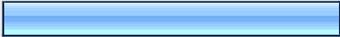


Kentucky Forestland Issues

1. Are you employed or affiliated with any forest industry, natural resource agency or environmental group?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		37.0%	697
No, but have an interest in the forest of Kentucky		63.0%	1,187
		answered question	1,884
		skipped question	0

2. Using the map as reference, in what region do you currently reside?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Bluegrass		48.2%	908
Central		14.4%	271
Eastern		3.7%	69
Green River		5.8%	109
Kentucky River		2.8%	52
Northeastern		6.4%	120
South Central		6.5%	122
South Eastern		5.5%	104
Western		4.8%	90
Do not reside in Kentucky		2.1%	39
		answered question	1,884
		skipped question	0

3. Do you own 10 acres or more of forests or woodlands? If so, in what region are your forests or woodlands?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Do not own forest or woodlands		68.1%	1,283
Bluegrass		8.5%	160
Central		3.8%	72
Eastern		2.0%	37
Green River		2.0%	37
Kentucky River		1.8%	34
Northeastern		3.5%	65
South Central		4.1%	78
Southeastern		2.3%	44
Western		2.1%	40
Own forest or woodlands outside of Kentucky		1.8%	34
		<i>answered question</i>	1,884
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

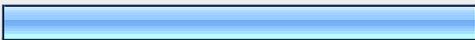
4. Forest Management- Management of private forestland in rural Kentucky is not common. The ecosystem services and the economy in which the resource serves are not optimized when forests are not managed.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		40.4%	621
Important		43.6%	669
Not very Important		6.2%	95
Do not Know		9.8%	151
		Comments	186
		<i>answered question</i>	1,536
		<i>skipped question</i>	348

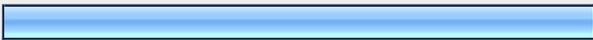
5. Forest Health- Primarily from exotic and invasive plants, pathogens, and insects our forests suffer in their ability to thrive and regenerate in specific areas. In some cases individual native species are directly affected.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		67.1%	1,030
Important		29.3%	450
Not very Important		1.8%	28
Do not Know		1.8%	28
		Comment	124
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

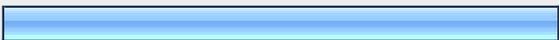
6. Wildfire- The occurrence of wildfire directly affects the health and value of the resource. Public health is impacted. Cost in prevention and suppression are felt by volunteer fire departments, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, local governments, and citizens.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		52.0%	799
Important		39.5%	606
Not Very Important		7.0%	107
Do not Know		1.6%	24
		Comment	158
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

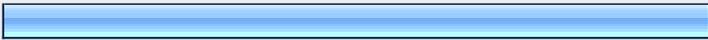
7. Forestland Loss and Fragmentation- Forests are becoming physically divided. Loss of forestland from conversion to other uses has resulted in less total forest acres than were present in 1988. Contributors to forest loss and fragmentation are urbanization, mining, roads, and utility right-of-ways.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		65.1%	1,000
Important		28.3%	435
Not very Important		5.1%	79
Do not Know		1.4%	22
		Comment	189
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

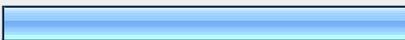
8. Forest Economy- The forests are a basis for many benefits in Kentucky and any negative affects or lack of unrealized potential on these forests is reflected in our local and state economies. The wood industry, outdoor recreation, adventure tourism, hunting and fishing, green jobs, renewable energy, and ecosystem services contribute to Kentucky's economy.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		61.1%	939
Important		33.7%	518
Not very Important		3.7%	57
Do not Know		1.4%	22
		Comment	158
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

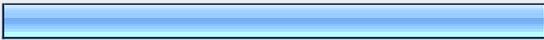
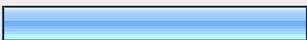
9. Water Quality & Quantity- The role forested watersheds play in supplying clean and abundant water to the citizens can be threatened if the forests themselves diminish in health or geographical extent.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		77.9%	1,197
Important		19.9%	305
Not very Important		1.4%	21
Do not Know		0.8%	13
		Comment	121
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

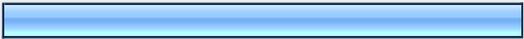
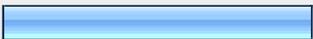
10. Urban & Urban Interface Trees and Forests- Trees and forests in and around communities provide economic, social and environmental benefits. The intermingling of forests and trees within and on the fringes of communities presents unique challenges and requires special management strategies in order to minimize impact on the greater forested landscape and maximize the benefits of trees within communities.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		44.2%	679
Important		44.5%	683
Not very Important		8.3%	127
Do not Know		3.1%	47
		Comment	104
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

11. Funding- Funding to address natural resource issues has been decreasing and the ability to adequately address needs and issues has been affected.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		59.6%	904
Important		33.1%	503
Not very Important		3.8%	58
Do not Know		3.5%	53
		comment	140
		answered question	1,518
		skipped question	366

12. Unlawful Activities- Defending the forest from criminal activity such as timber theft, trespass, and poaching, and seeking justice for the victim is a challenge in Kentucky.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		57.2%	878
Important		33.8%	519
Not very Important		5.8%	89
Do not Know		3.3%	50
		Comment	143
		answered question	1,536
		skipped question	348

13. Public Awareness- There exists a challenge to significantly raise the general awareness of Kentucky's forest on the landscape and their present and potential economical and ecological impact. An informed citizen can expect and facilitate an enlightened personal and public policy on forestry issues. It is not common for the general public, landowners, government officials and community leaders to be aware that professional help for managing their forests exist.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important		56.4%	866
Important		37.4%	575
Not very Important		3.8%	58
Do not Know		2.4%	37
Comment			136
answered question			1,536
skipped question			348

14. Of the 10 issues please rank what you believe are the top 5 with 1 being most important.

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Forest Management	26.1% (251)	19.4% (186)	19.8% (190)	18.6% (179)	16.0% (154)	2.79	960
Forest Health	20.6% (237)	26.0% (300)	24.5% (283)	17.3% (199)	11.6% (134)	2.73	1,153
Wildfire	15.0% (87)	20.4% (118)	19.7% (114)	24.4% (141)	20.6% (119)	3.15	579
Forest Loss and Fragmentation	30.7% (283)	21.1% (195)	16.6% (153)	17.4% (161)	14.2% (131)	2.63	923
Forest Economy	15.4% (75)	14.8% (72)	23.2% (113)	23.8% (116)	22.8% (111)	3.24	487
Water Quality & Quantity	20.8% (225)	26.5% (286)	23.4% (253)	17.8% (192)	11.6% (125)	2.73	1,081
Urban & Urban Interface Trees and Forests	12.3% (43)	14.0% (49)	17.4% (61)	26.0% (91)	30.3% (106)	3.48	350
Funding	15.0% (111)	17.0% (126)	18.6% (138)	23.2% (172)	26.1% (193)	3.28	740
Unlawful Activities	14.3% (73)	15.2% (78)	16.6% (85)	22.7% (116)	31.3% (160)	3.41	512

Public Awareness	18.0% (132)	13.0% (95)	16.0% (117)	17.5% (128)	35.5% (260)	3.39	732
	<i>answered question</i>						1,536
	<i>skipped question</i>						348

15. Please list any other issues you believe are important but were not addressed in the survey.	
	Response Count
	297
	<i>answered question</i> 297
	<i>skipped question</i> 1,587