I don't believe in pay hunting.	1	.0	96.7
I don't know if anyone used it.	1	.0	96.7
I don't like people go[ing] on the land. Making [?]	1	.0	96.8
I don't live near it. I wouldn't know.	1	.0	96.8
I have "walk-in" hunting, close to a county road access so I really don't know who all used it.	1	.0	96.9
I have 40 acres	1	.0	96.9
I have a friend that hunts for deer in our woods.	1	.0	96.9
I have no CRP	1	.0	97.0
I have the land adjacent leased for farming.	1	.0	97.0
I have walk in and through hunting.	1	.0	97.0
I hunt my ground.	1	.0	97.1
I leased some nearby acres for grazing this past year, otherwise I might have allowed hunting.	1	.0	97.1
I let my family hunt when they want. But not this y	1	.0	97.1
I let people hunt because so much land [?] of family now.	1	.0	97.2
I live too far from it to keep close tab	1	.0	97.2
I live two hours drive from the property. Only 46.9 acres in CRP.	1	.0	97.2
I only have 1.2 acres	1	.0	97.3
I reserved this ares for family, but no one used.	1	.0	97.3
I thought CRP was an animal reserve; I will have to rethink its use.	1	.0	97.3
I want the CRP for wildlife	1	.0	97.4
I watch wildlife.	1	.0	97.4
I would like to have visitors.	1	.0	97.4
It's only waterways	1	.0	97.5
It is not easy to get to.	1	.0	97.5
It is used more to control erosion of the soil.	1	.0	97.5
Its refuge for deer and antelope	1	.0	97.6
just planted in 2006	1	.0	97.6
Just planted, no cover yet.	1	.0	97.6
Just wasn't alot of wildlife in it.	1	.0	97.7
Land does not provide good hunting compared to near by land.	1	.0	97.7
Large family to take advantage & friends.	1	.0	97.7
last year was too dry-fire	1	.0	97.8
Leave this to my renter.	1	.0	97.8
Liability	1	.0	97.8
liability issues	1	.0	97.9

Liability issues	2	.1	97.9
liabilty	1	.0	98.0
Liabilty issues	1	.0	98.0
Me and friends only hunt dove and some quail.	1	.0	98.0
Most acres have inward productivity in wildlife	1	.0	98.1
My CRP acreage is too small for any recreational activities. It is mostly used to prevent run-off into the lake.	1	.0	98.1
My CRP land is out of town away from my residence, so I don't know whether or not it was used for recreation.	1	.0	98.1
My son's only!!	1	.0	98.2
No CRP	1	.0	98.2
No hunting on Indian land.	1	.0	98.2
No one has asked so I assume no one has used.	1	.0	98.3
no one lives on site	1	.0	98.3
No respect from past hunters	1	.0	98.3
Not covered by my farm liability Insurance policy.	1	.0	98.4
Not enough birds yet	1	.0	98.4
not feasible for above uses	1	.0	98.4
Not great huntinghabitat, grass too thick.	1	.0	98.5
Not to my knowledge.	1	.0	98.5
Not used to my knowledge	1	.0	98.5
Not used to my knowledge.	1	.0	98.6
nothing to hunt	2	.1	98.6
Nothing to hunt	1	.0	98.7
on back	1	.0	98.7
only family	1	.0	98.7
only family and friends	1	.0	98.8
only small portion of land to prevent soil erosion	1	.0	98.8
over	1	.0	98.8
Parcels ? areas for access	1	.0	98.9
People enjoy the beauty of the prarie flowers & wildlife.	1	.0	98.9
People leaving gates open or tear down fence.	1	.0	99.0
personal use only	1	.0	99.0
Pheasant hunters burned $60,000 of cotton in '05.	1	.0	99.0
Plagued by trespassers who hunt without permission	1	.0	99.1
plot program	1	.0	99.1
Public school land.	1	.0	99.1
Read comments	1	.0	99.2
remote, little game	1	.0	99.2
see comments on back page	1	.0	99.2
See other side	1	.0	99.3
Snowmobile trail	1	.0	99.3
sold CRP acreage in January 2006	1	.0	99.3
Sold my place.	1	.0	99.4
some of land to[o] close and right of way	1	.0	99.4
some small trees	1	.0	99.4
The land is along a waterway.	1	.0	99.5

There is nothing to hunt 475 acres	1	.0	99.5
They hunt pronghorn every other year.	1	.0	99.5
Too close to a neighbors house/farm.	1	.0	99.6
Too close to highway	1	.0	99.6
Too dry for game animals or birds.	1	.0	99.6
tribal land.	1	.0	99.7
two highways on both sides	1	.0	99.7
unknown it could have been used	1	.0	99.7
viewing	1	.0	99.8
We applied for hunting license did not get.	1	.0	99.8
We enjoy seeing the wildlife.	1	.0	99.8
We have no CRP on farm #1419.	1	.0	99.9
Wildlife habitat, clean water and hunting area.	1	.0	99.9
Wildlife has not yet developed for such use.	1	.0	99.9
Wildlife preserve only.	1	.0	100.0
without permission	1	.0	100.0
Total	2953	100.0	

Q2. "What was the main usage of the CRP land? If Other, please describe"

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	2813	95.3	95.3
[?] skiing	1	.0	95.3
4-wheeler	1	.0	95.3
4-wheeling	1	.0	95.4
arrow head hunting	1	.0	95.4
ATV's berry picking	1	.0	95.4
ATV	2	.1	95.5
ATV/Snowcat/Riding	1	.0	95.5
ATVs and snowmobiles	1	.0	95.6
berry hunting, beginning motorcycle rider training	1	.0	95.6
Bird dog trail	1	.0	95.6
bird nesting	1	.0	95.7
Bird watching	2	.1	95.7
bought as ag. land	1	.0	95.8
Buffer	1	.0	95.8
building up land	1	.0	95.8
Camping	2	.1	95.9
Conservation	3	.1	96.0
Conservation soil erosion	1	.0	96.0
Conservation.	1	.0	96.1
Coyote, deer & their offspring-water hole for drinking.	1	.0	96.1
Creek bank erosion control	1	.0	96.1
Crops	1	.0	96.2
CRP payment.	1	.0	96.2

Deer hunting	1	.0	96.2
Dog training	1	.0	96.3
Dog training.	1	.0	96.3
Eagle Nest	1	.0	96.3
equestrian	1	.0	96.4
erosion control	1	.0	96.4
Erosion control	2	.1	96.5
Erosion control.	1	.0	96.5
Falconery	1	.0	96.5
Falconry hunting /dog training	1	.0	96.6
Family love to hunt. Nine grandchildren, boys love to hunt. 2-3 acres under power line planted in sunflowers for dove and quail. Open in trees, where thinned, planted in peas, rye and clover in fall for deer, turkey, and quail.	1	.0	96.6
field trials	1	.0	96.6
filter strip	1	.0	96.7
filter strips	1	.0	96.7
Filter strips.	1	.0	96.7
Flower viewing	2	.1	96.8
Flying falcons	1	.0	96.9
Food plots	2	.1	96.9
Future pasture	1	.0	97.0
Ground water protection	1	.0	97.0
Habitat	1	.0	97.0
Have a good day.	1	.0	97.1
Hay and cattle	1	.0	97.1
Hay in dry year	1	.0	97.1
haying	1	.0	97.2
horse [?]	1	.0	97.2
horseback riding.	1	.0	97.2
Horseback trail riding	1	.0	97.3
horsebackriding	1	.0	97.3
Horsebackriding	1	.0	97.3
I'm 77 and love it.	1	.0	97.4
I walk.	1	.0	97.4
Idle	2	.1	97.5
Land conservation	1	.0	97.5
Land cover!	1	.0	97.5
Land erosion	1	.0	97.6
Land not good for farming	1	.0	97.6
Livestock protection	1	.0	97.6
Located beside main Hyway in our area.	1	.0	97.7
looking for another [?]	1	.0	97.7
Maint[enance] of CRP & tree trimming.	1	.0	97.7
mushroom hunting	1	.0	97.8
Native grasses.	1	.0	97.8
Natural wildlife habitat	1	.0	97.8

Nature study	1	.0	97.9
neighbor had part of it	1	.0	97.9
No hunting alloed.	1	.0	97.9
None	1	.0	98.0
Only deer hunting.	1	.0	98.0
Parcels 1 Hackward [sic] areas for access.	1	.0	98.0
Pheasant hunting	1	.0	98.1
Photography	2	.1	98.1
pine trees	1	.0	98.2
plant identification	1	.0	98.2
Plant viewing, horsebackriding, camping	1	.0	98.2
prarie flowers	1	.0	98.3
Preservation for future generations	1	.0	98.3
prevent wind damage	1	.0	98.3
protect from erosion	1	.0	98.4
Repairian restoration	1	.0	98.4
riding (horseback)	1	.0	98.4
riding 4-wheelers	1	.0	98.5
Riding ORV	1	.0	98.5
Rock hunting	1	.0	98.5
Rough land washing	1	.0	98.6
RV	1	.0	98.6
Set aside	1	.0	98.6
Shelter belt.	1	.0	98.7
Snow mobiling	1	.0	98.7
Snowmobiles	1	.0	98.7
Snowmobiling	3	.1	98.8
soil conservation and wildlife covers	1	.0	98.9
Soil erosion	1	.0	98.9
Soil, water conservation and establishment of grass.	1	.0	99.0
Some haying	1	.0	99.0
Some was cut for hay	1	.0	99.0
The land is not used except during deer season.	1	.0	99.1
Timber production	1	.0	99.1
trail ride	1	.0	99.1
Trail riding on horseback.	1	.0	99.2
trapping	1	.0	99.2
Trapping	3	.1	99.3
Tree farming	1	.0	99.3
Tree planting	1	.0	99.4
Trees	1	.0	99.4
turning hunters[?] loose	1	.0	99.4
very little use that was approved	1	.0	99.5
Walk-in hunting	1	.0	99.5
Water ways	1	.0	99.5
Waterway	1	.0	99.6
waterway perimeter	1	.0	99.6

Wildlife bedding and shelter	1	.0	99.6
wildlife habitat	1	.0	99.7
Wildlife habitat	2	.1	99.7
wildlife habitat for all	1	.0	99.8
wildlife habitat to raise young	1	.0	99.8
Wildlife home	1	.0	99.8
wildlife protection	1	.0	99.9
wildlife reintroduction	1	.0	99.9
wildlife view	1	.0	99.9
wind erosion management	1	.0	100.0
youth hay ride and cookout.	1	.0	100.0
Total	2953	100.0	

Q4a. "No, I have not received a fee for outdoor recreational use of my CRP land" ("Other" reasons for not receiving fees).

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	2639	89.4	89.4
12 people use my land can't have anymore	1	.0	89.4
1st year cover not sufficient.	1	.0	89.4
2 sons and their friends	1	.0	89.5
80 acres	1	.0	89.5
absent landlord	1	.0	89.5
access control not possible	1	.0	89.6
All family	1	.0	89.6
Allow family	1	.0	89.6
allowed friends to hunt it	1	.0	89.7
Allowed my friends to hunt, didn't charge	1	.0	89.7
Am not interested in doing so, just family.	1	.0	89.7
Back page	1	.0	89.8
benefit for business associates	1	.0	89.8
Block Mgtment [management]	1	.0	89.8
Business associate.	1	.0	89.9
Business attraction for customers.	1	.0	89.9
Can't keep people off	1	.0	89.9
cannot charge	1	.0	90.0
Choose not to charge	1	.0	90.0
choose not to charge friends and relatives	1	.0	90.0
Choose not to plus liability issues.	1	.0	90.1
Chose not to lease	1	.0	90.1
Colo. Div. of Wildlife walk in program	1	.0	90.1
CRP is a gov. lease I don't think people need pay.	1	.0	90.2
CRP is for creek bed restoration on family farm.	1	.0	90.2
did not ask for compensation	1	.0	90.2
Did not ask.	1	.0	90.3
did not charge	3	.1	90.4

did not charge family and friends	2	.1	90.5
did not charge friends	1	.0	90.5
did not charge scouts	1	.0	90.5
Did not charge.	1	.0	90.6
did not chose to	1	.0	90.6
Did not know I could charge for hunting, etc.	1	.0	90.6
Did not want fee hunters on my land (CRP land).	1	.0	90.7
Did not want to	1	.0	90.7
Didn't ask.	1	.0	90.7
Didn't charge	2	.1	90.8
Didn't charge friends	1	.0	90.8
Didn't feel the need to charge a fee.	1	.0	90.9
didn't think I could charge	1	.0	90.9
didn't want to	1	.0	90.9
Didn't want to	2	.1	91.0
Do not charge a fee to friends and relatives	1	.0	91.0
do not charge family	2	.1	91.1
Do not charge family	1	.0	91.1
do not charge family or friends	1	.0	91.2
Do not charge to friends or locals or to others who ask politely and there are not too many hunting already.	1	.0	91.2
Do not want to lease out CRP for hunting	1	.0	91.2
Don't charge	1	.0	91.3
Don't charge family & friends.	1	.0	91.3
Don't charge family and friends	1	.0	91.3
don't charge family with their friends	1	.0	91.4
Don't totally agree with fee hunting at this time.	1	.0	91.4
Don't want to	1	.0	91.4
Don't want to charge	1	.0	91.5
donated to Akron Lions CLub	1	.0	91.5
Due to disability, restricted to family and friends.	1	.0	91.5
Enjoy building up wildlife in area	1	.0	91.6
Especially for family and friends.	1	.0	91.6
Everyone wants it free.	1	.0	91.6
Exchange for services	1	.0	91.7
family	4	.1	91.8
Family	6	.2	92.0
Family & close friends.	1	.0	92.0
family & friends	1	.0	92.1
Family & friends	1	.0	92.1
family and friends	1	.0	92.1
Family and friends	1	.0	92.2
Family and friends approximately 100 different people.	1	.0	92.2
family and friends hence no charge	1	.0	92.2
family and friends only	1	.0	92.3
Family and friends use only	1	.0	92.3
family friends	1	.0	92.3

Family hunting	1	.0	92.4
Family hunting 39 acres	1	.0	92.4
Family only	1	.0	92.4
Family only hunts and fishes on land.	1	.0	92.5
family use	1	.0	92.5
Family use	1	.0	92.5
Family use only	1	.0	92.6
Family use only.	1	.0	92.6
Family/friends	1	.0	92.7
Favor to friends	1	.0	92.7
Fee was donated to area charity (hospice)	1	.0	92.7
Fish and wildlife easment	1	.0	92.8
for family use	1	.0	92.8
For friends and family	1	.0	92.8
free to family and friends	1	.0	92.9
Friend	1	.0	92.9
friends	3	.1	93.0
Friends	2	.1	93.1
Friends & neighbors shouldn't be charged.	1	.0	93.1
friends and family	3	.1	93.2
Friends from Denver	1	.0	93.2
Friends hunted.	1	.0	93.3
friends of hunters	1	.0	93.3
friends used	1	.0	93.3
friends/family	1	.0	93.4
Game Fish Parks[?] walk in area	1	.0	93.4
Game population is slowly increasing for hunting.	1	.0	93.4
Gifts	1	.0	93.5
good friend just showed him and son how to hunt	1	.0	93.5
good neighbor solely	1	.0	93.5
gratis	1	.0	93.6
Have never charged	1	.0	93.6
Helping youth with no funds	1	.0	93.6
Hunt by permission only.	1	.0	93.7
Hunt with my family	1	.0	93.7
hunt without permission	1	.0	93.7
Hunting by family only - son and 2 grandsons	1	.0	93.8
hunting not permitted.	1	.0	93.8
Hunting provided as a[n] employee benefit.	1	.0	93.8
I am considering charging a fee in the future	1	.0	93.9
I am not charging but could, I must limit the # of hunting.	1	.0	93.9
I chose not to	1	.0	93.9
I chose not to charge	1	.0	94.0
I did not choose to charge a fee	1	.0	94.0
I did not want any	1	.0	94.0
I didn't charge family and friends	1	.0	94.1
I didn't charge them	1	.0	94.1

I do control hunting (Don't want to charge)	1	.0	94.1
I do not charge but a few donate.	1	.0	94.2
I do not charge but believe others doing is okay	1	.0	94.2
I do not charge for viewing, walking, horsebackriding.	1	.0	94.2
I do not charge friends	1	.0	94.3
I do not charge friends.	1	.0	94.3
I do not charge my family & friends.	1	.0	94.3
I do not mind hunting if people would just close gate.	1	.0	94.4
I do not want anyone but family and close friends to hunt.	1	.0	94.4
I do not want to	1	.0	94.4
I do not want to charge fees on this land.	1	.0	94.5
I don't allow hunting by people I would charge.	1	.0	94.5
I don't charge family and friends.	1	.0	94.5
I don't charge family or friends.	1	.0	94.6
I don't charge my friends or family	1	.0	94.6
I don't charge people to hunt as of yet.	1	.0	94.6
I don't like cleaning up after people that used to use my land- I don't leave trash and after picking up pop cans, candy wrappers, I said that's it, no one but family or neighbors that border my property use it now.	1	.0	94.7
I don't want to deal with it	1	.0	94.7
I encourage hunting to reduce the # of deer!	1	.0	94.8
I have horses, we don't allow hunting.	1	.0	94.8
I have land in the plots program	1	.0	94.8
I have not tried to lease-renter's family and friends hunt	1	.0	94.9
I haven't thought about it.	1	.0	94.9
I let friends, friends of friends and family hunt	1	.0	94.9
I let my family and close friends hunt free of charge.	1	.0	95.0
I let my son charge for hunting on my CRP land.	1	.0	95.0
I only share with people I know.	1	.0	95.0
I receive the funds from KS. Wildlife and Parks.	1	.0	95.1
I think I could but have not yet	1	.0	95.1
I use the land for family and friends.	1	.0	95.1
I use the land for family and friends. Also hunt with individuals to get to know them better.	1	.0	95.2
I use the land myself.	1	.0	95.2
I was given a dozen carmel rolls	1	.0	95.2
I will not charge a fee.	1	.0	95.3
I wish to promote nature study free.	1	.0	95.3
I would like to have a controlled unt	1	.0	95.3
I wouldn't charge for hiking and wildlife viewing.	1	.0	95.4
impractical to control poaching	1	.0	95.4
In wildlife program	1	.0	95.4
Included with the total farm lease arrangement	1	.0	95.5
Individual decision. I have no desire to charge a fee.	1	.0	95.5
Individuals who were "kind" enough to ask were given free use.	1	.0	95.5
Insurance costs are too high for leasing	1	.0	95.6

It is good to be generous	1	.0	95.6
Just did not want the bother of liability	1	.0	95.6
just didn't charge	1	.0	95.7
Just don't charge	1	.0	95.7
Just don't charge but could (have had offers).	1	.0	95.7
Just family hunted	1	.0	95.8
Just let some people hunt.	1	.0	95.8
Just no	1	.0	95.8
Lease other ground for hunting	1	.0	95.9
Legal, liability issues avoided	1	.0	95.9
let them enjoy the use of the land.	1	.0	95.9
liability issues	1	.0	96.0
like to know who is on my land	1	.0	96.0
like to share area "beauty"	1	.0	96.0
limited to friends	1	.0	96.1
limited usage	1	.0	96.1
local people	1	.0	96.1
Local people.	1	.0	96.2
Long term use & deer/antelope control.	1	.0	96.2
May lease in future.	1	.0	96.2
most just trespass	1	.0	96.3
My choice.	1	.0	96.3
My family only.	1	.0	96.3
My family.	1	.0	96.4
my option	1	.0	96.4
My personal place to hunt	1	.0	96.4
N/A	1	.0	96.5
NA	1	.0	96.5
Ne fee	1	.0	96.5
need trespass laws	1	.0	96.6
neighbor who watches my land and keeps others off	1	.0	96.6
never	1	.0	96.6
nice guy, trade some for hunting	1	.0	96.7
no	3	.1	96.8
No	2	.1	96.9
no charge	1	.0	96.9
No charge just friends and family.	1	.0	96.9
no desire	1	.0	97.0
No fee charged	1	.0	97.0
no fee charged.	1	.0	97.0
no fees charged	1	.0	97.1
no income for hunting	1	.0	97.1
No interest in doing so.	1	.0	97.1
No one wants to pay.	1	.0	97.2
No time to set up hunting leases	1	.0	97.2
no way to control access	1	.0	97.2
No way to monitor.	1	.0	97.3

None	1	.0	97.3
not allowed by CRP program	1	.0	97.3
not allowed to charge	1	.0	97.4
Not for family.	1	.0	97.4
not friends or family	1	.0	97.4
Not necessary	1	.0	97.5
Not now, maybe in the future	1	.0	97.5
Not posted	1	.0	97.5
Not the proper time for us to become involved in leasing etc.	1	.0	97.6
Only certain people are allowed to hunt.	1	.0	97.6
Only deer hunting. Too many of them, not enough birds.	1	.0	97.6
only family and friends	1	.0	97.7
Only family hunting.	1	.0	97.7
Only family.	1	.0	97.7
Only for family and friends	1	.0	97.8
only hunted once brother-in-laws co-workers	1	.0	97.8
open to tribal members.	1	.0	97.8
opposed to leasing out my land	1	.0	97.9
over	1	.0	97.9
People of this state are used to recreating for free.	1	.0	97.9
Permitted to hunt free.	1	.0	98.0
Personal decision	1	.0	98.0
Personal use	1	.0	98.0
plot program with ND game and fish	1	.0	98.1
Plots program in ND	1	.0	98.1
Prefer not to.	1	.0	98.1
Prefer privacy and trusted friends	1	.0	98.2
Privacy & private hunting	1	.0	98.2
Public should have a certain amount of access because of the payments.	1	.0	98.2
received only USDA payment	1	.0	98.3
Refer to 1b	1	.0	98.3
relatives	1	.0	98.3
Relatives and farm employees	1	.0	98.4
reservation lands	1	.0	98.4
see back	1	.0	98.4
See below	1	.0	98.5
see comments	1	.0	98.5
See comments	1	.0	98.5
Several ask permission, others don't.	1	.0	98.6
Should not be able to charge for hunting when its in CRP.	1	.0	98.6
Should receive [sic] income [sic]	1	.0	98.6
Some family do not have anywhere to hunt or hike or play.	1	.0	98.7
State game and fish won't pay	1	.0	98.7
State Walk-In Hunting	1	.0	98.7
state walk in prgram	1	.0	98.8

still developing	1	.0	98.8
There are too many deer anyway.	1	.0	98.8
there were family and friends, I won't charge them	1	.0	98.9
They ask so I let them use it.	1	.0	98.9
They asked permission but I did not charge	1	.0	99.0
They hunt on posted land.	1	.0	99.0
They hunted pheasants.	1	.0	99.0
They trespassed	1	.0	99.1
they were friends	1	.0	99.1
this area is used by family & friends.	1	.0	99.1
To my knowledge, no.	1	.0	99.2
too close to planes	1	.0	99.2
too many deer	1	.0	99.2
too many deer, ducks, & geese destroying crop	1	.0	99.3
Unable to watch 24-7	1	.0	99.3
Use myself	1	.0	99.3
Used by family and friends.	1	.0	99.4
used by family members	1	.0	99.4
Used by landowner only employees only	1	.0	99.4
Used only private by family	1	.0	99.5
Used without my prior knowledge and consent	1	.0	99.5
Waiting for game population to rebound	1	.0	99.5
walk in hunting program	1	.0	99.6
was already paid by USDA	1	.0	99.6
Watch wildlife from porch & patio in backyard.	1	.0	99.6
We don't charge.	1	.0	99.7
We have this land for our family to use.	1	.0	99.7
we just don't	1	.0	99.7
We just let family and friends hunt on the ground.	1	.0	99.8
We only watched deer	1	.0	99.8
We use it	1	.0	99.8
wildlife easement with Colorado Division of Wildlife.	1	.0	99.9
Wildlife viewing from county road.	1	.0	99.9
Will not charge family and friends.	1	.0	99.9
Would not charge friends and family	1	.0	100.0
Youth hunt	1	.0	100.0
Total	2953	100.0	

Q4b. "If you received a fee for recreational use of all or part of your CRP land, how were fees assessed? If Other, please describe."

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	2919	98.8	98.8
4 to 5 management type deer hunts	1	.0	98.9
A $50 gift card was given to [name] and me ($25 to each of us.)	1	.0	98.9
Block management is the paid program we're in, on all acres on our ranch.	1	.0	99.0
By Washington. Fish and game for public	1	.0	99.0
CRP land is leased with pasture land.	1	.0	99.0
CRP pays for the set aside acres	1	.0	99.1
Do walk in hunting program	1	.0	99.1
Don't charge and never will, unless its a hard nose politician. Or [a] tree hugger like Hillary Clinton or someone like her.	1	.0	99.1
Donated 3 hunts to local charities for fundraising SCI, DU, youth baseball.	1	.0	99.2
Entire farm acres 950 leased, which includes the 15+ acres in CRP.	1	.0	99.2
Free will offering	1	.0	99.2
I did not charge	1	.0	99.3
I said that's it, no one but family or neighbors that ?	1	.0	99.3
Just 150 acres	1	.0	99.3
no	1	.0	99.4
No cash but labor cut wood drive[?]	1	.0	99.4
No charge	1	.0	99.4
no charge at all	1	.0	99.5
No one hunts or ask[ed] to hunt on our ground wouldn't charge if they hunt.	1	.0	99.5
None	6	.2	99.7
Not on CRP land, was in woods for deer hunting	1	.0	99.7
pheasant's forever	1	.0	99.8
pheasants for ever	1	.0	99.8
Plots	1	.0	99.8
rented on a kill? basis	1	.0	99.9
Voluntary donation to local school foundation	1	.0	99.9
Walk in hunting	1	.0	99.9
We run a commercial hunting area ourselves	1	.0	100.0
Yearly	1	.0	100.0
Total	2953	100.0	

Appendix C: Open-ended Comments

"Please use the space below if you would like to furnish any additional comments."

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	2573	87.1	87.1
.	2	.1	87.2
[name, address]	1	.0	87.2
[name] is my manager	1	.0	87.3
[name] passed away in 2006. His son manages the farm. [signature]	1	.0	87.3
[name] passed away in Sept. of 2005-His death certificate is on file with USDA in Nez Pierce, ID. His widow is the current owner. [signature]	1	.0	87.3
[signature and address]	1	.0	87.4
{name] has been deceased since August 14, 2005. [signature]	1	.0	87.4
1b-it's supposed to be family and friends only but poachers & trespassers run amuck!	1	.0	87.4
20+ local and out of area people hunt on thisland-An unknown number snowmobilers use it also.	1	.0	87.5
8-11-07 [signature]	1	.0	87.5
A comment re: question 4- American taxpayers have already paid me for the privledge to hike or hunt my CRP if they wish, as long as they are responsible recreationists! That is all I ask. people who trash the land and aren't careful re: fires-etc…. Are not welcomed back.	1	.0	87.5
A lot of the original CRP made the hunting worse.	1	.0	87.6
A very poor survey. You missed the Primary Purpose and benefit of CRP - Soil erosion control and long term soil enhancement.	1	.0	87.6
All CRP land should be grazed to keep down weeds & allow the grass to spread. The stock would spread the seed & fertilize ground as well. To allow other people to use it every other year would help the land. Free grazing would promote cattle industry during dry years. Longer grazing period would be important.	1	.0	87.6
All my CRP acres were turned over to the University of Idaho in 2005.	1	.0	87.7
All my land is posted. Last year the USDA required me to cut and remove thousands of cedar trees from about 6 or 7 acres. Since that time the deer population has almost disapeared (their shelter and bedding is gone). It has been years since I heard the call of a Bob White [?] or seen a red wing black bird. How can I get these birds back---its damn sure not through CRP?	1	.0	87.7
All of the [name] trust lands are open to public areas subject to getting permission.	1	.0	87.7
Am not aware of any way to get additional income from CRP since there are restrictions.	1	.0	87.8
Answer to #5 - 2 dollars per acre.	1	.0	87.8
As a dust bowl suvivor, DOB 1932, I am please to have deer 0 (dos?) developed from this family farm.	1	.0	87.8
As a landowner, or you, as a homeowner, would you let me or anyone else that you do not know personally roam around your house with a firearm? or even without-they fall down and sue you for some trivial matter? If so, please give me your phone number and address I'll be right there with my rifle and shotgun.	1	.0	87.9

Because my land (520 acres including grassland) was sold to neighbors my answers may not apply. I do not live on the property but have given permission with no charges because it seems the pheasants entice them to come anyway without asking. The buyers could change that.	1	.0	87.9
Because of non-use of CRP, the CRP has deteriorated to where the deer, elk, and birds no longer use it as much. We use[d] to have many more animals and birds when we were able to manage the land in CRP ourselves.	1	.0	87.9
Before I put CRP in I seen very little wildlife- Deer Pheasants, today wildlife is very abundant.	1	.0	88.0
Benefits of grazing CRP for 5 or 6 months every year are: control weeds, help prevent grass fires caused by lightening by controllong grass growth, keep fences & corrals from deteriorating because ofl ack of use, generate extra income.	1	.0	88.0
CRP acres, mine and others have greatly increase[d] wildlife in easyern Montana. CRP acres have been a needed source for hay during dry years.	1	.0	88.0
CRP could be enhanced if producers were allowed to spray. Weeds overtake the grass planted even though mowed several times per year. In time undesirable grasses like brome[sic] take over.	1	.0	88.1
CRP has allowed land to regenerate. Native grasses flourish. Wildlife has increased. Thankful program has helped improve homestead land.	1	.0	88.1
CRP has been a great help to Baca County, Colorado. It has really helped the air quality in our county. It has really stopped the wind & water erosion. It has really helped the wildlife in our area. Many birds, deer, foxes, & coyotes. The best program ever!	1	.0	88.1
CRP has been good for my land much of which is marginal-therefore providing recreational income not otherwise available. Also, I feel CRP is both wildlife and environmentally friendly. Since I have planted trees on most of CRP land it has helped with erosion problems.	1	.0	88.2
CRP has definitely increased the amount and diversity of wildlife in this area.	1	.0	88.2
CRP has enhanced the cover for native wildlife on this property. Deer & other wildlife are frequently seen & encountered in CRP fields.	1	.0	88.2
CRP has helped the wildlife very much.	1	.0	88.3
CRP has helped to increase wildlife since some of the areas are large enough to withstand hunting without all of the wildlife beig eliminated. "Walk-in" hunting in the area has cut down on hunting with out permission on private land areas involving crops and livestock. Emergency haying and grazing was very helpful to cattle people during the dry years.	1	.0	88.3
CRP has helped us manage land erosion and this in turn helped in clean water in the streams.	1	.0	88.4
CRP has helped wildlife. We have many more deer, turkeys, pheasants, quail, and songbirds. CRP has put our land back in grass, which should never have been plowed up. 90 year old retired farmer.	1	.0	88.4
CRP has increased my overall wildlife population.	1	.0	88.4
CRP has many good things going for it- hunting, soil & water erosion, available feed during a frought. But to keep CRP in the program the rates have to follow land rents & allow managed haying during life of the contract.	1	.0	88.5

CRP has provided great habitat for doves, sage grouse, elk, deer, antelope especially in these drought years when cattle have pastured down much of the available pasture around me. I sometimes have 2000 head of elk on my CRP.	1	.0	88.5
CRP has really been good in helping me establish a great wildlife program on my entire property. My wildlife populations of all types have increased greatly, because o four CRP property, which greatly helps my management program- thanks [name] p.s. One feeds on the other!	1	.0	88.5
CRP helps me let others enjoy what we have without having to charge at this time!	1	.0	88.6
CRP is a good idea for wildlife to have good habitat, to raise #'s of upland game birds and deer. But I'll never pay to hunt anywhere I feel this is a freedom we should loose for us at age 60 or 14 year old. Everything is getting to be a rich man's sport. And to[o] many rules and regulations to keep young people to hunt. Not everyone has the $ to spend on hunting.	1	.0	88.6
CRP is a good program. Keep it going.	1	.0	88.6
CRP is a great program and has helped the deer and grouse population on my ranch.	1	.0	88.7
CRP is a great program for wildlife and public recreation. It needs to be disc & reseeded every 6 years or so to keep a viable stand (Eastern MT.)	1	.0	88.7
CRP is a necessary part of the farm bill it just needs to be more equal on a pay basis across the country[.] my county is on one of the lowest in the nation. But [it] is a good program overall[.] My county Gaines is full and does not allow additional acres.	1	.0	88.7
CRP is a very good program, even my neighbors who farm like to hunt there.	1	.0	88.8
CRP is a wonderful program for all! Please keep this program going for families like mine!	1	.0	88.8
CRP is actually a negative to hunting and wildlife management. the only reason I lease hunting rights is to attempt to earn something until the land can be released from CRP. CRP has taken control and income from the land and transferred both away from the rural areas that need it.	1	.0	88.8
CRP is for conservation & sancturary for wildlife, providing shade for stream. This is a critical wildlife area & our CRP zone provides a corridor along R partan zone providing access to water, food, shelter for wildlife.	1	.0	88.9
CRP is gov. lease & I don't think people should pay to hunt or rec. on the part that is CRP. Since the people make up the gov. I also think BLM Forest State Park and National Parks are wrong in charging.	1	.0	88.9
CRP is legal but not all is right not properly maintained. Yes I signed the dam thing my son was alive at that time he was to farm the land he died in 2000. I have maintained the land properly. You have heard of [name] who hasn't he is the one who thought it should be signed up. I am 92 years. You don't give a dam, probably won't read it but here it is, don't bother me with any more.	1	.0	88.9
CRP is paperwork nightmare. CRP land should be allowed to be useful 1) Hay - for erosion control and a modest income 2) grow crops for biofuels-independence from hostile oil supplies 3) graze family farm animals to aid small farm families. Too much gov't control!	1	.0	89.0
CRP is small and 150 miles from present address.	1	.0	89.0
CRP is to protect land not for hunting "must pay to play"	1	.0	89.0
CRP is vital habitat for all wildlife. CRP payment rates are no longer competetive with cash rent in my area. Most CRP will be farmed again.	1	.0	89.1

CRP land has greatly increased wildlife in my part of the country, especially where food plots have been installed.	1	.0	89.1
CRP land has significantly increased the cover for a variety of wildlife from birds, raptors, deer, foxes, badgers, bobcats, etc.	1	.0	89.1
CRP land helps with air pollution, prevents erosion and provides habitat for wildlife.	1	.0	89.2
CRP land is a great habitat for game birds and deer.	1	.0	89.2
CRP land needs to be mowed back from highways. Lots of deer car accidents, also to[o] many racoons.	1	.0	89.2
CRP prevents erosion & is bringing back the wildlife.	1	.0	89.3
CRP program has help[ed] wildlife to multiply.	1	.0	89.3
CRP quits alot of wildlife lose their homes.	1	.0	89.3
CRP rental rates need to be increased to be comparable to cash-rent rates. Otherwise, CRP will be converted to cropland.	1	.0	89.4
CRP saves alot of soil	1	.0	89.4
CRP was a wonderful change from a bad erosion problem. Stubble mulch farming was not the answer in our cheatgrass and low rain area.	1	.0	89.4
CRP was chosen as an option to conventional farming because of the amount of degredation/damage that was being caused by wildlife (elk and deer).	1	.0	89.5
CRP was not for hunting. I thought it was to cut down on production of crops and help get better price for our crop. All it has done is make it so our young people can't get into farming because the rich people want a place to hunt and play and party, at our own expense. We need to put on a recreation tax for those who buy land just for hunting.	1	.0	89.5
CRP was used to maintain highly erodable farm land no other income then the annual payment was received.	1	.0	89.5
CRP, an excellent program that should be continued. Though after reading thru questionnaire it appears to me that the Fed is looking for ways to reduce or eliminate payments. Once again screwing farmers!!! I've been a civilian Fed employee for 16 years. I	1	.0	89.6
Dear sir: I have someland that was extended for only a few more years after 2008. My husband passed away 2 years ago and I can't farm myself. I wouldlike to get it in CRP longer. It's getting hard to find someone to farm due to expenses. Please consider this as I am 70 years old, and need the income. Thank you [name].	1	.0	89.6
Deer and Turkey are present (from tracks and actual sightings). From talking to adjoining landowners, deer hunting is practiced in the vicinity and probably on my land occasionally, most likely by hunters who live withn a 25 mile radius. No one has actually asked my permission to hunt.	1	.0	89.6
Deer, Elk, Moose, and other wildlife graze this land.	1	.0	89.7
Deer, rabbit, quail increased since CRP established. Run off after 5.5 inch rain was clear.	1	.0	89.7
Did not lease by the acre	1	.0	89.7
Do not have any CRP	1	.0	89.8
Do not think it fair that I pay a grazing fee per acre & a hunting guide can charge a high fee from hunters & only pay the state pennies & use our land and I cannopt deny them access. He makes money off of our land.	1	.0	89.8
e	1	.0	89.8

Eastern Richland county is full of oil wells. People here from everywhere. Fuel, tools, and many things stolen. Building broken into. My buildings were burned up. Farm implemets left in the field get cut up for scrap iron by intruders. This is why I don't	1	.0	89.9
Elk and deer were here long before we came & they will be here long time after we leave.	1	.0	89.9
Even though no one ask[s] to hunt on my CRP land this is a very good program for the environment. I've seen much more wildlife in and around these areas. Most of our CRP land is on ditch banks. The buffer does a great job of preventing washouts. Please try and keep this program.	1	.0	89.9
Excellent program! I do wish that grazing (other than emergency) was allowed. It would keep the trees away and allow better use of the land after the contract expires.	1	.0	90.0
Farm 747 was in the CRP when purchased. Intelligence provided is for all the ground I have in CRP	1	.0	90.0
free hunting on CRP is not very profitable.	1	.0	90.0
Game population is marginal, but slowly increasing to the point of leasing for hunting. CRP hasd been a valuable program for improving wildlife. Erosion has slowed alot. Very little runoff w/ established grasses.	1	.0	90.1
Great conservation program, contributes to the environmental health of the nation. Achieves its goal in my view. - Thanks. Also: As I get older I may start leasing portions of the land for hunting, thus producing supplemental income.	1	.0	90.1
great program	1	.0	90.1
Greatprogram!	1	.0	90.2
Having my land in the CRP is great. The animals have plenty of places to flourish. Most of the walking/wildlife viewing is done by me on my 4-wheelers. I allow very little hunting on my property. I'd rather the animals die of old age. My dad enjoys the wildlife almost as much as me. No one has approached me about hunting or hiking as of yet.	1	.0	90.2
Hunters are to[o] often very destructive of property, and not respectful of the owner. We've had trees that were shot into become infected with insects-some dying-infecting the buck shot damage to the trunk & limbs. Hunting should only be allowed if the wildlife population is to[o] many. I think it's fine for wildlife viewing & walking/hiking, refuge for the game animals and birds.	1	.0	90.2
Hunters caused a bad fire. We are careful who we let in.	1	.0	90.3
Hunting is not hunting the land and in most cases the shooting will no[t] endanger other people. I enjoy seeing the assorted wildlife.	1	.0	90.3
Hunting season leases in our area are for year round use. Hunting isonly a part of the recreational lease. Camp work, lawn mowing, cooking, planning, trail riding, wildlife viewing and having a place to have something different for city folks to do is the most imprtant part! Most people miss this altogether.	1	.0	90.3
I've sold farm in CRP Lamb Co. Texas. A few neighbors hunted quail in season.	1	.0	90.4
I agve the Wann Lions CLub the right to lease the farm acres to hunters during the hunting seasons. They gave all they made from it to vision aid. I really can't estimate what part of their fees wold be for my CRP acres. I do not make any money from recreational fees or the farm. I'm sure the Lions would fill out a form for you.	1	.0	90.4

I allow hunting by written permission only on all my CRP acres. Access is granted only to family, friends, and any out of area sportsman who show courtsey and consideration. Anyone abusing this courtesy are not allowed to return.	1	.0	90.5
I am a very strong believer in the CRP program. It provides habitat for wildlife and takes marginal crop land out of production. The government should expand programs such as CRP, not reduce them.	1	.0	90.5
I am away from theland most of the time. The land is between a lake and mountains so it could easily have been used for hunting or bird watching. All around is active farming so it may discourage some kinds of sporting activity. I[t] certainly has provided area for nesting and habitat refuge.	1	.0	90.5
I am considering taking the land out of CRP due to the decreases in payments, to where wheat is looking better for income. Been knocked down from $50.00 start to $38.00 now. The best thing for my CRP has been not to worry about washing my dirt away.	1	.0	90.6
I am dissatisfied with the gov. program and others like it. For all the work that needs to be done to be in compliance the least that could be done is compete with rent scale for farm use. Therefore when the contract expires I intend to not renew the program. The sooner the better.	1	.0	90.6
I am enrolled in N.?. State Game & Fish [?] Plots program. I receive $1280(?) a year for 320 acres from this program.	1	.0	90.6
I am in Floyd county- a very productive commodity [community] (cotton, milo, corn, sunflowers, pumpkins, etc.) county. There is not much to hunt in 4 back[?] cotton (reptiles, etc. maybe) milo-deer if they are hungry from motler [?]- Hall Briscoe-Same for wild hogs. We need CRP to balance "God's Creations." I have seen lots of wildlife survive because they have a home.	1	.0	90.7
I am no longer farming as I sold the farm. thank you [signature]	1	.0	90.7
I am not currently enrolled in the CRP program. While I was, there were people who hunted without my knowledge or permission.	1	.0	90.7
I am opposed to any use without my prior knowledge and consent. My response to #s 1&2 above is based on the tracks left by ATVs & snowmobiles.	1	.0	90.8
I am participating in the CRP program primarily for soil, water conservation, establishment of permanent grasses as well as the additional benefit of a wildlife habitat. Therefore hunting and other recreation are not priorities on my CRP land.	1	.0	90.8
I am sure that others could access this CRP being bounded on 3 sides by county roads. I try to limit those that can hunt & they harvest only enough animals (deer and antelope) to keep population under control.	1	.0	90.8
I appreciate the CRP program. It has been beneficial to my family.	1	.0	90.9
I believe CRP has been very successful and should be continued.	1	.0	90.9
I believe CRP is a good program. I also believe too many acres of real good lands were enrolled in CRP. I know several people with real good land wanted to retire on CRP payments. I think more poor land should be removed from production by CRP and permanently kept in grass.	1	.0	90.9
I believe CRP should be continued as is. If the market for crops rise, the market place will decide if CRP needs to stay. Some poor ground should be given 20-50 years contracts.	1	.0	91.0
I believe in CRP.	1	.0	91.0
I believe that large blocks of grassland are less conducive to wildlife than filter strips and parcels of 10 acres or less.	1	.0	91.0

I believe the CRP in my area has had a huge environmental impact especially thru soil retention. I have seen an increase in the number of deer.	1	.0	91.1
I believe the CRP is great for the local wildlife. It has been a great place to view wildlife with kids. I hope they continue the program.	1	.0	91.1
I believe the CRP program has been great. I have seen a nice increase of wildlife on my places.	1	.0	91.1
I believe the FSA should withhold subsidy payments to farmers who do not use the outside corners of center pivots for wildlife refuse. Utilizing these corners would increase our NE. pheasant population considerably as well as other wildlife.	1	.0	91.2
I believe the open fields policy proposed is a waste of money. It provides no increase in habitat, distances hunters from landowners by stopping communications and could train landowners that hunting acccess should produce income. All the program would buy is the right to hunt without ever seeing the landowner.	1	.0	91.2
I believe there is great potential for our prarie land to become fine hunting country. I have very little personally, to gain income from this venture, however.	1	.0	91.2
I believe we need more incentive for pivot corners in my area (Logan-Lincoln-Custer Counties). our pheasant population is almost non-existent. Lots of habitat is lost when the big farmers tear out fence lines.	1	.0	91.3
I believe when you are trying to establish the [habitat] area the produce[?] should be able to spray weeds-the whole field after July 1st the 1st year. You would not hurt the grass and you get along with your [neighbors] better. Also a cover crop should allows[?] be used.	1	.0	91.3
I currently do not lease hunting but do have that opportunity at any time. The wildlife numbers have increased dramatically since CRP has gone in. I have had offers of $10 per acre per year for hunting on all my land holdings. Currently we let youth hunt, 4H shooting sports, Dream catchers, and several individuals hunt. We are not hunters ourselves.	1	.0	91.3
I deer hunt myself so limit other peoples use of the land but forother hunting people just need to ask.	1	.0	91.4
I didn't own the land when it went into CRP. As a whole the gov., wildlife, are not aware of our grasses in this area, the need for grazing is contrary to the time to graze, and when to plant or when things need to ake place-year or season wise. If hunting etc. was to be done on property we weren't asked or paid for anything.	1	.0	91.4
I do not believe in charging for hunting the price of the license is enough plus gas-camping, etc., it helps keep the kids off drugs to camp but it is becoming a rich man's sport.	1	.0	91.4
I do not charge fees for hunting, however I feel that decision is up to the individual landowner.	1	.0	91.5
I do not close the CRP acres to the public. I letpeople hunt, walk and ride horses on it. There are also some snowmobilers that use it. There are deer, moose, cougar, elk, pheasants and sharptail grou	1	.0	91.5
I do not have any land in the CRP program. I do have some land in the CREP program though. I only allow hunting for family and friends with no fees.	1	.0	91.5
I do not let anyone that I know access my property on the advice of myinsurance agent.	1	.0	91.6

I do not want anyone but family and close friends to hunt. I live next to CRP land and have problems with city hunters. I don't believe the governemnt should encourage this form of increasing income.	1	.0	91.6
I don't believe in all of this pay for hunting. It's getting to be to[o] much. What happens if we have a very hard winter and no pheasant hatch. Farmers and side-walk farmers are going to be wishing they didn't depend on paid hunting.	1	.0	91.6
I don't believe it it a good program for our country. It is a welfare program that is unneeded. I am in the program only because some other person would get the money if I didn't. Do away with the alotment of acres and base it on needs.	1	.0	91.7
I don't expect to renew any CRP contrats in light of the fact that I was fired as a result of donating a small 8 acre parcel to construct a hospice whch benefits all within a 50 mile radius.	1	.0	91.7
I don't let just anyone to hunt on my CRP or any land without permission. CRP was not fit for farming.	1	.0	91.7
I emailed Tom Allen & never received a response. My CRP is posted for no hunting or trespassing. But every year it is ignored-signs destroyed, fencescut, etc. We have created a nature preserve-which people come to view aka to check out for hunting. People have tree stands on state land that face our property. Do they wait until the deer have jumped the fence?? The land is also too close to farm building & animals. Neighbors have said alot of trespassers are Mexican-illegal or legal?? No Hunting & No Trespassing mean just that.	1	.0	91.8
I feel that last years ruling to limit managed grazing will hurt our upland game bird populations. Our bird numbers are constantly greater in the fields that we were able to graze on a three year rotation opposed to the fields that have never been grazed. The plants in the grazed fields are much healthier providing more food and cover.	1	.0	91.8
I feel that USDA is paying us not to use the land & it should be maintained in a state conducive to Agriculture Production & not let grow up in brush for wildlife.	1	.0	91.8
I feel the CRP lands has enhanced the wildlife in our area; mainly the deer. Late fall and early spring their around; as climate changes they move to areas closer to water during dryer weather. We have 4 water guslers that hold rain water which really help in supplying water to wildlife June, July, Aug. and part of Sept they move closer to the water.	1	.0	91.9
I feel the CRP program is excellent for all concerned especially birds of all kinds in my area of Texas.	1	.0	91.9
I gave permission for a[n] organization to bring disabled people (one at a time) on my land to hunt deer and turkey with the help of a member of the organization.	1	.0	91.9
I get $1,000 from Game Fish & parks- walk in area- 1,120 acres of land[,] CRP acres-76 acres-106 acres farm ground [?] pasture & 2 [?] pasture with a big slue area.	1	.0	92.0
I get no recreation fee benefit from my CRP due to the fact that my land sits within the borders of the Ft. Peck Indian Reservation.	1	.0	92.0
I grew up in this community. I used to be able to hunt anywhere but not so now those 10 &20 acres around are sacred land to some people now & we are not going to be consider[ed] agricultural here much longer. I have seen tremendous change in this community in the 73 years I have been here.	1	.0	92.0

I hate the CRP. I am selling this farm to be rid of CRP. Rental rates are not commercially feasible. CRP is often released for haying which competes with my haying enterprise. CRP has been detrimental to quail populations. It also harbors noxious weeds, unwanted tree populations, etc. CRP provides income to absentee landlords who often do not maintain fences as a good neighbor would. CRP is detremental to rural economics.	1	.0	92.1
I have 38 acres+ of CRP in upland area. It has real nice tall grass and mule deer live in there and have their fawns. One time when I was spraying musk thissel I had the opportunity to view a mule doe giving birth to twins.	1	.0	92.1
I have about 160A. of land and my children use it for fishing and huntign and their children use it, they all say-Don't [sell?] that land. I have 1/2 mile of river, so I'll can't sell. thanks	1	.0	92.1
I have always left all of the land open to hunting or recreation. Our state should promote hunting, snowmobiling & any other activities we can muster up. We need to show off our beautiful state & welcome the money these groups spend in our small rural towns. Leave it OPEN & drop prices for hunting.	1	.0	92.2
I have had large amounts of tree damage by deer in my CRP tree plots. When I contacted the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks the only thing they would do is put me on a list of open to anyone hunting. I did not like that suggestion, so I declined. I would like some other options offered.	1	.0	92.2
I have never enrolled land in CRP. I purchased a quarter in 2002 that was in CRP due to come out 9-30-2007. I will buck[sic] it up this fall and plant duram wheat on it in 2008. I have never liked the CRP program. USDA should begin offering early-outs and	1	.0	92.2
I have yet to charge anyone to hunt on my land but when you are old how do you put a price on labor? 6 loads of wood last year. 4 loads already this year. A new chimney. Cut weed they planted a huge garden & I can have all I want. CRP is very good.	1	.0	92.3
I hunt my own ground with my family.	1	.0	92.3
I like to use my farm and farm pond for my family's use; however, people we do not even know use my farm & pond without even asking. During deer hunting season I'm afraid to go for a walk because of hunters. The Sherrif's department will not help. It seems I pay taxes for land that I have no control over[.] The same goes for the pond which is by the way in my yard.	1	.0	92.3
I live about 18 miles from my CRP ground. It is open for walk-in hunting. I have never seen tracks that I could say vehicles have been driven into it. I have never leased to anyone for hunting. There is wildlife on this ground such as pheasant, rabbits, d	1	.0	92.4
I live in WI; the farm is in Texas. It could have been used without my knowledge.	1	.0	92.4
I live out of state and rent the land out. the renter taked care of this; therefore, I'm not much help on this. thanks.	1	.0	92.4
I mow or strip 50% per the CRP contract and have setup a deer sanctuary/food plot area near the CRP. Deer, quail, and turkey are using the property.	1	.0	92.5
I no longer own this farm though I answered the questions as I sold farm to a neighbor ths spring of 2007. Thank you	1	.0	92.5
I now own all the CRP acres. My mother, [name], died 10 May 2007. So us the land owners, I have filled out this form. [signature]	1	.0	92.5

I planted 4 of the best grass recommended for quail, dove, deer and whooping crane and only let local friends hunt it free of charge. It produced a lots of hunting for only 64 acres. I had a surface tank on the property that furnished water for the game.	1	.0	92.6
I prefer not to comment because none of this seems to apply to my situation.	1	.0	92.6
I promote wildlife by planting feedlots on all my acreage.	1	.0	92.7
I really don't think any of your people know what a sod waterway is or what it is for.	1	.0	92.7
I really like seeing turkeys that weren't here before CRP- More deer more critters and no pesticides, no herbicides.	1	.0	92.7
I receive government payments for this land so I believe the public should have access to this land (without or with a charge). But as owner I should have control to this access for the good of the land & wildlife.	1	.0	92.8
I saw two antelope jump the fence & go into my CRP field. Pheasants cross the road when I drive.	1	.0	92.8
I sold my land to Joe Schwartz in Jan.'06. His address is the same as mine. I have only 4 acres here-garden and shade and yard!	1	.0	92.8
I sold this property in March 2007.	1	.0	92.9
I think CRP is very crucial to developing wildlife habitat. My wildlife is 10 times more than 10 yrs ago. I also provide water and grain for the wildlife. We do not overhunt. Many young folks have shot their 1st pheasant on my CRP. Do not take it away! Please.	1	.0	92.9
I think CRP should be expanded for current contracts & a higher fee be paid so that rates keep up with inflation & rental rates.	1	.0	92.9
I think CRP was good for the land and wildlife- It was a good turn around for wildlife also I think people with CRP planted more tree when their land was in CRP. It will be a shame if we lose it!	1	.0	93.0
I think it is wrong for a landowner to lease his CRP since the $ the public is already paying a lease amount on the land.	1	.0	93.0
I think it[s] great as my wife and I have put out 4 dozen 1/2 grown pheasants about 5 years ago and have many today! We had 128 at one time on our farm yard.	1	.0	93.0
I think people should have to have written permission to hunt on private ground from the landowner- I hunt and fish myself in Iowa and other states and believe Iowa should have and enforce trespass laws as some of our Western States do.	1	.0	93.1
I think that CRP is a very good program for outdoor people and is good for the environment. Farm the Best Buffer the Rest!	1	.0	93.1
I think that CRP is the greatest thing that ever happened to wildlife, and hope that it's here to stay	1	.0	93.1
I think that the CRP program is a great program. This needs to continue on for the wildlife & recreational needs of the economy, environment, air quality and the agricultural changes. Without these programs the wildlife will suffer and pollution will take over. This program rest[s] the soil & helps the water quality as well. This is an excellent thing.	1	.0	93.2
I think the CRP program has been a very useful program to enhance wildlife on our land. I also feel it has been beneficial in keeping grain proces in check because I feel there will be an oversupply of grain & falling prices if it were discontinued. It has also helped with soil erosion on our land and improved air quality.	1	.0	93.2

I think the CRP program has improved the hunting and would like to have it continue Altho[ugh] the payment on my land is way below what the cash rent is going for. The cost of weed control & taxes have increased to the point I can't afford to enroll it in the program.	1	.0	93.2
I Think the CRP program is a very worthwhile program. Would like to see it promoted much more.	1	.0	93.3
I think the DNR should gone free deer living for the people that own land in Wisconsin. thank you	1	.0	93.3
I think the wildlife leasing program was an excellent program. It makes hunters feel welcome to hunt on your property and not guilty of tresspassing.	1	.0	93.3
I thought this was a[n] equal federal program. I have a higher yield per acre and receive less money per acre than countys and states south of me. Your soil conservation offices needs qualified people in the offices.	1	.0	93.4
I was told to mow my CRP, so all the quail has disappeared and so has all other birds.	1	.0	93.4
I was unaware that alternative income was permissable on CRP land. Because we are a hunting family and have many friends & neighbors already utilizing our CRP land I would not consider leasing it for hunting purposes. CRP land is very beneficial to wildlife. I think it is crucial that individual landowners control the hunting rights on their own property. Retaining wildlife sanctuaries & preserving their natural habitat & safe haven is very necessary & a large amount of my "no hunting" practice.	1	.0	93.4
I will probably have to start charging for hunting access because of the continuing increase in property taxes but the level income from CRP.	1	.0	93.5
I wish to note I am opposed to leasing CRP land for hunting. My neighbors do so, and I am overrun by trespassers spilling over from their land. They should forfeit CRP benefits if they are deriving other income from their CRP acreage.	1	.0	93.5
I would like to be able to get shared funding to put in a few ponds for duck nesting, without losing my CRP payment. I have seen an increase in pheasants, quail, & coyote. I have also noticed different birds in my trees, like thrushes, blue jays, small colorful birds, & one I don't know what it is.	1	.0	93.5
I would like to be able to plant grasses or plants more suitable for wildlife.	1	.0	93.6
I would like to continue this land under the CRP program. It is located over an aquifer and is less than a mile from rural water wells. There is abundant wildlife-as well as hunters that frequent this property. It is also located within a mile of Clear Lake.	1	.0	93.6
I would like to say that the availability of the CRP grass not only increased my amount and numbers of wildlife but it also provided a necessary supplement to the critical farming situation the past 5 or so years. The income we are speaking of here is not guraranteed as it is up to the hunters themselves whether or not they take advantage of this service.	1	.0	93.6
I would like to see CRP opened up for haying early then what the date is.	1	.0	93.7
I would like to see it mandatory to put at least 25-50 % dry land alpha plus at least 3 other Forbes[?] or grasses to any future seeding of CRP in Montana. The alpha is very importnt for upland bird and duck nesting habitat.	1	.0	93.7
I would not allow others to hunt or be on my land even for the money. There is public land for that reason.	1	.0	93.7

If there ever was a time to release CRP for grazing or haying without charge (this has been done before) this was the year. There was less pasture & hay this year than any of my 40 years of farming-Some gov't bureaucrat with a bunch of rules & a cushy job was to[o] lazy to go look and see for himself & make a difference. The rates will have to increase to keep or attract CRP in future. This could be done by eliminating jobs at national & state level. Our local people are very good.	1	.0	93.8
If this page is coded with my name, address, phone #, etc., you are not allowed to release that information to any other agency or entity.	1	.0	93.8
If you would like more enrollment in CRP you need to up the rent. haying or grazing 1/3 every year on all CRP would entice more farmers to consider signing up.	1	.0	93.8
Ilease 80 acres of CRP land for $500.00 a year.	1	.0	93.9
In Georgetown COunty, SC it is difficult to qualify bacause of the narrow selection of years row cropped required. I have land row xropped every year since 1999 (it is now Aug., 2007) that willnot qualify for the desirable programs because they require 3 of 5 years prior to that! Also it seems that the rules for the same program vary. Greatly depending on who.	1	.0	93.9
In the past, we have let our two neighbor boys hunt on our CRP land. The only arrangement was that we would get some venison in return.	1	.0	93.9
Increased use of 4 wheelers in hunting. Fish and Game does not have resources or man power to police. This has to stop bacause some CRP land does not have family living on premises.	1	.0	94.0
It is likely that local hunters-as well as downstate and outstate hunters-accessed the land on an unauthorized basis.	1	.0	94.0
It is too bad that payment rate is only based on soil type etc. I have always rotated crops, using grass or legume as a crop rotation, to prevent erosion-This reduced my wheat base acres as a result as well- Seems like some farmers with good intentions get penalized for their efforts. My land is steep as well and is roughly $12.00/acre less than across the fence on flat ground.	1	.0	94.0
It seems obvious to me that this is a biased survey toward paid access to land. This is the option of the landowner and I hope gov. does not intend to exert control.	1	.0	94.1
It will take more trees on CRP land to make it "as good as" pasture land for birds and deer. Call if you have questions.[name] [phone number]	1	.0	94.1
It would be fine to use for educational purposes.	1	.0	94.1
Keep CRP	1	.0	94.2
Land has been sold	1	.0	94.2
Land in CRP should not be used by hunting clubs & bird farms without reducation in CRP payment. Hunting clubs & bird farms do not follow the CRP rules.	1	.0	94.2
Land is no longer in CRP. Birds and deer increased 2 or 3 times in amount while in CRP.	1	.0	94.3
Land purchased as CRP land	1	.0	94.3
Leased to hunting club $291.00 per year.	1	.0	94.3
Mary G. Perdue is deceased. [signature]	1	.0	94.4
My biggest concern is that ofland being taken out of CRP in two, three, or five years. Most ofhtisland needs to stay in grass butit will not without payment.	1	.0	94.4

My comments are towards the maintenance methods. The use of fire and heavy harrowing are very bad for the wildlife habitat. And yet you pay for that maintenance. But when it comes to grazing or haying CRP, we are charged 1/4 of CRP payment for that, and that is the easiest with less disturbance to wildlife than any other maintenance method. It seems that if the wildlife was your concern, then you better change the maintenance methods.	1	.0	94.4
My comments to lease my CRP is this: We have levees to protect our 498 acre farm. I live 650 miles east of my farm, after checking it and talking to some people telling me 4 wheeler and motor bikes tore holes in our levees. Now my farm is flooded, the cos	1	.0	94.5
My CRP acres consist of two 20 acre cover land plots.	1	.0	94.5
My CRP borders crop land & some wooded areas. I do not deny hunting. Hunters may cross CRP but do not ask to specifically hunt CRP land.	1	.0	94.5
My CRP feeds elk and deer all winter.	1	.0	94.6
My CRP is being converted to native warm season plants, including wsitch grass. It isvery important ot me to be able to harvest this as biofuel. Pls. modify the once in 3yrs requirements. tank you	1	.0	94.6
My CRP land has not been posted and I do not know if anyone has used it for hunting. I assume some have used it but I don't know who or if anyone has.	1	.0	94.6
My CRP land is next to the city limits of Abdn. There is no hunting within a three mile radius. Deer are a problem as they eat the tops off my small evergreen trees. Also they rub the barb[k] off several trees of newly planted trees on new residential lots.	1	.0	94.7
My CRP land only totals about 4 acres consisting of a narrow strip of land approx. 40 ft. wide and running the length of the farm on both sides of White River just east of Road 1100 [?] in Randolph County. It is beneficial to me as a buffer strip between our crop land and the river.	1	.0	94.7
My experience has been that the hunting rates do not cover the expense of cleaning up after the people that leave trash, beer cans & bottles & shot gun shells all over the place.	1	.0	94.8
My family and friends are mostly all that [use] our property.	1	.0	94.8
My family and I [name] own this land & want to be within all limitations of crop revenue. My son-in-law [name] has responded to these questions in thepast.	1	.0	94.8
My family enjoy[s] seeing (to) deer, squirrels, turkey and a few times a quail. I enjoy walking for health reasons and my husband and children enjoy four wheel rides.	1	.0	94.9
My family use[s] the land for hunting and observing wildlife-Deer, Javina Hogs and different bird species.	1	.0	94.9
My land is good nesting for the pheasants. The CRP is the only cover they have in my area.	1	.0	94.9
My land was nearly all in CRP for 11 years. Then my "bid" was not accepted. CRP acres went fro about 150 to 25. I now see fewer quail, pheasants, fox, blue birds, yellow blackbirds, etc.	1	.0	95.0
My son died-so can't do this anymore- & I got the rental on house	1	.0	95.0
My walk in fee of $2 acre is kind of low compared to taxes and expenses.	1	.0	95.0
My wildlife numbers have increased at least double since enrolling in CRP (10 plus years)	1	.0	95.1
Neighbor has 4 dogs that severely harass the wild birds!!	1	.0	95.1
Neighbors hunt my land illegaly but I can't catch them!	1	.0	95.1

No one should hunt or fish or hike without permission anytime.	1	.0	95.2
no problems many hunters	1	.0	95.2
Not much hunting. Wolves and drought have reduced wildlife.	1	.0	95.2
Not much wildlife in CRP. Most area in or around grain feed and pature land. Wildlife seem to be in CRP in spring but in the fall & winter go to grain fields. Wildlife seems to like CRP for a year or two after it haying or grazing which removes old dead growth.	1	.0	95.3
Note: Farm 515 was sold on March 9, 07. New owner is Allen Larson 1067 140th Rd. Bendena, KS 66008. We no longer have any interest in farm 515 or the CRP.	1	.0	95.3
Of my 1100 or so CRP acres, you are asking about 180 acres that are in Roosevelt Co. in Montana. A bit of research would have shown that this land is on the Fort ? Indian reservation and the state has opted out of any supervision. The subject CRP acres are 10 miles from the farm house. There are 2 farms ? along the road to said CRP. trespassing and disrespect for ownership is common as evidenced by vehicle tracts within the CRP boundaries.	1	.0	95.3
Only had about 36 AC in CRP until recent sign up of 122AC-will probably be used for hunting in the future since more acres have been added.	1	.0	95.4
Only very little bird hunting. No fee received.	1	.0	95.4
Our CRP land [is] in Sherman County and we live in Crosby county and altho[ugh] I want the land for my husband and sons to hunt Pheasant on, we do not want anyone else, because of the fire hazard. But as we live so far (about 4 hours) we cannot know who is going on it.	1	.0	95.4
Our CRP land is a sanctuary for antelope, rabbits, rattle & bull snakes, the jumping mouse, and coyotes. We even get a few quail and pheasants! Love to see it all. We are surrounded by small acre homes so there is no other safe place around for animal life.	1	.0	95.5
Our CRP was placed in the Kansas wildlife walk in hunting program.	1	.0	95.5
Our CRP was planted strictly for conservaton purposes.	1	.0	95.5
Our land was not good for farming, raviens and hills, no hunting just for the wildlife bird, deer, etc.	1	.0	95.6
part of my land is enrolled in the state CRP program for hunting. I believ in this program, I receive $2 per acre that is it. this walk-in hunting program allows hunting for all hunters. I do not receive any other recreational income.	1	.0	95.6
Participating in the WA state "feel free to hunt"program provided more points for signup but does not allow landowner to charge fees for hunting. There is no question that CRP has increased wildlife populations to the point that hunting has increased from near zero to quite active--especially for deer. Upland bird populations are not significantly increased. The "guzzler" game watering stations are more coyote feeding stations than bird waterers.	1	.0	95.6
Pauline Nichols 107 South Wall Street Shamrock Texas 79079 farm No. 513	1	.0	95.7
People hunted our ground without permission- even while posted.	1	.0	95.7
Personally I do not trust people utilizing my land that I do not know. The prospect of hunting accidents and criminal activity increases as far as I am concerned.	1	.0	95.7
Property was sold 2/22/06	1	.0	95.8

Q4a: Land is 2 miles from our house back off the road 1/2 mile, surrounded by brush, and there's no way I can control the rogue hunters who are numerous there.	1	.0	95.8
Ranch has been sold [signature]	1	.0	95.8
Recreational use of both CRP and non-CRP lands is advantageous for not only the property owner, but also generates income for the local merchants who provide hunting supplies, hotels, and fuel, as many of the recreational users are from out-of-state.	1	.0	95.9
Renting to [name] N.C. Nov 7-08	1	.0	95.9
Seems to have improved numbers of wildlife Pheasants, Grouse, Partridge, Wild Turkeys. Deer- Some increased numbers of preditors as well.	1	.0	95.9
Should be no hunting on CRP land. reasons: Gates left open; fire danger- 3 foot tall dry grass with pickups & vehicles driving chasing deer.	1	.0	96.0
SInce my land has been put in CRP we have seen deers and antelopes on the land. Also, we have seen many qualis and pheasants. Also a few prarie chickens.	1	.0	96.0
Since the land has been in the CRP, birds have increased i.e. pheasants, and Hungarian pheasants.	1	.0	96.0
Since the taxpayers are paying the bill for CRP, they should be allowed to hunt when they ask permission. We do not allow the use of ATVs off road-only to retrieve the game.	1	.0	96.1
Sold farm March 2007	1	.0	96.1
Sold the land in spring of 2007.	1	.0	96.1
Some people did not obey the walk-in only sign right by the gate & drove in. We closed the gate different times & they opened it, let the gate lay & drove in different times. So we then put staples over the wire holding the gate shut. Them they shot three holes in the middle timber in the gate.	1	.0	96.2
Thank you! Alot of people are running ATVs along the Milwaukie railroad tracks from Owatoma? to Fairbuilt. They throw trash and shoot at wildlife on private property! The people who ask permission to hunt or fish are no problem, I would say yes-I's the others The Big Majority!	1	.0	96.2
That the conservation acres that was set aside for wildlife be cut for hay every so many years. Thank you [name]	1	.0	96.2
The area that is in CRP is a State Lands lease. The State Land is open to all of the general public for hunting and other recreational use (required by state law) whether it is in CRP or not. The State hunting licenses has a fee attached to the base license that allows access to all State lands. Other recreationalist[s] are suppose[d] to obtain a permit from the state for other recreational uses but it is doubtful that they do. No additional fees can be collected by the leasee.	1	.0	96.3
The area where I live is basic farm land. The irrigation is over (water for irrigation). Our annual rainfall is 17". It comes in large runoff amounts. Leave the land in CRP grass and save the land.	1	.0	96.3
The CRP acres inmy area have greatly improved wildlife of may species. Erosion is controlled. Run-off from rain and irrigation has stopped. I don't see any negatives with the program. It is a boon to farmers using circular irrigation. I have lived on this farm for 63 years.	1	.0	96.3
The CRP has greatly increased the numbers of wildlife on our property and we have been able to increase the number of hunters as a result.	1	.0	96.4

The CRP is the best thing thats happen[ed] to land in S.E. Wyo. The way the housing development is going we will not have any wildlife within 50 miles of Cheyanne if not for CRP	1	.0	96.4
The CRP land allows us to cover the cost of owning it (taxes) thereby keeping it from being indiscriminately developed. We encourage it to be enjoyed by non-destructive recreation (no motorized vehicles).	1	.0	96.4
The CRP land attracts Canadian geese for nesting and they wipe out a few acres of soybeans in adjoining fields.	1	.0	96.5
The CRP land has greatly increased the wildlife in the area.	1	.0	96.5
The CRP land is really helping the turkeys & pheasants out. I see alot more young ones make it. The deer are doing good too.	1	.0	96.5
The CRP land program has greatly benefited wildlife habitat, reduced erosion, and allowed farmable acreage to rest to improve soil. The new policy to allow mowing 1/3 is a benefit as weeds can be a problem.	1	.0	96.6
The CRP land was used for nesting turkey's and the quail population has increasd some.	1	.0	96.6
The CRP made the land good for hunting including land adjacent [to] the CRP.	1	.0	96.6
The CRP on my ground is mostly trees. This ground is very sandy and they have made a big improvement in holding the ground when it is windy. Please note Quarter Circle farms has been disolved due to the death of my husband. The ground is now under my name [name & address].	1	.0	96.7
The CRP on our farm consists of 1 waterway that is seeded to home grass and is only approximately 3 1/2 acres in size.	1	.0	96.7
The CRP program has been poorly managed for the start. It should have been used to stop erosion & help water quality in rivers & streams. Instead farmers have been able to put their whole farms in & retire & others to buy farm ground & have gov. pay for it. Which means good farm ground going in to CRP. Another example of big gov. (poor management).	1	.0	96.7
The CRP program has been very good for the wildlife in our area. I believe that if you are paid to put your land in the CRP program you should no[t] charge people for recreational use.	1	.0	96.8
The CRP program has provided a place for wildlife to flourish. The activities will stop when the wildlife is gone and this will happen when the CRP is gone.	1	.0	96.8
The CRP program is an excellent program. The wildlife deer, quail, turkey, and dove have multiplied under this program. The conservation of the soil in another excellent benefit. I hope this program continues because it is a win-win program for everyone.	1	.0	96.9
The CRP program was a great program to increase wildlife numbers in an area.	1	.0	96.9
The former farmer who asked to hunt pheasants on our land is now living in Illinois. He sent us $50 as a thank you for allowing him to hunt several weekends. I also allow my brother [name] to hunt on our land for no money. No one else has asked us for per	1	.0	96.9
The green space created by this program are priceless. We now have pheasant and turkey which we did not have on the farm the first 15 years we owned it.	1	.0	97.0
The land is not posted. No one asked to hunt on it. But I am guessing some one hunts on it.	1	.0	97.0

The land is on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation MT. Hunting requires a tribal license, which may limit the number of hunters willing to buy both state and tribal licenses.	1	.0	97.0
The land is used for groundwater protection of Kingbrook's Wellfields. Only employees of Kingbrook hunt on this CRP occasionally. We would not allow outside person to use the land in any way.	1	.0	97.1
The land next to this is in a hunting block so I suppose some of that laps over onto this, but I don't receive any benefits.	1	.0	97.1
The land owners in my area mostly provide CRP & other land to people who own no land and therefore need a place for their family to hunt, birdwatch or hike. Before the CRP there was very little wildlife. It is a great program, not only for landowners, but also for people who have no place for recreation.	1	.0	97.1
The nesting area dates need clarification/modification.	1	.0	97.2
The only problem I have with people hunting is that they don't ask for permission & they don't respect fences or gates & the problem with starting fires. It should be better regulated but people are people some follow rules and others don't but persona;;y I don't have a problem with hunting if people just respect your property.	1	.0	97.2
The price has gone up the past few years. We have allowed people to hunt on our ground for many years.	1	.0	97.2
The program has given wildlife a place to thrive in our area including badgers, antelope, deer, & especially game birds in an area that would be used for some type of farming otherwise.	1	.0	97.3
The state of New Mexico issues us 6 to 8 hunting permits every other year. We sell these permits to hunters for a one weekend hunt. There are more animals in our area since the CRP program started.	1	.0	97.3
The total acreage is 240 of my farm of which 57 acres are in CRP. The rent is based on 240 acres.	1	.0	97.3
The tract of CRP is < 8 acres and located in a place where people would trespass to hunt anyway. The CRP-MAP program gives a little return on the investment to put land in CRP.	1	.0	97.4
There are alot of people who are against the continuing of the CRP program. I for one have seen a huge increase in deer, antelope, and especially the increase in upland bird numbers. Most of the farmers in my area will let hunters on their CRP ground. Without the continuing of the CRP program I see less chances of hunters being able to find ground to hunt or fish.	1	.0	97.4
There are many forms of wildlife and trees that would not be there if I farmed the property-Very beautiful.	1	.0	97.4
There are people that go hunting without asking to hunt. It is these people that I get upset with.	1	.0	97.5
There is a concern among hunters that because I am paid rent for CRP acres with tax payers money that they have full rights on my property. If that ever became part of the contract, I would not enroll any acres in CRP.	1	.0	97.5
There is a very small chance that I will re-enroll my acres into CRP due to the economics of the issue-raising of taxes, etc. lack of competitive payments. It is sad to make the above statement, because some of this ground should be enrolled and I feel the benefits have been great to the land, wildlife and watershed.	1	.0	97.5

There is alot of wildlife on all CRP acres. The Game and Parks and Pheasants forever have a good program for hunting it helps the people who are not local have a place to hunt and has a financial impact on local businesses.	1	.0	97.6
This CRP helps our community! It brings in revenue for many different sources. I did not renew my contract expiring in late fall of '07, because the bids offerred were ridiculous! They were around half of what the farm and cash rent received. Secondly, I do not like losing my base acres if I renewed the CRP contrat. I farmed for 25 years building the base-I'm not tossing that out for a CRP contract. I have CRP expiring in fall '07 and that & others will be farmed. I don't want to do this, but the program is not competetive.	1	.0	97.6
this CRP land is not prime hunting land. There is some deer hunting during the season. Hunters might come from Fargo, ND about 50 miles away.	1	.0	97.6
This CRP will be available for hunting in the future as cover & trees grow.	1	.0	97.7
This has been a great program. If you were to look at my CRP land you would see that the land in the CRP drains directly into Lawerce Creek and the St. Croix river. It's good for me & good for the water shed-earth.	1	.0	97.7
This is a good program for all wildlife.	1	.0	97.7
This is a good program. We have wildlife where we didn't before. We have lot[s] of deer and birds. We have good grass cover and no dirt blowing. It is a good program for the soil. We have lot[s] of deer hunting it is a good income for us. Thank you	1	.0	97.8
This is a very good program.	1	.0	97.8
This is a win win for the wildlife and also very beneficial for water erosion control. The water off my CRP is clear. I have [seen] a dramatic increase in nesting birds and animals.	1	.0	97.8
This is agreat program!	1	.0	97.9
This is an excellent program that has many benefits and a few drawbacks.	1	.0	97.9
This property is now owned by [name] due to the death of my mother Myrtle [?] 3/10/05	1	.0	97.9
This year (2007) all our land is enrolled in block management program that is run by Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks. We get $10/hunter day.	1	.0	98.0
Through the years we have allowed friends and family to hunt on our land without pay but no one this past year. We have noticed a great abundance of doves, quail, and at certain times of the year, a great amount of sand-hill cranes. The CRP has been a boost to wildlife.	1	.0	98.0
To queestion "9"- $250 for 159A.	1	.0	98.0
To whom it may concern: As long as my land has been in CRP I've had to have it cut or partially cut to keep noxious weed from spreading. But over the years it has been harder & harder to do this for several reasons, the State, County, Federal Highways are	1	.0	98.1
To whom it may concern: I have a CRP farm and I love to walk, ride on it and play baseball-all of the above are recreation but I do not think it counts but I'll tell you what counts for us farmers, we do not want advice on how to run things on our farms especially what to produce & what not to. Know what I mean? It's not the American way to conduct business in this manner. Please be advised I will not be signing up again for CRP. I have a farmer in mind to take the place of what.[?]	1	.0	98.1
too close to airport- shoot in vicinity of planes!	1	.0	98.1
Trees need 25 years growth before being disturbed.	1	.0	98.2

Trees, other than noxious invaders that start to grow on CRP lands, should be allowed to stay in place. itis counter-productive to have to remove them.	1	.0	98.2
Trespassing is out of control in most states. I ahve been in the line of fire by trespassing hunters 6 times that I am aware of. The fine in my county is $75. It should equal the cost of a yearly hunting lease. I once stopped 5 armed trespassers onmy remote Know Co. farm, which made them very angry, and I was afraid they might shoot me.	1	.0	98.2
Until the laws are changed to protect the land owners. From liability problems from public usage.	1	.0	98.3
Walk in hunting lease less than a dollar per acre.	1	.0	98.3
Wasn't aware of any such apportuntiy	1	.0	98.3
We've never received payment directly from hunters. We let all hunters on for free. We receive payment for hunter days from MT Fish Wildlife and Parks.	1	.0	98.4
We appreciate the opportunity CRP provides us. It allows the land to recover from years of intensive farming and allows us to decrease our farm size and not have to sell it.	1	.0	98.4
We are currently attempting to improve wildlife habitat. We feel Farm Agency should assist landowners to improve CRP land with habitat that benefits wildlife, improve water sources, and help import antelope and mule deer into area.	1	.0	98.4
We are getting such a small amount of $'s that if ($7.66 an acre) the KS Wildlife & parks did notput up the signs & monitor the area- we would not be in the walk-in hunting program.	1	.0	98.5
We are just as interested in the non-game wildlife that inhabits our many native plantings as we are the game animals. Please help us restore our songbird populations in Illinois by expanding the CRP program. Please allocate to Illinois a fair number of CRP acres! Don't give it all to the Western states!	1	.0	98.5
We are trying to get quail and pheasants to get reestablished on this land. Lost our quail and pheasants in the 1980's due to very cold winters. So we don't let hunting on this land yet. There is a lake on one side of this land we fish and hunt ducks.	1	.0	98.5
We did not have a hunting service before we put in our CRP.	1	.0	98.6
We do not mind people hunting on our land. It is not large enough for charge.	1	.0	98.6
We don't let everyone hunt and sure don't let only one party go a day. We have turned loose around 900 pheasants and 200 quail over the last 10 years.	1	.0	98.6
We enjoy the wildlife as they come near the house. Deer, turkeys, bobcats. Deer eat the apples and pear from until the trees. Never any left on the ground. Also put salt blocks out for deer. Wildlife is ofter 10 ft from the house. We don't have any dogs so that may help.	1	.0	98.7
We feel very lucky to be able to enjoy and watch deer, fox, turkeys, pheasants, rabbits from our backporch & patio area and to be able to share that view with family and friends. No hunting is allowed in the CRP area, because it is a field situated between our home and thehouse north of us and there are two houses across the road from it.	1	.0	98.7
We have 200 acres in CRP one 27 acre field is tilled [?] and we had proposed a duck pond. I hope it can sill happen.	1	.0	98.7
We have a few Quail starting to establish themselves in our CRP. We aren't hunting them,- But are trying to increase their population.	1	.0	98.8

We have a landing on the tucfoe [sic] river and it is used for ponies [sic] - chuck [sic] fire [sic] Co. & flanig [sic].	1	.0	98.8
We have a large number of antelope in this area & they will bed down in bindweed patches eat the flowering plants & spread the seed to fields with no bindweed. We need to be free to kill antelope on our own ground. [name] p.s. this is a huge problem.	1	.0	98.8
We have about 7 acres in CRP. The farmed parcel of about 45 acres is used annualy to host a gathering. We support multiple uses of rural areas.	1	.0	98.9
We have approx. 90 acres of farmland that is in approx. 6-15 acre patches that are divided by CRP tree programs called Living Snowfences. The farmland is marginal so we wold be thankful to get this 90 acres enrolled in the general sign-up. If we could get $60-$70 an acre for putting that back to native grasses it would fit in with our existing pasture, plus help protect the ponds and help our farm cash flow much better.	1	.0	98.9
We have been very dry in our area. I think it is sad that farmers have to wait until Aug to hay the CRP acres. The wildlife seems to be more important than the farmers and food for America.	1	.0	99.0
We have deer and antelope in our CRP which are new to our area.	1	.0	99.0
We have established a large fish pond that is stocked and used by church groups and anyone else that will take care of it at no charge. We built two wildlife watering holes and planted trees we don't charge for their use. The town people seem to enjoy these places.	1	.0	99.0
We have increased wildlife over the past 6 years- moose, deer coyotes, pheasent, other game birds. We have several pairs of Canada geese returning annually. As farm ground is converted to other uses, our ground has become a haven for locals.	1	.0	99.1
We have land to come out, could not get it back in program. We have land in CRP right now, would like to get other back in. We need a cost of living raise.	1	.0	99.1
We have never charged anyone to hunt on our land but we do like hunters that appreciate the right to hunt and who ask to hunt. Some hunters think they can hunt wherever they want without permission. These hunters can go and hunt elsewhere.	1	.0	99.1
We have no CRP. It has been sold.	1	.0	99.2
We have noted an increase in quail, though they have not been hunted. turkey and deer also present. Deer are hunted.	1	.0	99.2
We have observed a marked increase in deer and turkeys in recent years. Some rabbits and squirrls, many crows and other birds as well as frogs have been seen.	1	.0	99.2
We have other farms that have CRP in addition to #2935. These are in the mix with #2935. All benefits did not come from #2935. Some was non-CRP also.	1	.0	99.3
We have over 2000 trees growing on our CRP land which significantly attracts wildlife.	1	.0	99.3
We have used some ofo ur land for repartion? (tree planting)- 8 acres & 50 acres of woods. I know there are those who hunt in our woods- but definitely without permission.	1	.0	99.3
We in the past have had many trespass issues since the farm islocated in a remote area. The hunters have been a big help with this problem.	1	.0	99.4

We made a little money for the local school foundation but most of the value is no[t] of a monetary nature butof open space access to our community at no charge.	1	.0	99.4
We now see many more different species of animals on & around our farm!	1	.0	99.4
We own over 4000 acres after the crop is off- we let people hunt on most of it-about 500 acres (in CRP) is walk in so they can't drive on it (afraid of fire). About 400 acres of CRP will be back in cropland after this year. Cash rent is much higher than CRP pays-We still let people hunt after harvest-At no cost.	1	.0	99.5
We owned only a part interest in the land, so we received very little from recreation use. We do not know how to answer #7.	1	.0	99.5
We purchased this 115 acre site years ago for our family's enjoyment. Only 10% of the land is in CRP to provide better wildlife habitat. We are opposed to people we do not know having access to our land It is private property NOT public property.	1	.0	99.5
We sell annual permits for the entire ranch so it includes our other farm ground & range ground with the CRP in one package.	1	.0	99.6
We sold our land in Dec. '05 & CRP program was transferred to the new owner. We are no longer involved in the CRP.	1	.0	99.6
We use our CRP ground as a nature preserve or refuge. We have no argue=ment with hunters, but some of them have caused problems for us and our neighbors. Thank you.	1	.0	99.6
We use the CRP ground as buffer strips and to help stop erosion. We use the Walk-In Hunting program of Kansas to allow all people the opportunity to hunt or fish and not have liability.	1	.0	99.7
What does recreational use of CRP need a survey for? Waste of time! & waste of postage & paper. CRP is not put in for recreatonal use!!!!	1	.0	99.7
Why are you "wasting" tax dollars, my tax dollars, on this. It makes no difference if I allow someone to hunt or fish & its no concern to anyone.	1	.0	99.7
Wild hog hunting to protect crops Most hunting outside my family	1	.0	99.8
Wildlife numbers have increased after the CRP program started. Numbers continue to increase as time goes on. CRP is very much needed to sustain wildlife.	1	.0	99.8
Wildlife to songbird number have increased dramatically in the past 5 years (Deer, Turkey, Bobcat, Coons, Opposums, Foxes, Coyotes, etc.) a son and grandson hunted 1 9-point 2 8-point & 1 antelope 4-point bucks this year. No does, turkeys, quail or small antelope & deer were permitted to be hunted this year.	1	.0	99.8
Wish such a large amount of land under privare ownership. The clear way to help wildlife is w/ landowners. I appreciate CRP services to help people like myself. Thank you	1	.0	99.9
With all the rain we had this year the CRP was very good it held the water and keep the soil from washing and prevented wash outs and ditches.	1	.0	99.9
Without hunting revenue, my land currently in CRP would be taken out of the program. Even with this revenue, I would be economically better off producing corn for ethanol. CRP payments are too low to maintain the program.	1	.0	99.9
would allow walkin only	1	.0	100.0

Yes I have a comment. An absentee landlord (church) has a quarter of land that borders me on 2 sides. That CRP has Canadian thistle on almost 100% of the land. The seed blows on my land and it's very costly to control. Their (church) only control measure is rotary mowing-which just makes the seed fly.	1	.0	100.0
Total	2953	100.0	