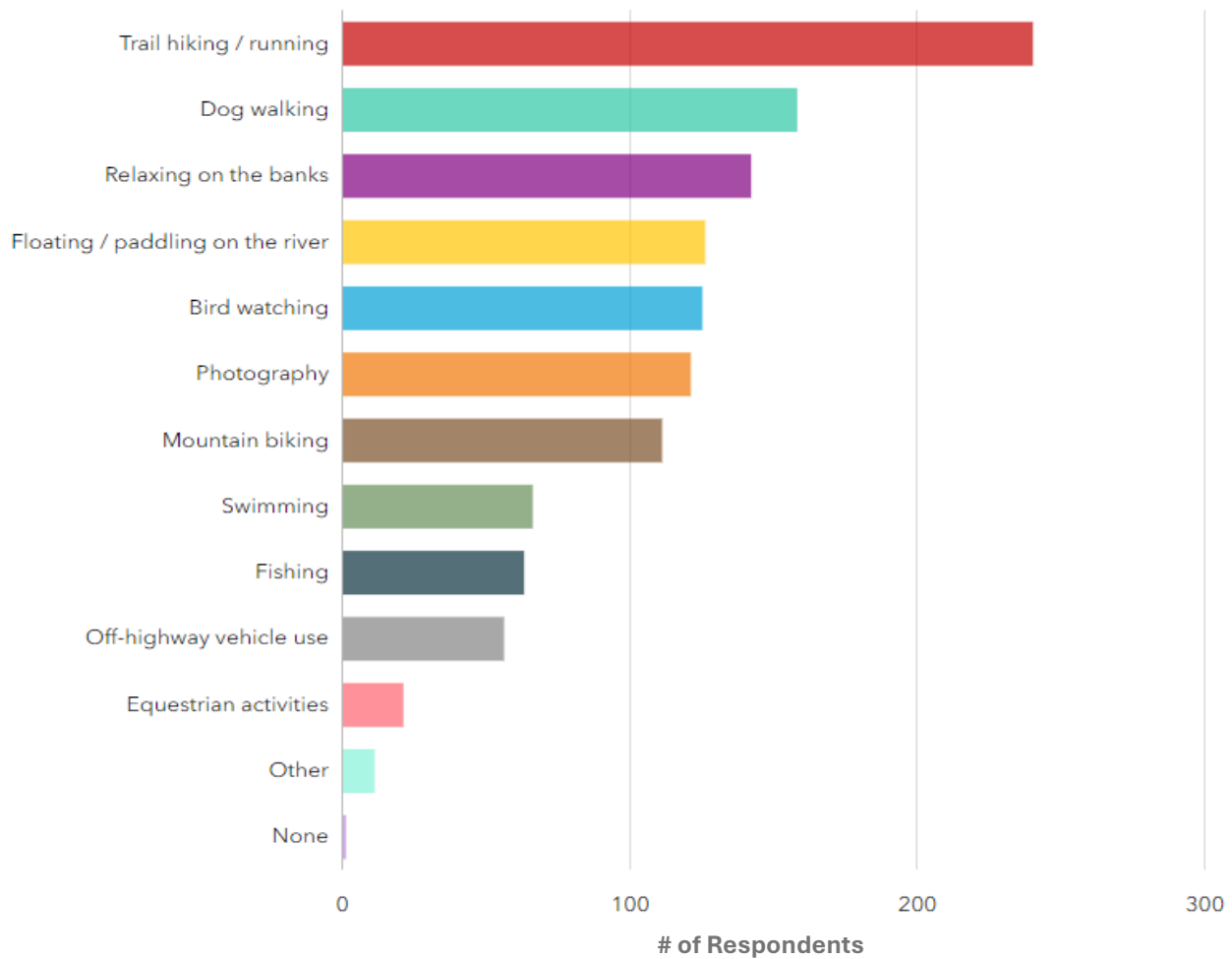


Carson River Master Plan – User Experience Survey

Results from Public Survey that was live from August 13, 2024 – September 23, 2024

1. What recreational activities do you enjoy in or by the Carson River? *

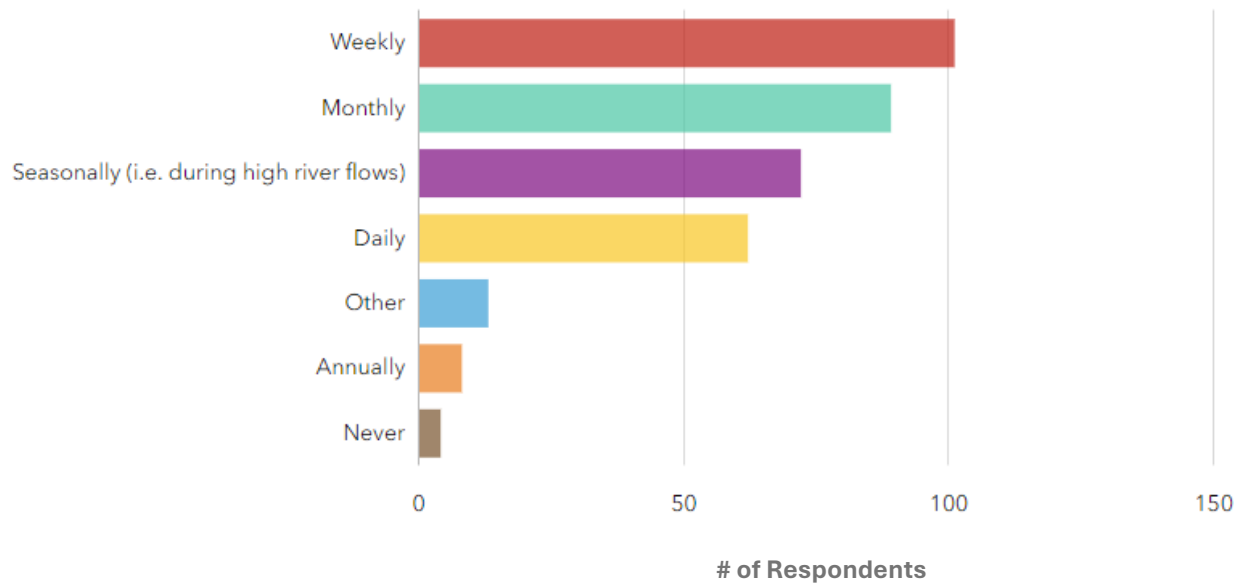


Answers	Count	Percentage
Trail hiking / running	240	81.08%
Dog walking	158	53.38%
Relaxing on the banks	142	47.97%
Floating / paddling on the river	126	42.57%
Bird watching	125	42.23%
Photography	121	40.88%
Mountain biking	111	37.5%
Swimming	66	22.3%
Fishing	63	21.28%
Off-highway vehicle use	56	18.92%
Equestrian activities	21	7.09%
Other	11	3.72%
None	1	0.34%

“Other” Responses

- Painting (*2 people indicated this*)
- Wheelchair access from beginning (parking) to as far as we want to go along the trail at Buzzy's Ranch
- Using our water rights by irrigating our field. This property is our recreation trying to maintain fences that visitors tear down and pick up trash on our property from those who are just plain pigs, including fishermen.
- Road bike riding on Carson River Road and then north and south on the east side of the river.
- Resident on Carson River Road along the Mexican Ditch with concerns of the Mexican Ditch | Carson River
- resident
- looking for wild horses to gaze at..
- Leading bird watching / surveying
- Horse back riding
- Cat walking

2. How often do you recreation in the Carson River area? *



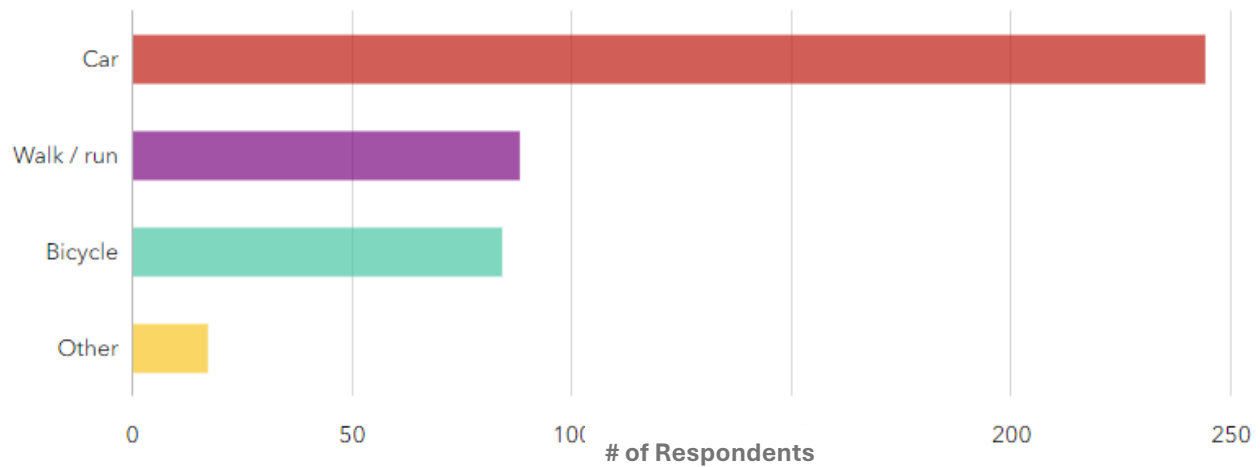
Answers	Count	Percentage
Weekly	101	34.12%
Monthly	89	30.07%
Seasonally (i.e. during high river flows)	72	24.32%
Daily	62	20.95%
Other	13	4.39%
Annually	8	2.7%
Never	4	1.35%

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“Other” Responses

- We own the property at [REDACTED] and constantly have trespassers on our property. I've had my life threatened multiple times and Carson City has done nothing proactive to eliminate the threat from a public and human health standpoint.
- We go often when it's not 8000 degrees outside
- Sort of random, more often with nice weather.
- Run 3 x's weekly
- On request
- not that often, but should to relax away from people
- More than weekly less than daily
- I haven't gotten a chance to visit
- Depends on the year, sometimes weekly sometimes monthly
- 8 - 10 times/year
- 5 to 10 times a year
- 3-4 days a week

3. How do you typically get to the Carson River area? *



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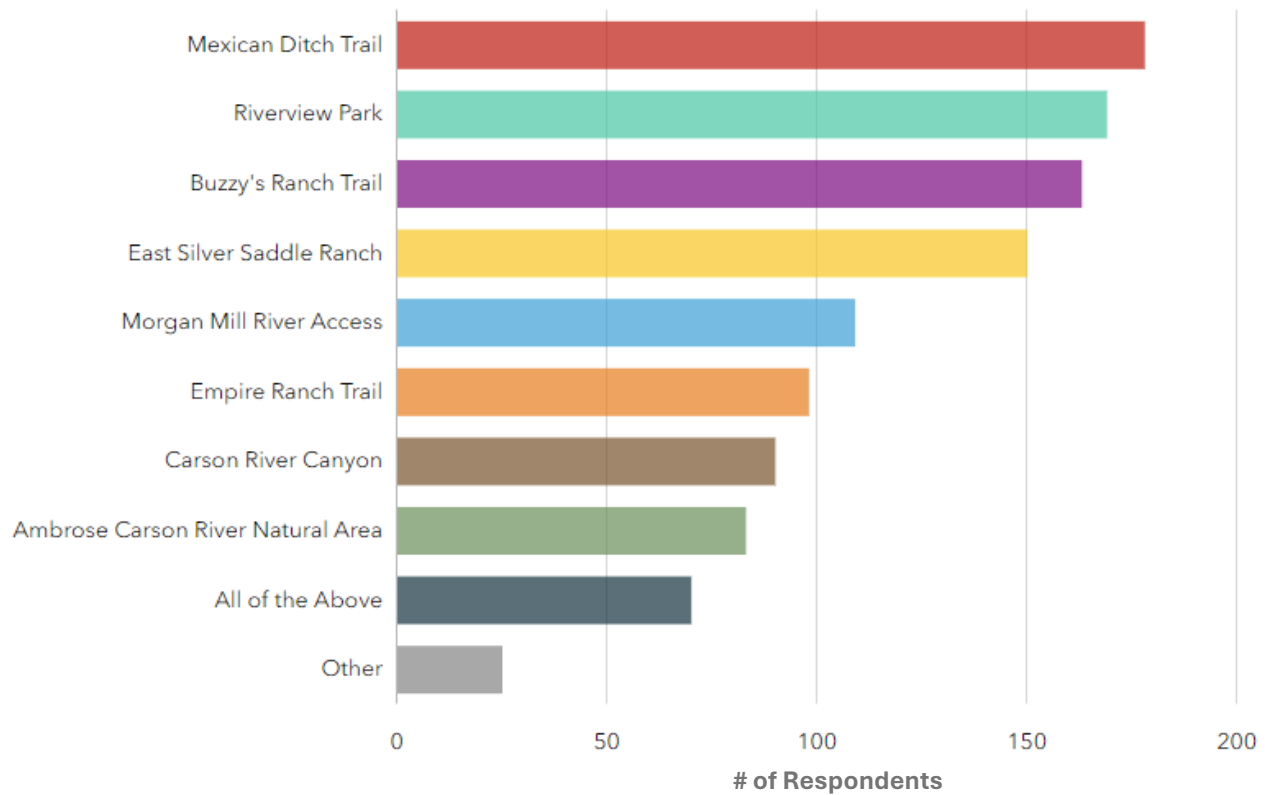
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Car	244	82.43%
Walk / run	88	29.73%
Bicycle	84	28.38%
Other	17	5.74%

“Other” Responses

- Horseback (2 people indicated this)
- Truck and horse trailer
- Ride Horse there
- OHV
- Motorcycle.
- live on it
- I live on the river. [REDACTED]
- I live on the river, it forms the west boundary of my parcel.
- Horse back, Trail Ride
- Horse
- ATV
- 4x4 jeep an side x side

4. What areas do you commonly visit? *



Answers	Count	Percentage
Mexican Ditch Trail	178	60.14%
Riverview Park	169	57.09%
Buzzy's Ranch Trail	163	55.07%
East Silver Saddle Ranch	150	50.68%
Morgan Mill River Access	109	36.82%
Empire Ranch Trail	98	33.11%
Carson River Canyon	90	30.41%
Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	83	28.04%
All of the Above	70	23.65%
Other	25	8.45%

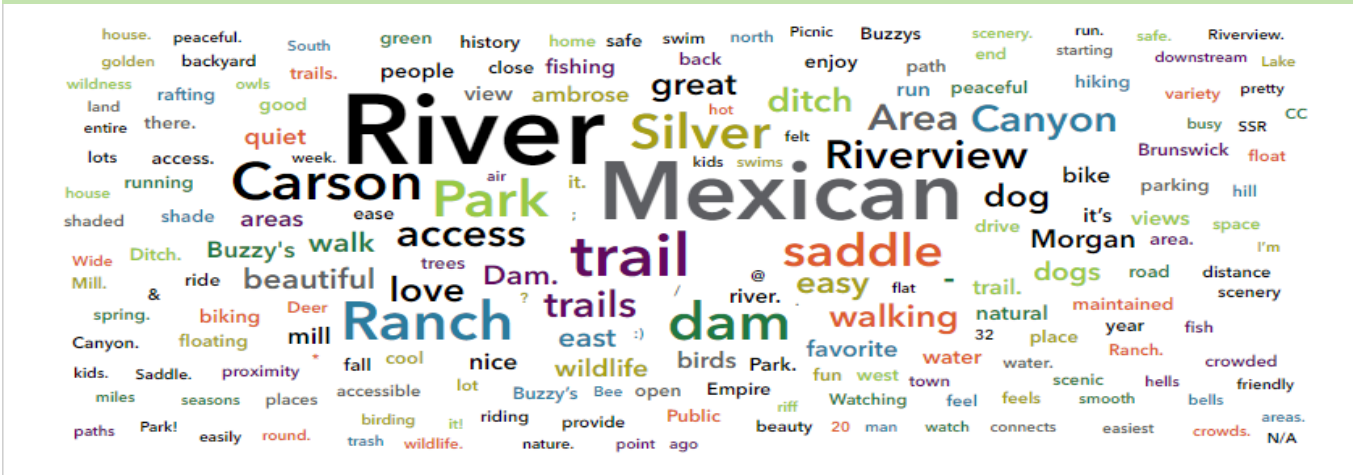
“Other” Responses

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- Silver Saddle Ranch (2 people indicated this)
- Carson River Park (2 people indicated this)
- We will kayak when river is high enough.
- Silver Saddle
- River Trail at Carson River Park
- Raft Mexican Dam to Morgan Mill
- Prison hill

- Near north end of pinion hills drive
- my river frontage
- Mexican Dam personal property.
- Mexican dam
- Lahontan area
- I just moved here
- I do not commonly visit, but stoppped and parked at one or two places before.
- Hope to visit but haven't made it
- East fork Carson River in markleville
- Deer Run Road bridge access.
- Dayton
- Brunswick Canyon

5. What is your favorite area of the river to visit and why? *



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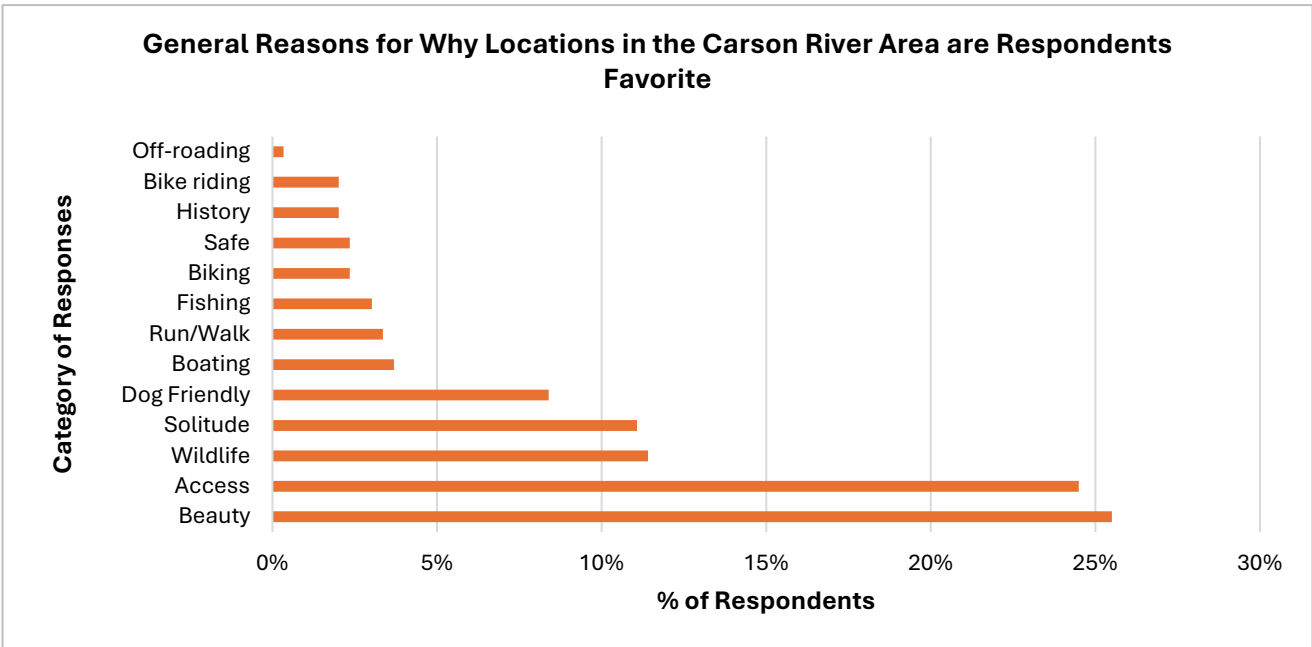
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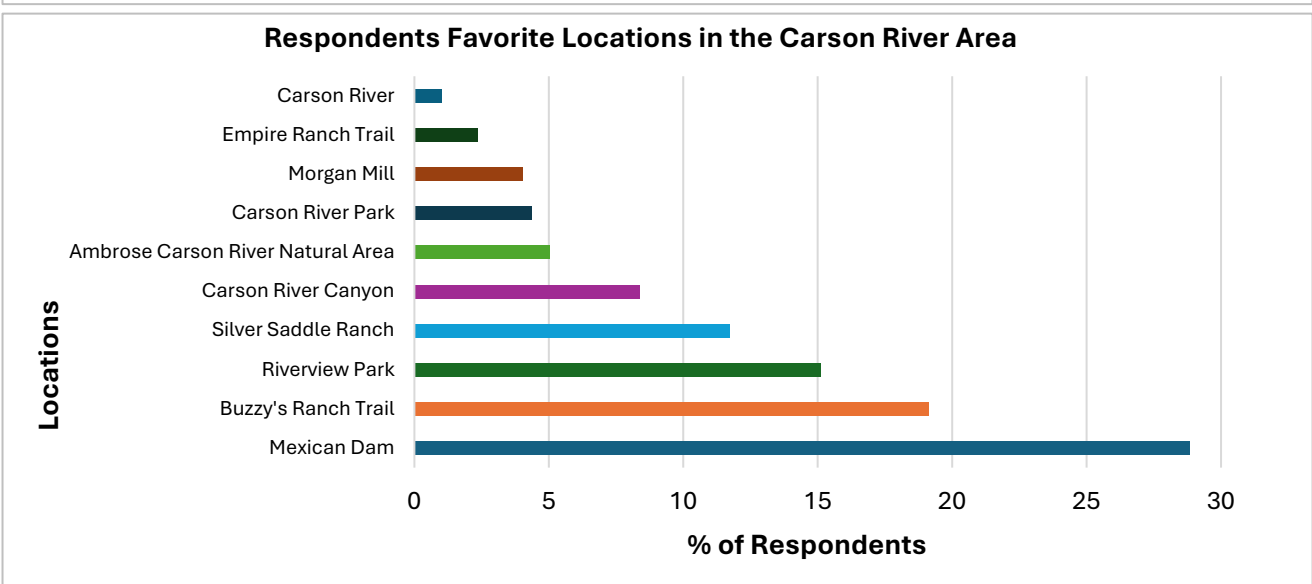
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Category of Responses	% of Respondents
Off-roading	0.5%
Bike riding	2.5%
History	2.5%
Safe	2.8%
Biking	2.8%
Fishing	3.5%
Run/Walk	4.0%
Boating	4.2%
Dog Friendly	8.5%
Solitude	11.5%
Wildlife	11.8%
Access	24.5%
Beauty	25.5%



Respondents Favorite Locations in the Carson River Area

Location	% of Respondents
Carson River	1.5
Empire Ranch Trail	2.5
Morgan Mill	4.5
Carson River Park	4.5
Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	5.5
Carson River Canyon	8.5
Silver Saddle Ranch	12
Riverview Park	15
Buzzy's Ranch Trail	19
Mexican Dam	29



Responses

- Mexican Dam (3 people indicated this)
- Riverview Park (2 people indicated this)
- Riverview (2 people indicated this)
- River trail (2 people indicated this)
- all of them (2 people indicated this)
- All (2 people indicated this)
- When you can't see houses and other man made buildings.
- West of deer run, because it's deep enough to stand up to my neck to get cool, or anywhere quiet to watch birds
- west bank. I've been using it since it was opened to the public
- We used to like going to the natural area because it felt safe
- We try to irrigate our property and we always have had people ignore it. Why because its near Mexican Dam. You need to do a better job of signage, instructing the public of private land rights and the mean water height requirements to access the river.
- We love this trail because we can get our wheelchair bound daughter out into nature.
- We love the river and open fields
- We love all of it, but especially love to go out to the dam and see the waterflows at different times of the year.
- We are still working on exploring all public access areas to the river. There will hopefully be more!
- Walking with dog
- Walking trails
- Walking out to the Mexican dam to see the birds including owls, hawks and eagles
- Walking my dogs at East Silver Saddle Ranch Park(especially Autumn) and Mtn. Biking Morgan Mill Park to the Dam.
- Walking in from Carson River Park because of the owls in the trees and the easy river access. Lots of wildlife!
- Under big trees by the water anywhere is good.
- Trails to mexican dam, trails throughout riverview park
- Trails along river. Birdwatching.
- Trails
- Trail to the dam. Shade & birds.
- Trail to Mexican Dam. Easy walk
- Trail from Silver Saddle ranch to Mexican Dam
- The trails
- the trail from Carson River Park to the Mexican Dam- birding, nice wide trail, flat
- The riverview park because it's so quiet and peaceful and my kids can run around without worrying about cars
- The Riverview Park area is a great starting point for most of my rides or runs. It's also close to marshy areas that have birds when there's water. It's a great access point from town, especially with bike path connections from the north and south.
- The river air is cooler and the birds and other wildlife one may see.
- The river
- The new area south of River view park.
- The natural areas :)
- The Mexican Dam trail off of SSR. I love the easy walk for those in my party with physical ailments, and the sounds and sights are stunning throughout the seasons.
- The Mexican dam trail
- The full length of the Carson River trail because it is flat and smooth, and it offers great views and access.
- The entire Morgan Mill to Mexican Dam by various routes
- The dam. I love watching the flows. I also love seeing the owl on the MDT.
- The Carson River canyon for its wildness, Riverview Park because its where my golden took her last swim, and along the Mexican Ditch for the wildlife.
- The Brunswick canyon area because we go off reading out there often
- The Boat ramp cause it is easy access for my dogs and for my children
- SSR to the Mexican Dam
- SSR because it is quiet and dog friendly.
- Spaces that are clean and have access for multiple people
- South end of CC, north end of Douglas Co
- Silver Saddle-not a lot of people
- Silver saddle. Mexican dam
- Silver Saddle to Mexican Dam, usually. It's beautiful and well maintained. However, there is no wrong answer, I don't really want to claim a favorite because it's all very nice and enjoyable.
- Silver Saddle to Mexican Dam for fishing, hiking and wading.
- Silver Saddle Ranch/Mexican Ditch Trail because of the wildlife
- Silver Saddle Ranch. Agricultural setting, river access, good trails
- Silver Saddle Ranch running trails
- Silver Saddle Ranch for activities.
- Silver Saddle Ranch because it is so tranquil!
- Silver saddle ranch because it connects to several biking opportunities and I can bring my kids.
- Silver Saddle Ranch area history and beauty
- Silver saddle ranch and river park
- Silver Saddle Ranch - trails both up and downstream, easy to drive to, beautiful, fun activities
- Silver Saddle ranch
- Silver saddle is easy river accesz.
- Silver saddle area, easy access, great for biking and dog walking, nice natural areas

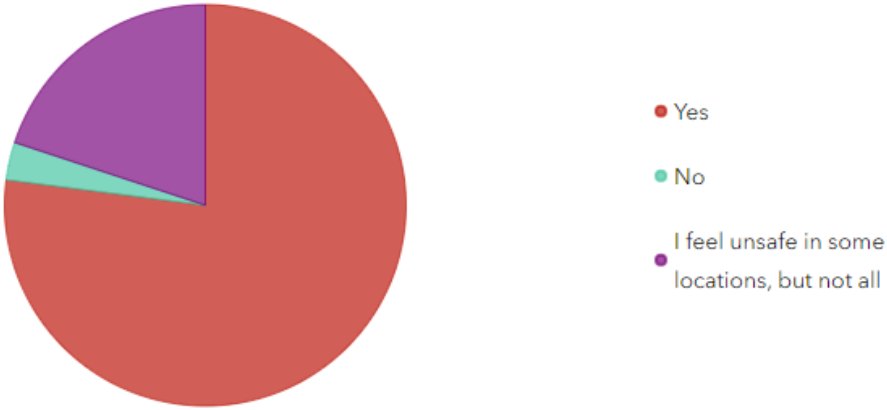
- Silver Saddle area
- Silver Saddle - no riff raft or trash
- Seeing how the river changes with the seasons
- Riverview. Easy access, birding and great place for dogs
- Riverview. Easy access and well maintained trails.
- Riverview to walk dogs
- Riverview park, it's walking distance from my house and I'm able to run with my dog, my dog swims everyday year round and it allows me to bike/run/walk year round.
- Riverview Park, I love walking my dog there and also going alone to birdwatch - very well maintained and so peaceful.
- Riverview Park, easy to access, dog friendly, and ease of trail.
- Riverview Park, dog walking
- Riverview Park, Assess a lot of the trails.
- Riverview park to walk the dog. It is tidy and we'll kept.
- Riverview park is the easiest access to where I board my horses on Hells Bells Rd. I love being able to ride from the stable and have miles of accessible trails.
- Riverview Park for beautiful fall color.
- Riverview Park because it is easily accessible and enjoyable to walk there.
- Riverview Park area because of proximity to my home.
- riverview park area
- Riverview Park and Silver Saddle Ranch...you can drive, park, and enjoy the scenery.
- Riverview Park - I like the walking loops.
- Riverview Park - great trails, birds, water, great dog walking
- Riverview because it is in within walking distance of my house. Carson River Canyon to recreate away from the crowds.
- RiverPark area because it close to town, easy to get to and I can take my dogs to the water.
- River view park! You have parking and bathrooms and lots of trail to walk. As well as some shade
- River view park to run and let my dog swim
- river view park cause its gorgeous
- River view for birds watching
- river view
- River Trail - I'm looking for traditional medicines and feel safe in this area.
- River canyon ohv
- Recreational Spots
- Rafting Mexican Dam to Morgan Mill every May - June. It's great and closer than the Truckee.
- Rafting from Hangman's Bridge to take out. Love the hot springs in the middle of the run
- Quiet
- Probably Ambrose because I find it to be a really cute green scenic area
- Pine nuts
- picnic area and some area hiking trails
- Picnic area / restrooms
- Paths adjacent to the river, they are the most peaceful
- Off Sierra Vista just over the bridge at Carson River Rd
- Not sure yet
- No favorite - haven't been to all areas.
- Near the Mexican Dam 'cause it's easy to access, has fun wildlife, and isn't usually too busy
- Near north end of pinion hills drive because it is convenient and secluded
- N/A
- my river frontage
- My knees aren't so good, so I drive out where I can park and walk a *little*
- My favorite part when visiting the river is just siting next to the water on a bench or branch and listening to the breeze and just walking under the beautiful trees.
- My favorite is along the river from either buzzys ranch trail or east silver saddle ranch. I think the views are the most beautiful, and there is some shade. The trails also seem easy for stroller access.
- My favorite area of the river is the Buzzys Ranch Trail because it has very pretty views, and is very calming.
- My favorite area is the Riverview park. However, the linked trails along that way are all wonderful!
- My backyard is on Mexican Ditch trail. We walk/ride bikes every day on all trails with our dogs
- My back yard
- Morgan Mill the golf course next to the river
- Morgan mill- better fishing space
- Mexican ditch. Less idiots with dogs.
- Mexican ditch. Easy trail for kids to ride bikes on.
- Mexican ditch. Best hiking trails and beautiful views.
- Mexican Ditch. It's a fair ride/walk with quiet spots.
- Mexican Ditch Trail. You can see so many different environments and also enjoy backyard plantings.
- Mexican Ditch Trail. Views, ease of walk, few visitors
- Mexican ditch trail, it Is beautiful and feels safe.
- Mexican ditch trail for running and biking. Nice variety of elevations and no cars.
- Mexican Ditch Trail for Bike Riding
- mexican ditch trail and dam - historical signs and lovely trail

- Mexican Ditch Trail @ Silver Saddle Ranch - easy access for riding my mtb to Mexican Dam Open space and return by Buzzy's Ranch Trail @ River View Park
- Mexican ditch trail - love the natural wildness of the area.
- Mexican Ditch trail - great trail for equines
- Mexican Ditch Trail
- Mexican Ditch and Dam - shaded in early am in summer; love seeing the changes all year
- Mexican Ditch & Buzzy's Ranch the wildlife
- Mexican Dam. Nice trail and lively spot on the water.
- Mexican dam. Nice and peaceful
- Mexican dam. My grandfather took me there fishing
- Mexican Dam. Fun spot.
- Mexican Dam. Fish, relax.
- Mexican dam. Easy access to the river.
- Mexican dam. Been going there for 32 years starting from over Prison Hill
- Mexican Dam. Great to be between river and ditch in all seasons with shady trees, birds and many photo ops. Wide path is great to chat while walking. And it's always watch water over the dam.
- Mexican dam.
- Mexican Dam, it's peaceful.
- Mexican Dam, history and ruggedness of the area.
- Mexican dam, for its wildlife and quietness
- Mexican dam, easy and beautiful walk
- Mexican dam, it's a destination
- Mexican dam!
- Mexican Dam trail for the water and beauty
- Mexican dam open space. Because it is accessible through golden eagle
- Mexican Dam is a good destination and links a gravel bike ride
- Mexican Dam for the solitude and possible wildlife viewing
- Mexican dam for fishing
- Mexican dam for fishing
- Mexican Dam because all you can hear is the water flowing in the spring.
- Mexican dam area, scenery, wildlife
- Mexican dam area
- Mexican Dam and Silver Saddle area because of its proximity to Prison Hill and Dead Truck
- Mexican dam and downstream - because the birdwatching in the riparian forest is great there, and the place is beautiful
- Mexican Dam and Ambrose. There are close to home, partially shaded and great year round.
- Mexican dam Quiet
- Like all of it
- Kayaking/rafting Morgan Mill to Santa Maria Ranch/Dayton - scenic/unimproved w/good whitewater. Also, leading inexperienced paddlers East Silver Saddle to Morgan Mill.
- Kayaking/rafting Morgan hill to Santa Maria
- I'm new to the area and haven't explored it enough to have a favorite.
- I use all of the areas, ride or bike Carson River trail, Buzzy's ranch, float the river below Mexican dam to Morgan mill, and kayak from Morgan mill through Brunswick canyon.
- I no longer walk my dogs there after a man in a white truck was stalking me in the parking lot...either to break into my vehicle or attack me on the trail (he had not seen my dogs yet).
- I most enjoy accessing the River from Silver Saddle Ranch to Mexican Ditch in the early morning. I love the wildlife, river, birds, and that my dog can run.
- I love the trails and can reach all access points with my horses. I love being able to be near the river in the summer and access to BLM from the area as well
- I love the river trails. They provide wonderful walking, running, and biking opportunities.
- I love the River Trail @ Carson River Park that goes to Mexican Dam for its varied scenery and vegetation and wildlife. The Cottonwoods are gorgeous during the Fall season. I like the easy access to the River near the Dam.
- I love Silver Saddle for the many trail direction and length options
- I love kayaking from East Silver Saddle Ranch put in to Morgan Mill pull out as it's so fun and can only be done for a few weeks in the spring. Second favorite is walking along the Mexican Ditch trail.
- I like to walk my dog at Riverview Park
- I like the Riverview park by the river. All the trees make it very cool and very nice during the summer.
- I like the entire river corridor because of the shade, wildlife and peacefulness.
- I like the bathroom access along the trails and trash cans. I appreciate groomed trails.
- I like kayaking from the river park to the Morgan mill access in the spring.
- I like going to different places
- I like all of the Carson River! Great place to be!
- I enjoy the many stops we make when floating the river.
- I bike all the west side trails daily. I average 20 miles per day. Carson Canyon is fun too but very rocky. It also feels less safe.
- Hmm, the views at Mexican Dam are nice. The canyon is a cool spot to explore even though I don't go there frequently.
- Hidden Meadows has less dog poop & people
- green areas
- Get away into nature
- From the East Silver Saddle through the canyon.

- Floating the river from Carson River Road to Morgan Mill. It's beautiful and relaxing.
- Floating from Mexican ditch to the Morgan Mill because it is scenic and peaceful, water conditions have to be just right though
- Enjoy being able to bike trails from Empire Ranch Trail down to Mexican Dam with minimal road crossing and great scenery
- Empire ranch trail, it's walking distance from my house.
- Empire ranch trail, close to home and lots of wildlife
- Empire Ranch Trail given its proximity to my house
- Empire ranch trail because it is open and feels safe
- easy to get there and not crowded
- East Silver Saddle. I walk my dog every morning along the trails between the two parking lots. I've encountered bears, birds, coyotes, beavers, and deer and love every minute of it.
- East Silver Saddle River Access - Quiet and peaceful on shore and great access for paddling to Morgan Mill. Beautiful fall foliage!
- East Silver Saddle Ranch for the solitude and nature sightseeing
- East silver saddle ranch- float access
- East Silver Saddle Ranch
- East Silver saddle
- East Silver River Ranch. Level, shaded walking trail.
- East River
- East for carson river i go fly fishing and camping
- Eagle viewing area
- Don't have a favorite but the canyon is the most interesting to me.
- Dog walking and biking by river
- Dog friendly trails to let them swim
- Different places
- Depends on how crowded the trailhead is.
- damn and river view park. Ease of access
- Carson River Park. It has facilities and a nice path next to the river. It's also not heavily used on weekdays.
- Carson River Park, shady, scenic, quiet
- Carson River Park, because it's got a lot of shade over the trail.
- Carson River Park! It's Beautiful!
- Carson River Park by Silver saddle Ranch, i like the area because its usually not too busy so i can walk my dog around and there's a few areas where he can walk down to the river to cool off
- Carson river park because everyone I've brought there has been able to enjoy it.
- Carson River Canyon. So peaceful!
- Carson River Canyon, the V&T, and historic mill sites!
- carson river canyon, 4x4ing
- Carson river canyon is my favorite place . The reason is because of the history with Virginia city and all the mining in this area.
- Carson River Canyon for rafting
- Carson River Canyon due to its remote nature.
- Carson river canyon because there is no paved road and not too crowded
- Carson River Canyon because there is hardly anybody ever out there.
- Carson river canyon because it's quiet and beautiful
- Carson River Canyon because it is not visible by Deer Run Road and makes you feel further away from town
- Carson River Canyon because it is a wilderness experience just outside of town. It is beautiful and provide good aquatic and terrestrial habitat.
- Carson River Canyon because it has nice rapids for rafting
- Carson River Canyon and Mexican Ditch Trail. I like to boat. I like to look at birds along the trail.
- Carson river canyon / fishing
- Carson River Canyon - amazing views and often less people
- Carson River Canyon
- Carson River
- Carson rive park , to the dam, through Silver saddle Ranch, Mexican ditch Trail and then fuzzy trail back to the park. I like that there are three bathrooms on this loop. I appreciate the variety of scenery.
- Carson canyon there are less people up there
- Canyon
- By hells bells rd
- Buzzy's Trail for dog walking
- Buzzy's Ranch, because it has the most shade.
- Buzzy's Ranch Trail: beautiful, great hiking,biking
- Buzzy's Ranch trail..scenic, connects with other trails easily, close to my home
- Buzzy's Ranch Trail, green pastures.
- Buzzys Ranch Trail and Carson River Park - Bird Watching
- Buzzys Ranch the trailI well maintained and repaired, I feel safe there
- Buzzy's Ranch or SS Ranch; beauty of the wetlands and the wildlife there
- Buzzy's Ranch and Riverview Park. Well kept trail network. Convenient access. Nearby restrooms.
- Buzzy's at Carson River Park, ease of access
- Buzzy's Ranch, easiest access for a nice run, dog walk, chill mountain bike ride, and also horseback.
- Buzzy's Ranch Train: pretty in the evening in the fall... very picturesque
- Buzzy's Ranch trail, because we like the open space.
- Buzzy's ranch is great with the quality of the new trail work that was done on it a couple years ago very smooth the bike

- Buzzy Ranch and River ranch trails
- Buzzes ranch river trail - no dogs
- Brunswick Canyon because it's a bit off the beaten path.
- Brunswick Canyon - great river running and handbuilt road base on river left.
- Bee tree
- Because I live in the river, across from the Anderson Ranch, that is my favorite area,; however, when my dogs and I were younger, we often walked along the river to the Ambrose Area and back, sometimes along the river, sometimes along the road.
- Areas away from crowds.
- ANYwhere where it is pristine and natural - minimal or no maintained paths
- Anywhere my dogs can be off leash
- Anywhere I can fish
- Any part of the east end. I love how you can get back there to go fishing and it's not too common to see other people during the week. I also love how untouched it is and the history back there.
- Ambrose, it's easy to bike to, and there are places to stop and play in the river
- Ambrose, ease of access to river and parking
- Ambrose, beautiful trees...
- Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, Peace and quiet, green space, heals the soul.
- Ambrose b/c it's not as popular and my dogs can be off leash and swim.
- Ambrose - sweeping views of the river, cottonwood galleries, and the Carson Range.
- ambrose
- All trails are favorites.
- All trails along the river. I appreciate the trees, shade in the summer and colors in the fall
- All the items I selected in the previous question
- All of them, they each provide a beautiful experience.
- all of them!
- All of the above, quiet
- All of it. Public lands are great!
- All of it. My wife and I will walk our dogs up and down the path nearby. We also spend some time fishing there.
- All of it. Different areas serve different purposes
- All of it! When trail riding horseback may cove 7-10miles
- All I have checked
- All areas. The natural wilderness and the variety of wildlife, parking and access, good trails
- All areas are nice
- all along the river on west side of river
- All - it's literally in my backyard
- After Lake Lahontan floating
- After Lahontan Lake float and fish the Carson River
- ?
- *

6a. I feel safe visiting or recreating in or by the Carson River area... *

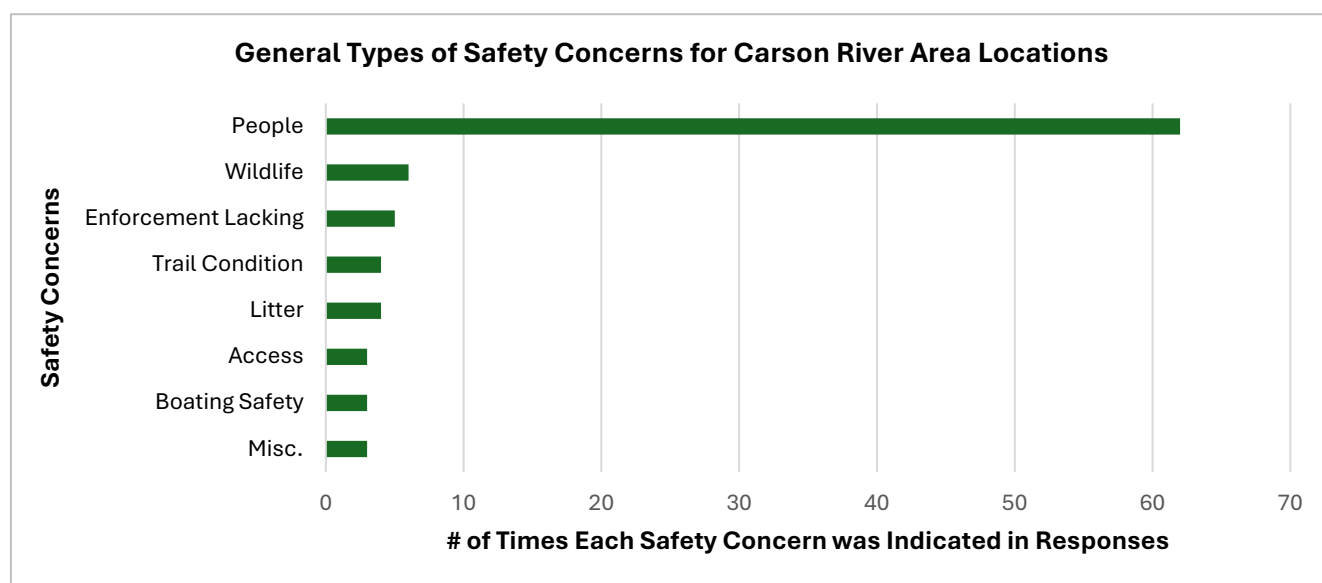
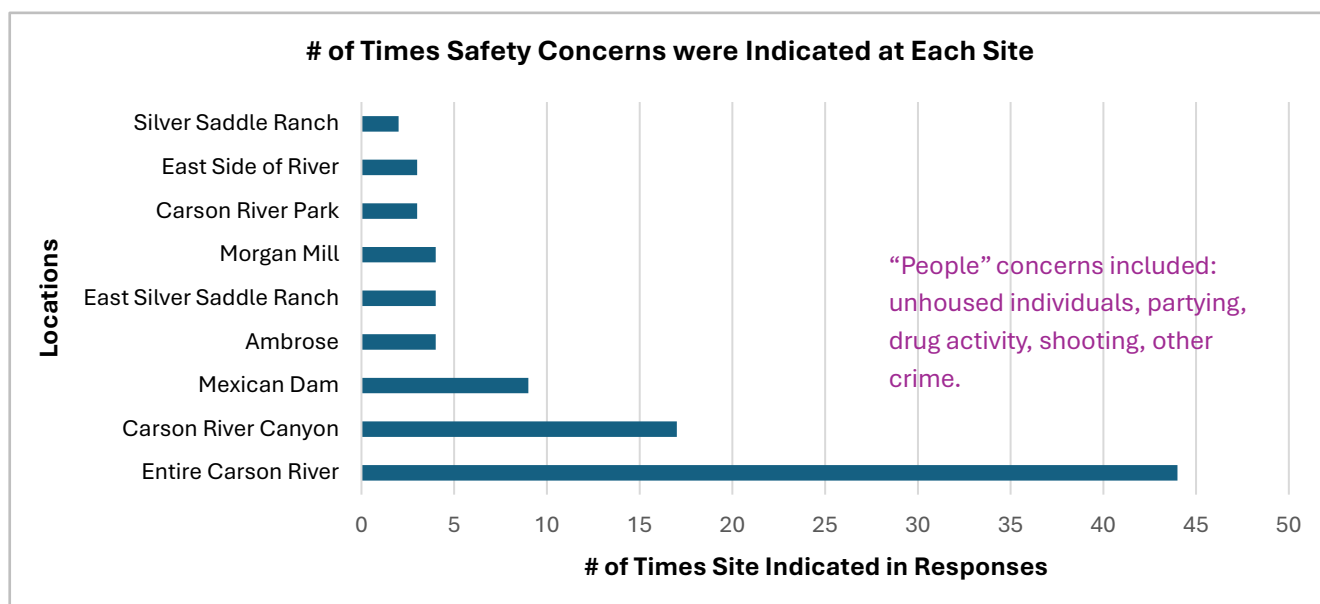
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	228	77.03%
No	9	3.04%
I feel unsafe in some locations, but not all	59	19.93%

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6b. If you answered no or that you feel unsafe in some locations, please tell us where and why. *



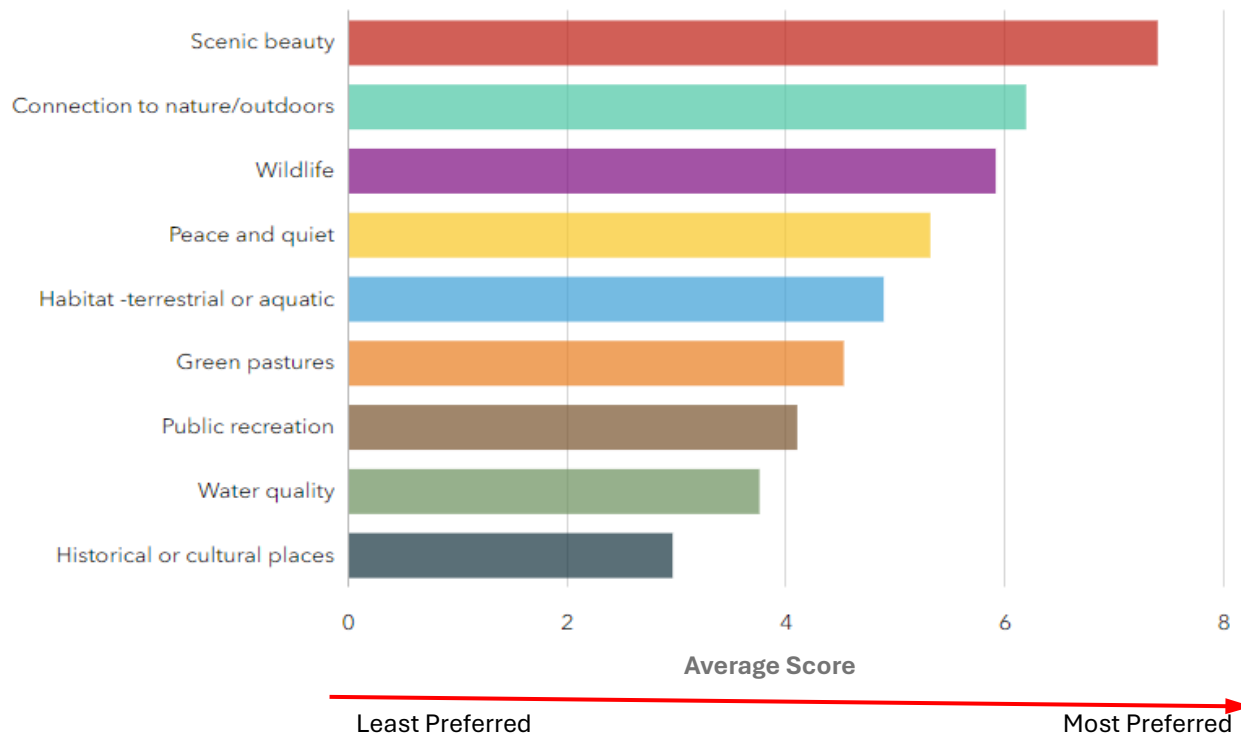


Responses

- when people drive motorcycles in river, when people are hunting or shooting along and in river
- Trail to Mexican Dam - have seen homeless campers out there before
- This summer, there was a bear with 3 cubs near the river, below our home on Deer Run Rd. We avoided that area all summer. First time since 2005!
- The water is not clean and there are many homeless encampments along some areas of the river
- The River is dangerous in the Carson River Canyon and not for the average person.
- The river canyon east of the gravel pit is often occupied by transient people. Also the trail east out the canyon is often covered in litter.
- The east side feels less safe due to heavier use due to car access. Homeless activity in Empire area seems less this year.
- The canyon area. Because of the squatters.
- Sometimes potential drug trading...
- Sometimes feel unsafe by myself in East Silver Saddle area due to questionable people recreating, has gotten better over last year or two
- Sometimes feel uncomfortable about coyotes
- Some of the river access points are more difficult to access and very rocky. No bathrooms or trash receptacles.
- Single track area at north end near Morgan Mill - too much brush for people to hide in.
- see above, I will never go back there
- River Trail, Buzzy's Ranch Trail, Mexican Dam, Mexican Ditch Trail, Mexican Ditch Trail at Silver Saddle Ranch due to massive overgrowth, lack of enforcement, lack of trail maintenance, litter, the unhoused/overnight camping/parking
- Recently at Carson River Park there has been evidence of party/drug type activities, as well as persons living on-site.
- Presence of homeless people; coyotes; bears
- People don't leash their dogs. The dogs are out of control.
- Parking lot at bridge near silver saddle. Area has been used for drug deals
- out of control and rude mountain bikers
- No way to exit trails in some places. Have had some interactions that have felt unsafe at Mexican ditch with some interactions

- Near BLM land, some visitor bring dogs that can be aggressive. I have defended myself from dogs that have run out of owners control.
- Most areas in the river can get scary at night just because there's not much lighting around:
- Most areas I do feel safe; however, there have been transients that will show up along or by the river that puts me in a heightened awareness mode.
- Morgan Mill to Riverview have areas that are stalker creepy.
- Morgan Mill area I've seen open drug use in the parking lot and lots of broken glass
- Mexican dam sometimes because there are sometimes sketchy people in the park and under the highway bridge
- Lots of shady characters hang out
- Lack of law enforcement juxtaposed with the worst of humanity
- It is impossible for Carson Sheriffs Dept to reach certain areas. They will not help if it is on the east side of the river and they refuse to use their droan
- It feels remote, not many people are out there, maybe get some Emergency Phones put in.
- I'm female & feel nervous going alone to areas with lots of vegetation & too secluded, where someone could grab me & no one to hear/help (ie off empire pkg area, the dirt road east side of deer run
- Illegal shooting, homeless, hypodermic needles, glass in the sand
- I would never go here alone. There's no police presence and there's often people there that are committing crimes. I don't feel comfortable taking my family there. Empire ranch is notorious for gang activity.
- I was approached twice by the naked man near Silver Saddle. I understand he has been arrested.
- I own land near Mexican Dam, people trespass all the time and we've been threatened and have had people arrested for trespassing throughout the years. Why because it isn't being managed and maintained to support public safety for all.
- I mean sometimes you run into river people down on the way to the dam, but they've never been aggressive
- I feel safe most places except just east of Morgan Mill. The space there feels confined.
- I feel my personal safety is at risk from bears, coyotes, and strange men.
- I dont go on the parts of the river that feel unsafe
- I do feel safe there, but at times when i am alone, being a girl in today society i am just always careful of my surroundings never knowing what might happen.
- I called park rangers on a van parked in an illegal area once. Also a bear went ambling by once. I have pictures....
- I avoid Carson River Canyon unless in a group of people. Since the canyon was the place folks went to break the law. I've also been chased by a pack of dogs of folks that were living at the river, but I have not gotten down to canyon since city took over.
- Homeless population and drug waste left
- Homeless encampments along the river and hidden in the brush.
- Homeless camps
- Having to use the 395 bridges to get from Douglas to Carson
- Haven't felt it was safe to go by myself in any part of the park.
- Generally I feel safe but I stay alert. Some issues from transients at Ambrose and downstream from Morgan mill road.
- Frequent shooting in the Mexican dam canyon area. Used to not bother me, but with silver saddle ranch having a possible issue with someone intentionally or unintentionally shooting cows, I do worry.
- For the most part I do feel safe, but it makes me feel un-easy when an un-leashed dog runs up to me.
- Evenings and after dark (when the park is supposed to be closed) there can be some sketchy characters lurking about. Or having loud, drunken parties with an entire group.
- East silver saddle
- Dogs off leash are often not controlled by the owner
- Depends on time of day. Some times the trails to the river feel lonely.
- Carson River Canyon. Homeless, shooting.
- Carson river canyon, people partying, shooting ect.
- Carson River Canyon with guns being shot. More sketchy people in this area.
- Carson River Canyon sometimes has weird stuff going on
- Carson River Canyon has a dangerous former bridge that my dog fell off and was injured. It should be fenced off, but is not. I complained to parks and rec, but last I checked nothing had been done.
- Carson River Canyon - the remoteness is awesome. Past use by shooters & encampments of those less fortunate have limited my desire to access this location without company. Paddling through the Canyon must also be done with skilled white water paddlers.
- Carson River Canyon - people are still target shooting, even though posted "no shooting"; often have to go around them if possible
- Carson Canyon area. Too many questionable people there
- Car break ins at Silver Saddle Ranch and many of the trail heads. Some people are scary looking
- Attempted car break in Carson River Canyon. I caught the perpetrator in action.
- At trail heads large stumps are regularly moved around making navigating a bike challenging which can be dangerous if not paying attention.
- Ambrose and River Canyon areas
- Ambrose and East Silver Saddle sometimes have overnight vehicles questionable men
- Also float above Mexican dam, but it's hard to portage.
- Along the canyon is a little sketchy sometimes.

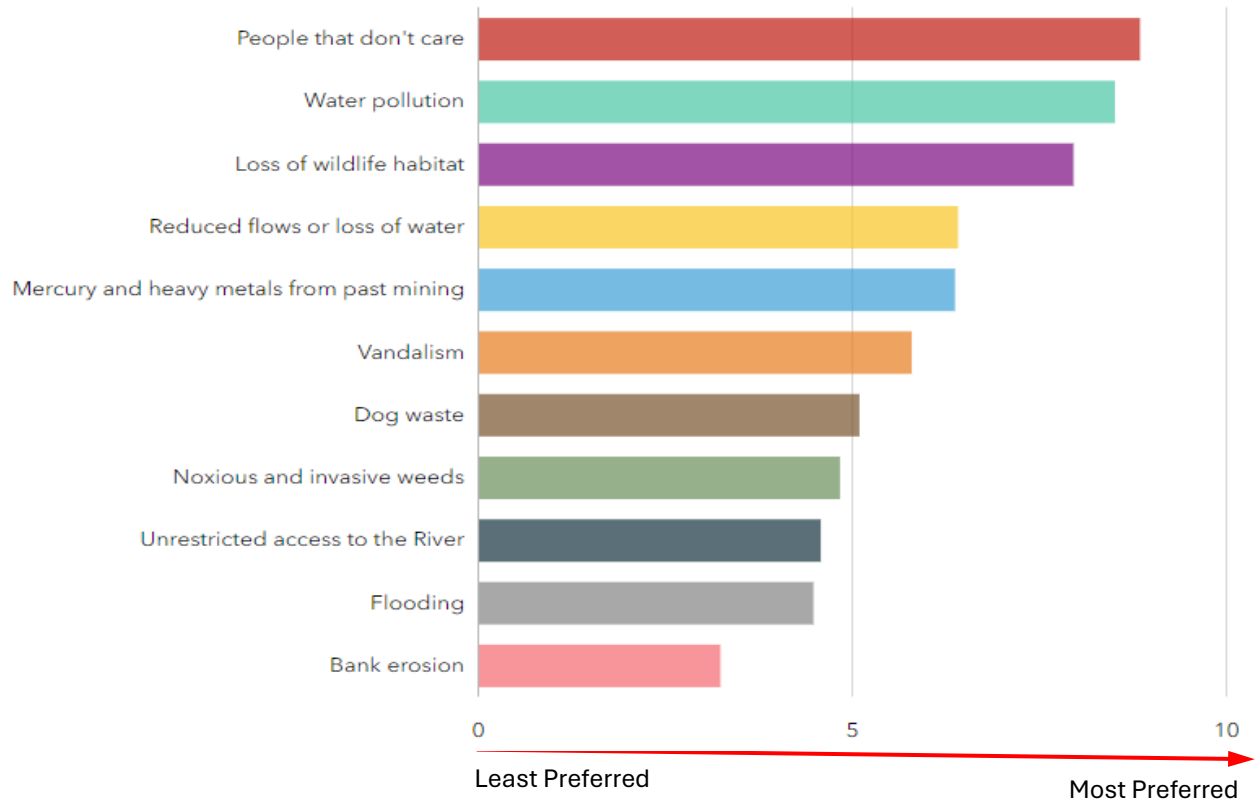
7. What do you value most about the Carson River area? *



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Average score
1	Scenic beauty	27.03%	32.77%	17.57%	7.77%	7.43%	4.39%	3.04%	0%	0%	7.39
		80	97	52	23	22	13	9	0	0	
2	Connection to nature/outdoors	27.36%	15.54%	11.82%	10.47%	7.43%	7.77%	1.69%	11.15%	6.76%	6.19
		81	46	35	31	22	23	5	33	20	
3	Wildlife	5.74%	12.5%	17.91%	29.73%	12.84%	11.82%	5.74%	3.04%	0.68%	5.91
		17	37	53	88	38	35	17	9	2	
4	Peace and quiet	13.85%	13.85%	13.51%	12.5%	11.15%	6.42%	4.73%	6.42%	17.57%	5.31
		41	41	40	37	33	19	14	19	52	
5	Habitat -terrestrial or aquatic	5.07%	5.74%	8.11%	15.2%	23.31%	16.55%	15.88%	8.45%	1.69%	4.89
		15	17	24	45	69	49	47	25	5	
6	Green pastures	0.68%	6.08%	16.89%	11.82%	15.88%	15.88%	10.47%	11.49%	10.81%	4.52
		2	18	50	35	47	47	31	34	32	
7	Public recreation	12.84%	7.09%	6.42%	5.41%	7.09%	4.73%	15.54%	17.91%	22.97%	4.09
		38	21	19	16	21	14	46	53	68	
8	Water quality	4.39%	3.72%	6.08%	3.72%	11.15%	18.58%	19.93%	18.58%	13.85%	3.75
		13	11	18	11	33	55	59	55	41	
9	Historical or cultural places	3.04%	2.7%	1.69%	3.38%	3.72%	13.85%	22.97%	22.97%	25.68%	2.96
		9	8	5	10	11	41	68	68	76	

NOTE: Each choice in a Ranking Question receives a score based on its rank. For this question there were nine choices, and therefore the choice ranked first gets a score of 9. The choice ranked second gets a score of 8, and so on. The choice with the highest average score is the most preferred. The choice with the lowest average score is the least preferred.

8a. Below is a list of threats/issues that some say are affecting the Carson River. Please rank them in order of importance to you. *



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Average score
1	People that don't care	31.08%	13.85%	22.64%	11.15%	7.77%	4.05%	1.35%	3.04%	3.38%	0.68%	1.01%	8.83
		92	41	67	33	23	12	4	9	10	2	3	
2	Water pollution	12.84%	31.08%	15.54%	11.15%	13.51%	6.42%	3.72%	2.36%	1.69%	1.01%	0.68%	8.50
		38	92	46	33	40	19	11	7	5	3	2	
3	Loss of wildlife habitat	11.15%	10.81%	18.24%	21.62%	15.88%	11.15%	6.76%	2.7%	1.01%	0.34%	0.34%	7.95
		33	32	54	64	47	33	20	8	3	1	1	
4	Reduced flows or loss of water	6.42%	4.73%	8.11%	8.11%	15.88%	20.61%	18.24%	8.11%	6.42%	3.38%	0%	6.40
		19	14	24	24	47	61	54	24	19	10	0	
5	Mercury and heavy metals from past mining	12.84%	5.07%	4.73%	14.53%	16.55%	10.14%	9.46%	7.43%	4.05%	4.39%	10.81%	6.36
		38	15	14	43	49	30	28	22	12	13	32	
6	Vandalism	5.07%	12.84%	8.78%	7.09%	7.43%	7.43%	4.39%	20.27%	9.46%	13.18%	4.05%	5.78
		15	38	26	21	22	22	13	60	28	39	12	
7	Dog waste	7.43%	10.14%	7.77%	6.76%	5.07%	6.08%	4.73%	4.05%	6.42%	28.72%	12.84%	5.08
		22	30	23	20	15	18	14	12	19	85	38	
8	Noxious and invasive weeds	3.72%	5.41%	6.08%	7.43%	5.41%	8.11%	7.09%	7.09%	29.39%	14.53%	5.74%	4.82
		11	16	18	22	16	24	21	21	87	43	17	
9	Unrestricted access to the River	5.74%	1.69%	2.03%	4.05%	4.39%	6.08%	18.92%	20.27%	18.92%	8.45%	9.46%	4.57
		17	5	6	12	13	18	56	60	56	25	28	
10	Flooding	1.35%	2.36%	2.7%	2.7%	3.72%	14.53%	19.26%	20.61%	13.18%	11.49%	8.11%	4.47
		4	7	8	8	11	43	57	61	39	34	24	
11	Bank erosion	2.36%	2.03%	3.38%	5.41%	4.39%	5.41%	6.08%	4.05%	6.08%	13.85%	46.96%	3.23
		7	6	10	16	13	16	18	12	18	41	139	

8b. Please let us know if there is something else you believe is a threat to the Carson River. *

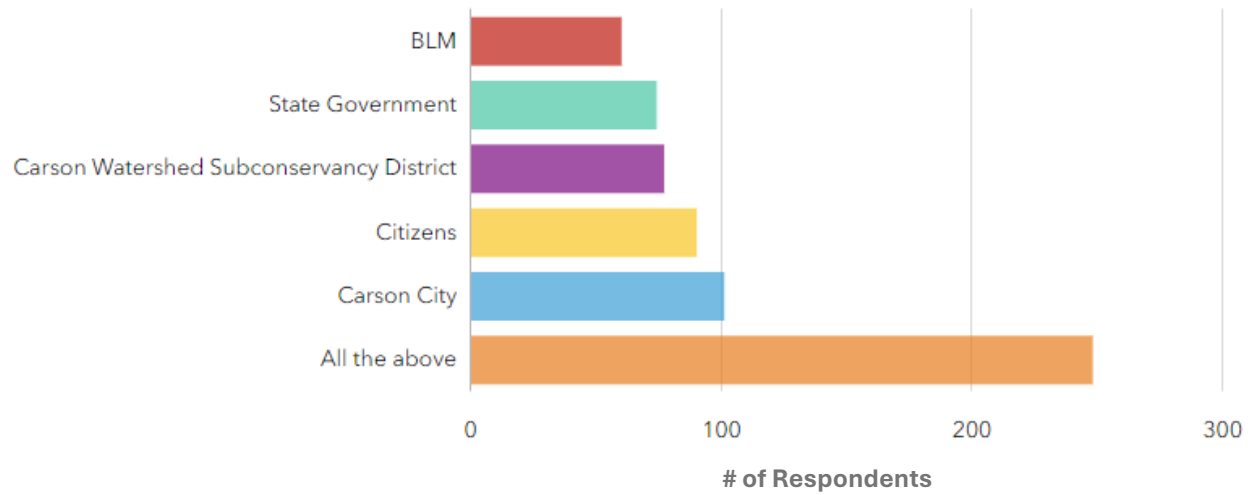


Responses

- N/A (2 people indicated this)
- Wildlife habitat impacts from increasing public access. Ranch operations that conflict with wild life and wetlands protection. Need Best Management Practices to provide for buffer areas around sensitive areas.
- Wild fire prevention could be improved.
- We need a safe portage egress above Mexican Dam for kayakers, SUPs, and rafters
- Water quality makes it less then desirable for water activities
- Vagrients
- Vagrants
- Upstream diversion of water.
- Unhoused people living along the river creates dangerous situations for others and pollutants left puts the public and the environment at risk.
- Uncaring/ignorant people who trash the area
- Trash, no signs of unsafe fish and swimming...none. Dogs. Dog poop. Unleashed animals.
- Transients using the areas as their toilet and leaving trash and belongings. More of a threat to the people who recreate and live around the river and watershed is mosquitos as they are potential vectors for serious diseases.
- Too many visitors, not informed visitors, no signage, vandalism on the roads and a lack of oversight by Carson City.
- This year we did not spend time at the river because of the mosquitos (and denque).
- The use of herbicides & pesticides to control weeds & mosquitos. Noise from small planes & helicopters flying along the river corridor. Light pollution from nearby developments.
- The River is dangerous and should not be promoted as recreational resource for boats.
- The garbage that people leave behind while drinking and partying in the area. I've talked to the police several times about this.
- Silting, shifting banks
- Signs should be posted about Mercury levels--dogs drink that water and it will kill them slowly
- Shooting and noise from the rifle range
- Russian Olive!
- Public apathy. Lack of civility. Fear of engaging your neighbors and community.
- Potential noise pollution
- potential homeless camps
- Please improve mosquito abatement in the Silver Saddle Ranch Area.
- Plastic waste washed downstream from the Pinenut pot grow on Jolie st.. off Courtland and Hwy395
- People mistreating it
- People littering, dumping, transient camping; especially at the East Silver Saddle Ranch Park
- People leaving garbage and shooting where not allowed
- People
- Overuse of Mexican Ditch trail and underuse of other trails; ATV's and motorcycles on trails
- Over development....
- Off road vehicles in closed areas.
- Noisy uncontrolled children; garbage; coyotes (a pack surrounded me & followed me walking on the dirt roads/paths at Riverside rec area
- Na
- Motorized vehicle use in the channel during very low flows.
- Mosquitos are very bad there
- Mosquitos are getting worst and people aren't even able to walk there in the summer
- Mosquitos
- mosquitoes. Definitely a problem. I'm shocked it's not on the list
- Money spent on projects that focus on human access to the river

- Missing a huge opportunity to partner with and engage with Washoe Tribe to support a healthy river and landscape. Inclusion of Tribal Ecological Knowledge is critical.
- Mercury and the Minden farmers pollution of the river
- Littering
- litter-dumping
- Lack of law enforcement / aid in an emergency
- Lack of funding in the future.
- lack of education about the river
- Lack of coordinated access/recreation between counties and jurisdictions
- Lack of access due to fencing off areas.
- it's unsafe, too many creepy people
- It's not a threat but the overgrown willows make people not want to stop and enjoy. I spend time out there daily trimming paths for people to enjoy what I got to do in the earlier years of my life
- Infrastructure being developed in flood plane..loss of cottonwood trees
- Indifference by local officials.
- illegal dumping, shooting near the river
- Illegal camping, vandalism
- If you pave the back roads it will suck. Please leave the nature alone.
- I talked to Carson City employees and they said they have to remove beaver dams. I think you guys should try hard to leave them in place
- I fear that equestrian rights will be restricted or stopped. Originally the area in question was primarily for cattle and horses. I would hate to see that be changed. primarily
- I don't know anything specific as where newcomers. Usually, people who visit cause problems with their personal trash and their pet.
- humans who bring all sorts of trash to the areas near the river and leave it, including driving up Sedge Rd and dumping household items.
- Human kind
- Housing development in surrounding area.
- Homeless people. They discourage usage of the river in those areas and they pollute the areas they occupy with human waste.
- Homeless people camping. Let me be clear. HOMELESS PEOPLE CAMPING.
- Homeless people are living in their cars, parked at the designated spots throughout the area. While these areas are technically from dusk to dawn use, clearly those rules are not being followed.
- Homeless camps and trash
- Homeless camps
- Homeless camping
- Homeless
- Feral horses and the people who protect them.
- Equestrians should pick up or scatter horse waste from trails
- Electric bikes
- Drought
- Dirt bikes, beer cans, float tubes, other garbage left by
- Development of the floodplain that impedes rivers ability to meander
- Development of house and business too close. It creates runoff of polluting water . Development of parking lots. over crowding. Not big enough area for the population. Keeping it free flowing.
- DEVELOPMENT
- Cow and fertilizer waste from Carson Valley
- Climate change. Also, this sort of falls under reduced flows, but specifically over-pumping upstream
- Climate Change Temperature increases creating toxic water conditions affecting wildlife. Also Golf Course runoff of chemicals/fertilizers.
- Class 2 ebikes on multi use trails
- City getting closer and closer.
- CITIZENS who complain about wildlife including coyotes and wild horses in the area
- CC mayor
- Car racing on road
- Bikes
- Beavers
- beaver damage to many trees
- bank erosion, to a certain extent, is natural. Especially since a lot of the flood plain is protected, any "bank stabilization" projects should be taken with serious caution.
- Bad people.
- ?

9. Who is responsible for the future health of the Carson River? *



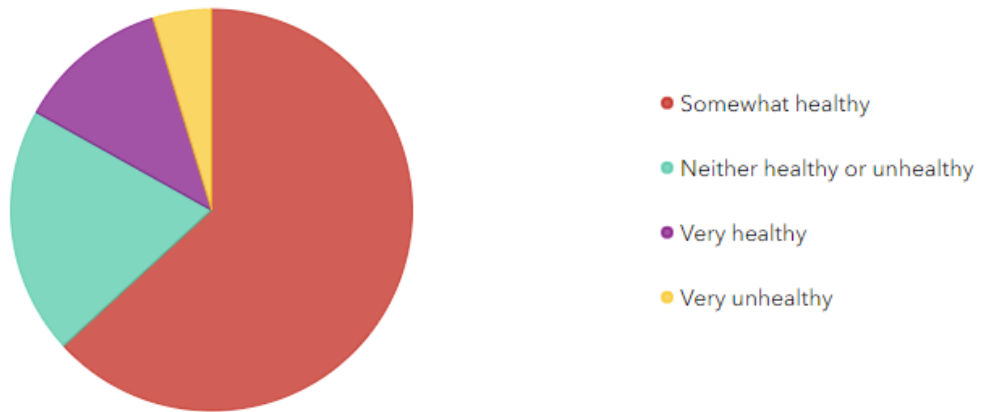
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Answers	Count	Percentage
BLM	60	20.27%
State Government	74	25%
Carson Watershed Subconservancy District	77	26.01%
Citizens	90	30.41%
Carson City	101	34.12%
All the above	248	83.78%

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10. In your opinion, the Carson River environment is currently: *



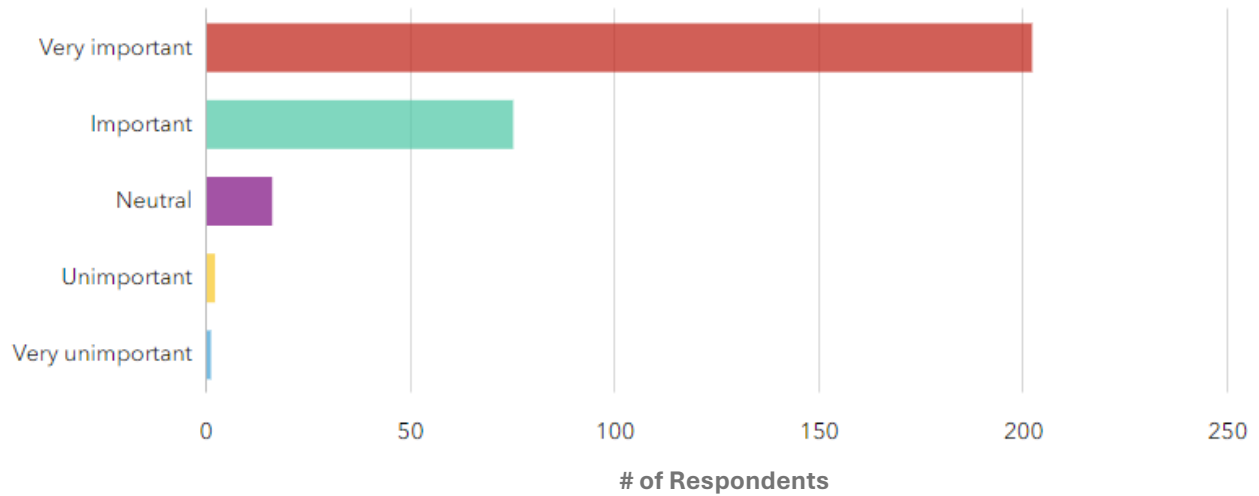
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Somewhat healthy	187	63.18%
Neither healthy or unhealthy	59	19.93%
Very healthy	36	12.16%
Very unhealthy	14	4.73%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

11. How important is access to the Carson River to your enjoyment and quality of life? *



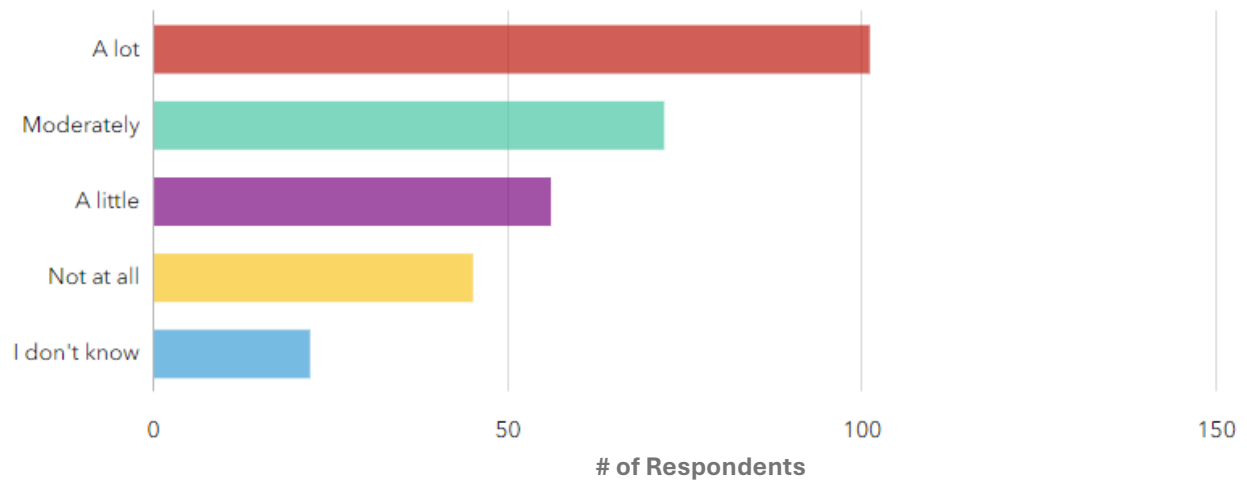
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Very important	202	68.24%
Important	75	25.34%
Neutral	16	5.41%
Unimportant	2	0.68%
Very unimportant	1	0.34%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

12. My actions impact the health of the Carson River. *



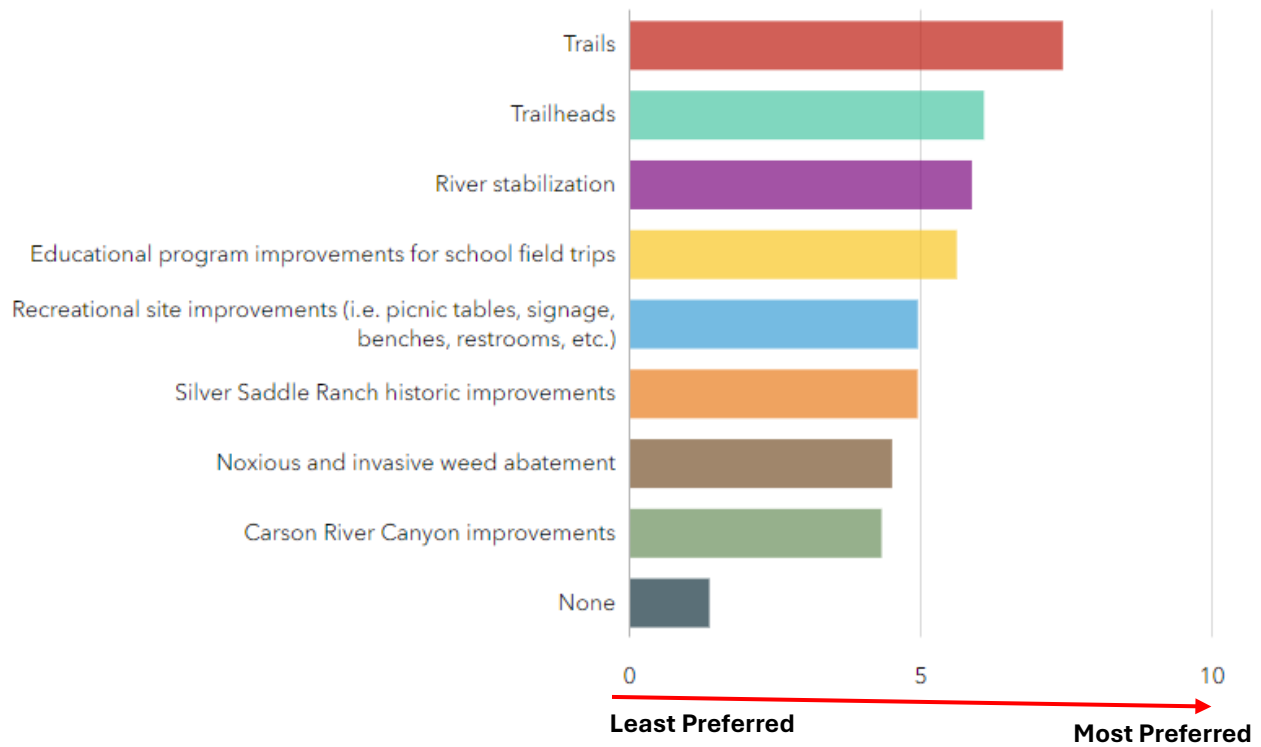
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Answers	Count	Percentage
A lot	101	34.12%
Moderately	72	24.32%
A little	56	18.92%
Not at all	45	15.2%
I don't know	22	7.43%

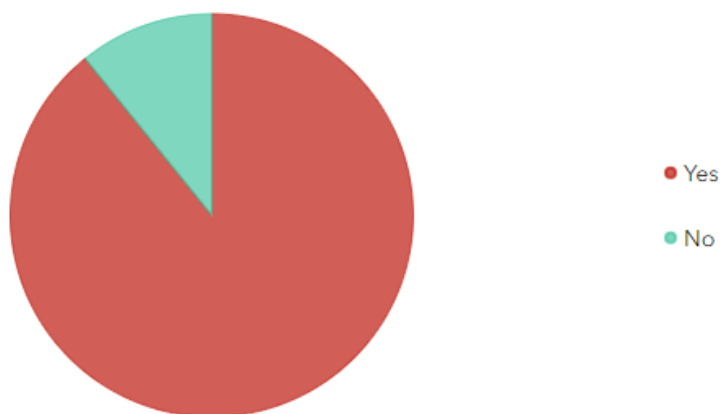
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13. Please rank these improvements/enhancements to the Carson River area in order of importance to you: *



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Average score
1	Trails	37.84% 112	16.22% 48	20.61% 61	11.15% 33	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	2.36% 7	0.68% 2	0% 0	7.43
2	Trailheads	4.73% 14	23.99% 71	13.85% 41	19.59% 58	17.23% 51	13.18% 39	4.73% 14	2.36% 7	0.34% 1	6.07
3	River stabilization	18.58% 55	8.45% 25	14.53% 43	10.14% 30	17.57% 52	14.53% 43	11.82% 35	3.38% 10	1.01% 3	5.86
4	Educational program improvements for school field trips	6.76% 20	21.62% 64	14.86% 44	12.16% 36	10.14% 30	11.15% 33	9.46% 28	12.16% 36	1.69% 5	5.60
5	Recreational site improvements (i.e. picnic tables, signage, benches, restrooms, etc.)	6.08% 18	11.15% 33	9.8% 29	9.46% 28	11.15% 33	24.32% 72	16.22% 48	10.81% 32	1.01% 3	4.94
6	Silver Saddle Ranch historic improvements	5.07% 15	3.38% 10	11.15% 33	18.24% 54	20.61% 61	16.22% 48	15.2% 45	9.46% 28	0.68% 2	4.93
7	Noxious and invasive weed abatement	10.81% 32	9.8% 29	6.42% 19	9.8% 29	7.43% 22	6.76% 20	9.12% 27	18.51% 114	1.35% 4	4.49
8	Carson River Canyon improvements	6.42% 19	5.41% 16	8.78% 26	9.46% 28	7.43% 22	10.47% 31	30.07% 89	10.95% 62	1.01% 3	4.31
9	None	3.72% 11	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0.34% 1	0.34% 1	1.01% 3	1.69% 5	92.91% 275	1.36

14. Would you like to see more financial resources allotted to the Carson River area? *



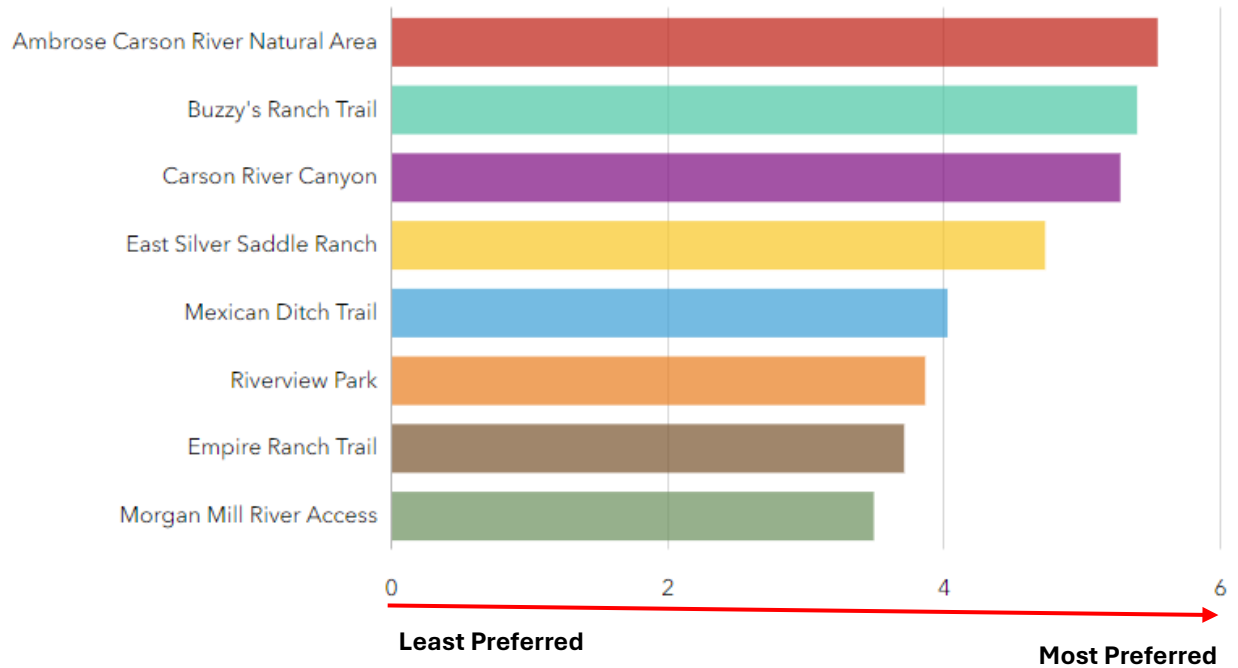
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	264	89.19%
No	32	10.81%

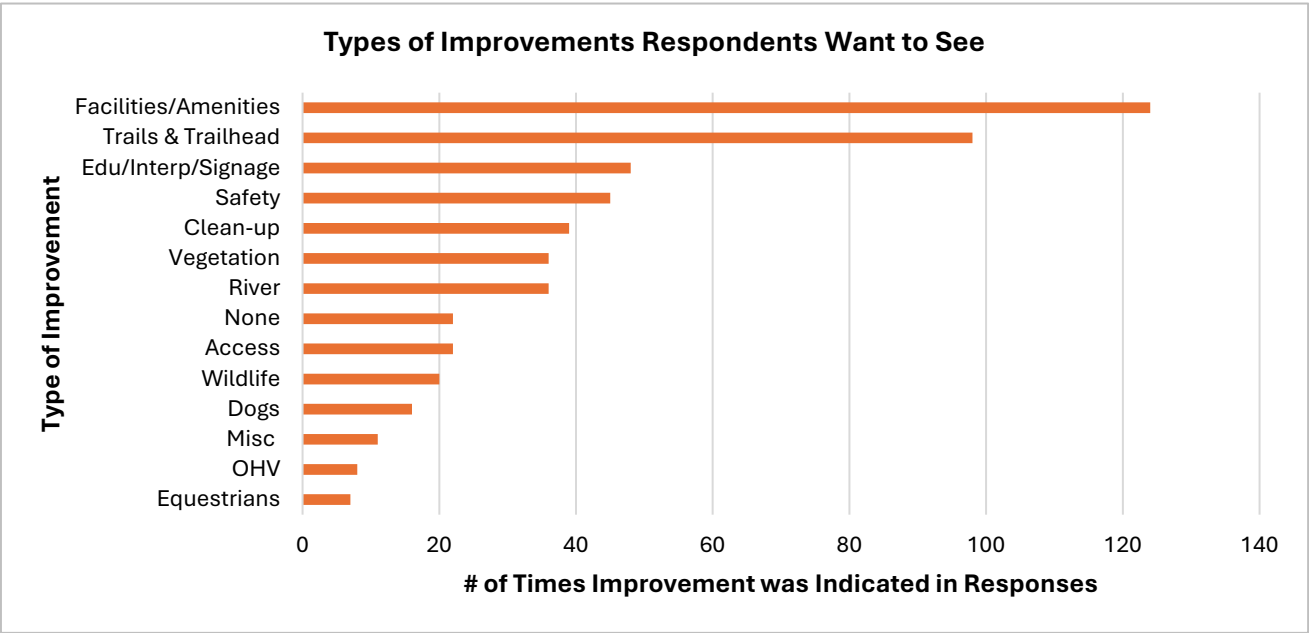
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15a. Which Carson River areas would you like to see improved or enhanced (for example, natural resource projects, additional amenities, etc.)? *



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Average score
1	Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	12.5% 37	30.74% 91	14.19% 42	14.19% 42	10.81% 32	8.78% 26	4.39% 13	4.39% 13	5.54
2	Buzzy's Ranch Trail	7.43% 22	15.2% 45	31.42% 93	20.27% 60	12.84% 38	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	1.69% 5	5.39
3	Carson River Canyon	21.28% 63	8.78% 26	15.2% 45	21.28% 63	14.19% 42	7.77% 23	6.08% 18	5.41% 16	5.27
4	East Silver Saddle Ranch	9.46% 28	11.49% 34	10.47% 31	18.92% 56	24.32% 72	14.19% 42	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	4.73
5	Mexican Ditch Trail	15.88% 47	11.15% 33	9.12% 27	6.42% 19	3.72% 11	6.42% 19	28.72% 85	18.58% 55	4.02
6	Riverview Park	18.58% 55	12.84% 38	5.41% 16	6.08% 18	5.07% 15	3.04% 9	6.08% 18	42.91% 127	3.86
7	Empire Ranch Trail	6.08% 18	3.72% 11	5.74% 17	7.77% 23	23.65% 70	27.36% 81	20.27% 60	5.41% 16	3.71
8	Morgan Mill River Access	8.78% 26	6.08% 18	8.45% 25	5.07% 15	5.41% 16	24.32% 72	23.31% 69	18.58% 55	3.49

15b. From the areas prioritized above, please list what type of improvements you'd like to see. *



Responses

- Trails (4 people indicated this)
- Trail maintenance (3 people indicated this)
- Trail improvements (3 people indicated this)
- Not sure (3 people indicated this)
- Weed management (2 people indicated this)
- trail access (2 people indicated this)
- Restrooms (2 people indicated this)
- None (2 people indicated this)
- NA (2 people indicated this)
- Maintenance, signage (2 people indicated this)
- Cleaned up (2 people indicated this)
- Clean up (2 people indicated this)
- You are leaving out a big portion of users in this survey, the OHV users. Because of that, the survey is biased. I quit filling it out.
- Wildlife projects
- Whatever is possible.
- Well maintained interpretive signage, some boardwalk areas, better restrooms, some lighting in some areas.
- Weed control and trail management
- Weed abatement. Trail improvements
- weed abatement, trail improvement, river stabilization
- wayfinding signage, printed maps, educational programs
- Water quality and habitat improvement projects.
- Water quality
- Updated (working) restrooms, water fountains etc. More amenities for kids ie play structure of similar

- Tree planting to stabilize river banks and provide wildlife habitat.
- trash/homeless clean up
- Trash removal
- Trash cans and restrooms at all river access areas. The restrooms need to be up year round.
- Trash cans
- Trails, Trailheads, Educational posters at trailheads and sites, increased law enforcement presence
- Trails smoothed; river trails are rutted. Also, we pick up dog droppings; equestrians should do the same (or have separate trails).
- trails maintained and recreational site improvements
- Trails in Carson River Canyon
- Trailhead and maybe a mid-trail seating or picnic area
- Trailhead amenities like vault toilet, picnic shelter, trails, interpretive signs.
- Trail quality and environment quality for trail users and for the habitat/river itself
- Trail maintenance, weed control, limits on development
- Trail maintenance, outhouse cleaning, Morgan Mill sidewalk & signage repair
- Trail maintenance at river view is much needed.
- Trail improvements to deal with the long areas of mud when you walk to the Mexican dam
- Trail improvement/extension
- Trail heads,. nature walks
- Trail and bridge (over canals) maintenance.
- Trail (bike and walking) and river access improvement
- This parking area feels the least safe.
- The trails get a lot of use. Maintenance is critical
- The Mexican dam road could be better with the small gravel sand used on other trails.
- Survey wouldn't let me leave the above unranked...I don't have any ideas for improvements. I like hiking trails.
- Stream assessments.
- stop promoting boating in the Canyon.
- Stop of pollution from Minden farmers. Get rid of the Russia elms. Clean up the mercury.
- Start maintains the current trails
- some shade/picnic tables on east side of river and improved access to trails
- Some of the locations need better signage, bathroom access, or trail clean-up/repair.
- Single track bike trails
- Signs
- Shade structures, benches
- Shade and picnic facilities. Permanent restroom facilities. At Ambrose are sorely needed.
- Seating, steps to river
- Safety, occasional restrooms, trash clean up events (I participate in trash mobs when I can)
- safe and easy access, picnic areas, off road trails
- Routine maintenance
- Road improvements
- River water cleanup! I would never swim or float the river. Clean restrooms, covered picnic areas, stronger police presence due to crime and vandals, more dog waste stations, clearly defined trails
- River stabilization, noxious weed removal
- River clean up.
- River access, erosion control
- River access for kayaks and canoes
- Restrooms/PortaPotties
- Restrooms, tables, clean and clear areas to spend time
- Restrooms, shade, more interpretative signage regarding habitat
- Restrooms, picnic areas, shade areas along the trail. Water bottle fill stations.
- Restrooms, attractive trailheads and trails, weed abatement
- Restrooms at Morgan Mill
- restrooms and benches
- Restore riparian vegetation, allow for the river corridor to function freely.
- repair of muddy ruts in the trail made by ranch vehicles.
- Remove the homeless please so my grandkids can be safe.
- Remove the homeless camps
- Regular litter clean up throughout
- Regular clean up
- Recreational site improvements. More amenities for families. Prioritize safety especially for solo women
- Ranger station / law enforcement access
- Public river access in Gardnerville/Minden (sorry, I'm not familiar with names and locations)
- protect wildlife and make it nicer
- Protect wildlife
- Proactive winter weather damage prevention
- Primary trailheads should be highlighted with more improvements and accessible amenities while some areas like Carson River Canyon should be left a little less accessible to all.
- Preservation of V&T right-of-way; interpretive signage for historic mill sites
- Planned improvements for riverview park are already great. Better connectivity between Mexican Ditch trail and neighborhoods to the north.

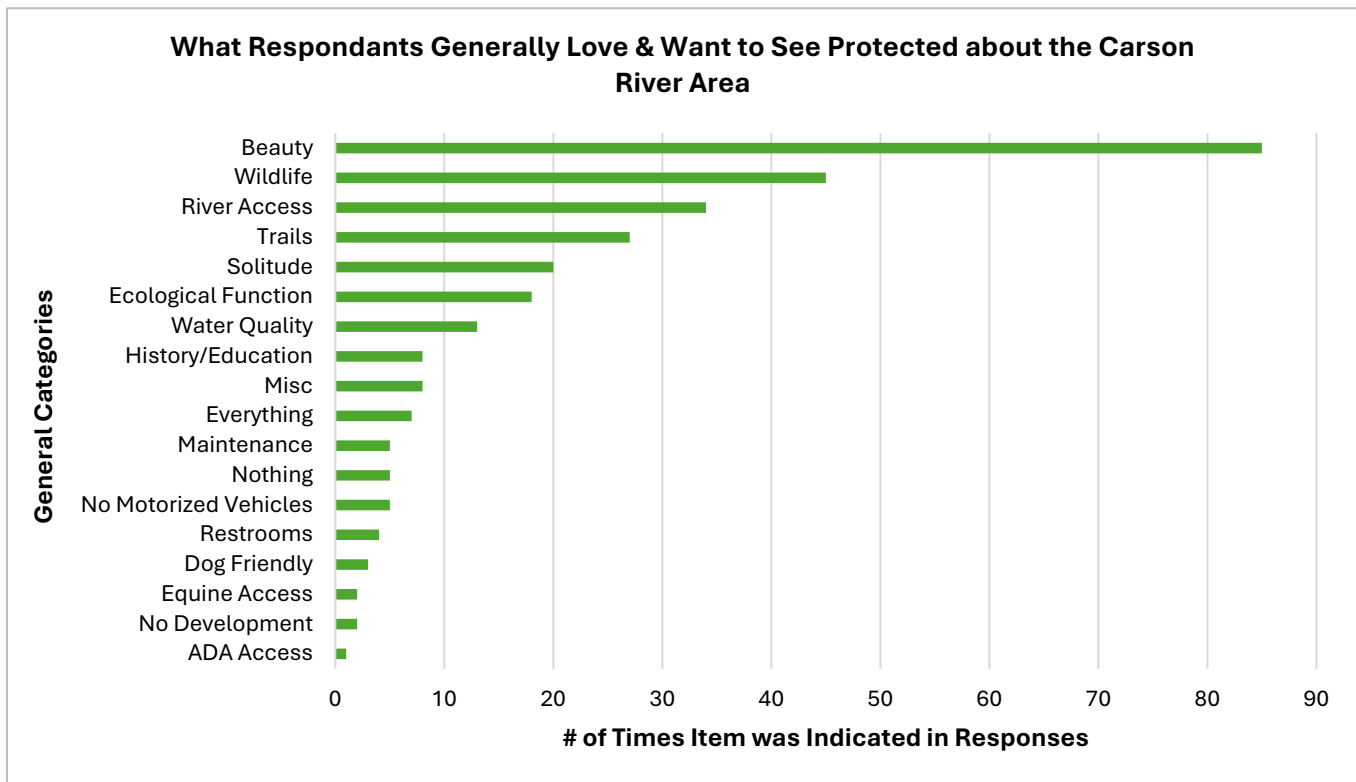
- Personally I think the areas are perfect
- perhaps more trash receptacles for dog owners to deposit their pets waster?
- People / dog friendly - benches, shade, parking, etc.
- Parking, bathroom, water
- Parking in Brunswick canyon
- Parking and restrooms
- Park for kids/play structure, mileage signs for running/biking, directional signage throughout trails, mosquito mitigation,
- Overgrown willows taken down and more area to have family activities
- Open Space interconnectedness, Perhaps group hikes/bikes to Carson Canyon to showcase it's beauty and how to be safe there. Interpretive information including Water Quality and habitat, river access information, paddle information (best time of year, etc.)
- OHV access with tangible evidence that fees collected for OHV registration are being returned to the public.
- off road trails for 4x4ing and side x sides
- Not in any order of importance. Just would like more trails
- None. I'm happy the way it is.
- No answer
- no "improvements"
- Never heard of Carson River Canyon or Morgan Mill access
- Need bathrooms. Better signage & maps on trails
- N/A
- Mtn biking trail improvements
- Move trails out of floodplain . Restore river function. Recover cottonwood gallery. Expand riparian area. Protect vegetation from beavers and chainsaws
- Move the dog poop bags and signs onto the trails
- Most importantly, get rid of the homeless and the illegal camping. Until that's addressed, nothing else matters. Selfishly, I hesitate to add any improvements to my two spots. I don't want to attract more riff raff.
- Mosquito control. Erosion control as we have had a couple of heavy springs with flooding. Trail maintenance to get rid of over grown weeds and plants on a more regular basis. Regular trail maintenance. These are not in any type of order.
- Mosquito control
- mosquito abatement, trail made level for senior walkers, signs warning about bears. dog leash enforced.
- Mosquito abatement, esp at Ambrose
- Mosquito abatement
- Morgan Mill could use some love overall. Kinda grown over and appears sort of forgotten.
- More trails
- More toilets, trash cans, dog bags for droppings
- More sit down areas, trash cans, dog walking areas and clear walking paths along the river.
- More shaded areas.
- More restrooms & trash cans
- More policing of the areas for people trashing the area, dogs on the loose and uncontrolled, and unauthorized dirt bikes/ATVs on the trails
- More picnic area
- More patrols for homeless >
- More patrol of the parking lot. Nice landscaping
- More oversight, keep it clean and safe.
- More lights, tables, areas to make it feel more comfortable like a place to visit, and hang out!
- More law enforcement presence
- More garbage cans for people to throw out garbage
- More frequent clean ups
- More equestrian trails
- More equestrian trailheads
- More easy single track trails.
- More dog waste bags and trash cans, periodic patrols and cleanup for campsites/ drug paraphernalia
- More bird houses
- more benches with views of river and mountains
- More benches for animal/people watching.
- More benches and dog poop stations/trash cans along the trails, along with more signage (like what's done at Buzzys Ranch)
- More benches
- More bat houses!
- More access to beach areas for kids to swim
- more access on the east side of river
- more access
- Monitoring, wildlife persons available, enforcement.
- Money towards picnic area
- Minimal Improvements. Keep the natural setting.
- Mercury clean up
- Maybe more community outreach and events to gain awareness?
- Maybe better trash pickup for those that are too lazy to pack out their garbage.
- make it look like it's taken care of
- Maintenance of the trail that goes from the parking lot on the corner of 5th and Carson River Road to the north loop. It seems to be on maintained since desert Peach Trail was created
- Maintenance of existing facilities; better signage

- Maintenance
- Maintain what you have! Stop building trails or provide improvements that you're unable to maintain, both fiscally and via manpower!
- Increase mosquito abatement!
- Maintain trails, fencing, signing, MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
- maintain more natural environment
- Maintain ecological health of the area.
- low profile lighting
- Less noise.
- Keep up the good work with cleanliness
- Keep Tribulus terrestris (goatheads/puncturevine) under control
- Keep trails passable
- Keep offroading
- Keep it clean, accessible, and pet friendly
- Keep clean and accessible
- I've have always pushed for sidewalks city wide before any trail projects should be funded.
- Information regarding the history of the mills and New Empire. Invasive weed abatement. Continued information outreach about river health.
- Improvements for a healthy river and healthy for wildlife
- Improved trails
- Improved parking
- Improved amenities at Riverview Park and Ambrose; new signage, restroom
- Improve trails in the canyon, clean up trash. Improve access to the upstream side of Mexican dam.
- I'm not entirely sure since I usually just walk the trails
- I'm fine with the way things are. I'd rather they not be over developed.
- I'd like to see silver saddle a working historical ranch...a least better utilized. I'd like Carson River Canyon to be better utilized, cleaned-up, safer
- I'd like to see more places for dog poo bags & trash cans, like the poop loop. I'd like to see some signs/education about the water quality - knowing that people should not eat the fish that come from the river etc..
- I'd love to see more programs out there and signage. The trails are pretty nice but some could use improvement. Adding more trash cans, tables, and benches would be lovely.
- I wouldn't mind seeing a bit more presence by the rangers...I think that would go a long way preventing unauthorized camping, vandals and other inappropriate behaviors. Hire a few non-post certified employees to ride the trails on bikes at random times.
- I would like to see these areas cleaner with less trash everywhere from inconsiderate people
- I would like to see a good parking area and maybe a few picnic tables and a port o potty.
- I would like to not be shot at when I ride my bike in the Carson River Canyon.
- I would just like to keep the areas neat and clean.
- I only ever go to buzzys ranch trail, and I like it the way it is.
- I like them just the way they all are, and I think changing too much would be a mistake.
- I dont know
- I don't think we need a lot more man made improvements but improving habitat has already changed so much of the area for the better. We need more habitat spaces for our bats and birds!
- I don't really want to see any changes.
- I don't really know. I never been to any of them
- I am happy with what has been done and just msintained.
- human impact reduced
- Horse trailer parking
- Hiking trails, river views from trails
- Having more people be aware.
- Habitat protection / restoration
- Good trails for horses
- general improvements
- For Ambrose, clearer pathways down the hill.
- Flooding improvement
- Fix the trail from empire ranch to river view park.
- Fishing access to Mexican dam
- Fishing access
- Fishing
- Fines for pet waste; road blocks and fines for motorized vehicles on trails
- Expand the size of the park.
- Everything can always cleaner.
- Evenly graded trail, water shed /drainage managemyn
- Established trails to keep folks from Bush walking trails
- Erosion protection and purchase of unused portion of ER Golf course (with water rights) for wildlife habitat
- Erosion near Mexican ditch and grading of trail. Picnic table and hitch rail in meadow near water lower part of Mexican Ditch trail
- Environmental stabilization
- Efforts to reduce human impacts, shooting, OHV abuse, trash, dumping
- Educational signage.
- Easy hiking, biking trails
- Easy access for disabled

- Easily accessible waste receptacles - bathrooms, trashcans, poop bags at trailheads.
- Easier raft/kayak put-in and take-out.
- Developed parking/trailheads, restricted vehicle access, backpacking/camping
- Cutting back willows and other weeds that invade the trail. Cracking down on people that don't cleanup after their dogs. Not sure how to do that! Maybe a few cameras? Threaten people with fines? I usually cleanup more than my own dog's messes.
- Could the trail to the east of Morgan Mill be improved with DG, like the west shore trails?
- Continued trail maintenance.
- Continued trail development and maintenance, bike access (trails) from the other parts of carson to the river area without having to interact with heavy traffic (ie. bike crossings over roads like hwy 50)
- Continued care of the trails
- consistent clean ups or ways that the community can help clean up while there
- Connectivity of trails, frequent bathrooms for public use, education signs on wildlife, history, and river preservation
- Connect empire ranch trail to Ambrose carson river natural area via ped/bike bridge then provide a mountainbike / hiking trail from Ambrose up the hill above Brunswick canyon (singletrack, about 3-4 miles)
- Clearing brush; restroom (not outhouse); bat houses; shade along the riverside park roads; water for the wildlife habitat at riverside; some kind of safety against coyotes; sand instead of just rocky beach between empire ranch & deer run
- Clear trash. Have places to put dog poop. Some places to sit but mostly keep it a natural environment . We don't have many places that have nature without traces of people left.
- Cleanse of area
- Cleaner restroom options
- Cleaner environment and water
- cleaner
- Clean, safe, and accessible
- Clean up, parking and access
- Clean up weeds, foxtails, cheat grass
- Clean up overgrown plants
- Clean up
- Clean the area up and safety issues
- Canyon easier access ie better road.
- Brush removed in single track area by Morgan Mill
- Boat ramps maintained
- Boat launch access, portage of Mexican dam, port o potties at Morgan mill and Carson River park
- Better trail access and maintenance as well as better trailhead facilities
- Better trail
- Better signage, more defined trails, public trash cans, waste removal, invasive species control
- Better signage identifying when people are leaving the park and entering privately held properties.
- Better road into Carson River Canyon
- better road
- Better parking for horse trailers.
- Better oversight, parking, and signage on Carson Canyon; benches and signage on all trails; tours and signage of the ranch
- Better OHV Access
- Better maps and signs, more cleanup of brush and weeds, clean water
- better education, better enforcement of dog waste etc.
- Better and more trails.
- Better access to trails during winter weather
- Better access to the river
- Better roads/trails and picnic sites
- benches
- Beaver dams
- bathrooms are always good. Trash cans. benchss
- Bathrooms
- Bathroom area
- Bank stabilization
- At one point long term plans called for a foot bridge across the river to link trails in the Ambrose Area with those on the west side of the river. A connection could then be pursued to the canyon.
- Ambrose, a study to determine what should be done, Carson River Canyon build the Historic Virginia & Truckee Trail
- Ambrose seems abandoned/unmaintained. Morgan Mill needs more law enforcement patrols
- All trash cans tuned into bear cans
- Additional amenities & Educational interpretive signage
- Access, safety, cleanliness
- Access, facilities
- Access to the river banks, picnic areas, educational opportunities for children
- A playground for kids to the north of the ranches
- a long paved bike trail would be great. mosq uito abatement
- A little drainage, shade trees on open stretches, wild flowers
- A connected trail system from Markleville to East Dayton
-)Signage of mill sites from Empire to Carson River Canyon & MTB trail along Carson River Canyon to Dayton 2)MTB trail in Ambrose Natural area 3)trail improvement in East Silver Saddle to minimize mud & mud damage in winter and spring conditions
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16. What do you love about the Carson River and want to see protected or continue to be protected? *



Responses

- Wildlife (5 people indicated this)
- peace and quiet (3 people indicated this)
- Everything (3 people indicated this)
- Trails (2 people indicated this)
- Nature (2 people indicated this)
- Fishing (2 people indicated this)
- Wildness, wildlife, calm
- Wildlife/habitat; peace & quiet; clean water; safety
- wildlife, trees and the land
- Wildlife, trails, quiet areas
- Wildlife, stages of the river, indigenous plant life
- Wildlife, pastures
- wildlife habitat
- Wildlife Diversity
- wildlife and trails
- Wildlife and open space

- Wildlife and especially the wetlands
- Wildlife and bucolic setting.
- Wetlands, water, wildlife, habitat, riverbanks,
- Watershed protection, recreation
- Water quality for water sports
- Water quality and defensible space
- water is life, especially in the desert. We need to improve the water quality and protect it from being recklessly overused through expansion and other things
- Water access, flow, trails
- Vegetation and trees
- Use of the trails for horses in the area
- unique beauty, wildlife habitat
- Undeveloped river corridor open space with an excellent non motorized trail system
- Trees. Water, wildlife!
- Trees, birds, native plants
- Trees and natural environment
- Trails and prevention of over population
- Trail access, natural fauna
- Trail access along the river
- too many questions
- To the extent possible any development that follows should try to the extent possible to maintain the “natural” character of this resource. It is extremely easy to cross the line and present a too manicured experience.
- To be able to enjoy the parks cost free
- The wildlife. The views are also beautiful. Not having much housing developement has made that area so clear and pretty, although I don’t necessarily think that is on Carson!
- The wildlife, trails, peacefulness
- The wildlife and unique habitat in the desert
- The wildlife and the river continuing to flow.
- The wheelchair access to enjoy the natural beauty and clean up of fire producing dead vegetation.
- The water. I want to see the river be safe for swimming. I don't want the river to dry up.
- the water quality
- The water and the surrounding environment - not too much pavement or people but a balance of use
- The WATER and the riparian habitat
- the vibrancy of water running through the desert and all the foliage and wildlife that it attracts
- The varied landscapes and the ease of access for people of all mobility, ages and perspectives
- The trees and wildlife
- The trails.
- The trails that are adjacent to the river itself.
- The trails
- The sense of a connection with our environment. Fresh air, great access for communing with nature
- The scenic beauty, peace and quiet and connection to nature & the outdoors.
- The scenery
- The rivet and trees
- The river!
- the river clarity
- The raw natural beauty, the elegant wildlife, inclusive of Mustangs and Deer, their access should be as high of a priority as ours.
- The public accessibility. Keep it free fo r families to use and enjoy.
- The Peace & Quiet of the place. Also, of course the ecosystem for all the sensitive wildlife.
- The open natural space.
- the off roading trials
- The nature and open space too many additional trails may hinder that.
- The naturalness and undeveloped no people quality.
- The natural beauty. I would like to see the wildlife protected as well as the water quality.
- The natural beauty, vegetation, wildlife are key. Trail access is nice.
- the natural beauty, natural and cultural resources
- The natural beauty and wildlife habitat.
- The natural beauty and low impact of humans
- The magnitude of connections btwn trails and the protection of the river and floodplain/ historic ag lands.
- The land and wildlife
- The habitat for the animals
- The flora and fauna along with the recreating opportunities. Protecting our wild mustangs.
- The fishing
- The feeling of connection to wildlife and the region's history, and the ability to access the river
- The environment and ambiance of the area
- The entire area is a great recreational resource. I'm so happy to live so close.
- the Cottonwood trees. the wildlife.
- The cottonwood trees, trails, places to sit by the river
- The bridges, trails, public restrooms.
- The bikability of it

- The beauty of the water, the river needs to be protected
- The beauty and splendor of this river and its surrounding lands.
- The beauty and peacefulness also safety
- The beauty and nature. Animals and closeness.
- The beauty and health of the plants and animals and the river itself
- The beauty
- The beautiful scenery. The plant life. The access from greedy homeowners in the area.
- The area is very nice! Would be heartbreaking to see it developed on or taken from the community in general.
- The access to the river is very important and should be protected.
- The access to the river and the open space associated with it.
- the access
- the ability to go rafting in Carson City is special.
- That we have a living river in our desert, keep as much a wild river as possible. Would love to see more information along the river as to how the Washoe Peoples lived with the river.
- That it's a beautiful river. All land surrounding the river
- that development be minimized
- Stop building by it! Newbies ruin everything.
- Signs teaching the history of the carson river area
- Scenic beauty, community pride
- Scenic beauty, a place to run into coyotes, bears, birds, rabbits, lizards.
- scenic beauty and wildlife; recreation access and flood storage when needed
- scenic beauty and habitat with trails and non-motorized boater access points
- Scenery and access
- River edge trails.
- Riparian habitat
- Recreational trails
- Reasonable access to open space.
- Rafting, it's great.
- Quiet place for recreation and wildlife
- Quiet
- Public access to all these areas; people come with their kids, dogs, and friends and interact with others so easily in this environment; it is a wonderful venue for many people
- Protection from vandalism and illegal dumping.
- protect trees from beaver damage
- Protect the wildlife!!!!!! Stop building trails that impede wildlife habitats!!
- Protect it as it is.
- Privacy. I don't want it so developed that horses can no longer ride there safely. This is traditionally ranch land, but over development brings in everything that drives us away because it's no longer rural or safe.
- Preserve river corridor as open space that allows river to meander and flood naturally, while providing recreation access
- Personal property rights along the river, Carson River is a superfund site from several points, Leviathan Mine area down through and including Mexican Dam to Lahontan.
- Peace and quit
- Peacefulness and wildlife
- Peaceful and pretty place to walk, right in town
- Peace and quiet, wildlife, clean water, Protect from flooding
- peace and quiet, wild animals, freedom for dogs
- Open space, trails, wildlife.
- Open space, multi use trails, river access
- Open Space Recreation
- Open space and protection of the floodplains.
- Open space
- open green spaces
- Open access for all including allowing dogs off leash.
- Oasis in the desert. Access to the river should be available but protected.
- Nothing more important than water in the desert
- Nothing
- No motorized access.
- No answer
- Nice trails, diverse scenery, clean, peaceful
- Nature. I love the animals and huge trees.
- Natural waterways
- Natural state.
- Natural river environment
- Natural habitat
- Natural environment, scenic beauty
- Natural beauty and access even for people with mobility issues
- Natural beauty
- My highest use is floating the Carson River in the spring. River access and clear and not polluted waterways are my greatest concern.
- Multi-use trails for public recreation and enjoyment, public education

- More areas of low impact
- Maintenance of open space and agriculture.
- Maintenance of facilities and instructions to user to keep river corridor clean and natural and scenic
- Maintain the trails
- Love the trails. Need more though.
- Love accessibility and pet friendly space
- Limit access into Brunswick Canyon by ATVs.
- lack of motorized vehicles
- keep it natural
- It's the last open space for wildlife to live
- It's rich history and importance to the Comstock and the State.
- Its a beautiful part of our community and needs to be protected.
- It's peaceful and there is wildlife to view.
- It's natural beauty and trail system
- It's natural appearance.
- It's a beautiful area! The river is scenic and we used to enjoy walking along the trails
- It used to have a bucolic atmosphere. Would be nice to maintain that feeling.
- It is a beautiful close place to get outside and reconnect that is close and accessible to all.
- It doesn't need much. Out house at 1/2 point on trails
- Integration of humans with wildlife that respects wildlife. Maintain No hemp farming.
- I'd like to see fewer off road vehicles allowed on the area trails
- I would like to see a healthy fish population
- I used to love going with my dad fishing on old dirt roads but road is closed off now and land has been lost. I hope we can keep what we have left and not over developed it like Reno has. Don't make it into a ditch. We have a chance to do better.
- I love those areas with limited access to the riverbanks.
- I love the wilderness exposure of the river. I love that my native students love swimming in the river in Carson Valley and wish they had safe access.
- I love the wilderness experience in the Carson River Canyon.
- I love the scenic beauty. Riparian corridors are also important habitat. Balancing habitat while improving access is important.
- I love the peace that comes from seeing and hearing water flowing
- I love the peace and quiet and the wildlife, it's a treasure that if we lose it, we won't get it back.
- I love the daily interaction with the wildlife. There's a few coyotes that seem to roam the area every morning, and I enjoy just watching them in their natural habitat. I was told a park ranger shot one a few weeks back for no reason. That's BS.
- I love the beauty, peacefulness, and recreational opportunities for all ability levels. Conservation is also important. We need to be good stewards of this beautiful area in finding balance between use and protection.
- I love the beauty of the area so close to the city.
- I love the beauty of being able to walk/kayak along the river and want to see it protected - not so much for our enjoyment but for the long term protection of the watershed.
- I love that the Carson river has always been a great get away and would like to make sure its always accessible...
- I love riding along the river with my elderly handicapped mother and kids.
- I love how rugged and remote the east end off deer run road is. I would hate to see that changed.
- I like that there is easy access from town.
- I like that it's not too overdeveloped. Enough access but not too easy.
- I like it's wildness, so I just want a trail that is safe for hiking and biking but still maintains habitat for the wildlife that lives in the riparian zone
- I left the water, the trails, the scenery, the tranquility. I want to see it all protected
- I do love seeing the wildlife when I'm there and I hope their habitats continuously be protected in some fashion.
- How easy it is to access trails.
- Horse trails
- Habitat protection
- Habitat for wildlife.
- Habitat
- General environment, undeveloped open space
- Free access
- Fisheries resources
- Everything. Access to natural areas and habitat for wildlife
- Equestrian Access.
- easy access from town, variety of access points, the natural environment, options to hike/bike/float
- Easy access from carson city , multiple recreation opportunities
- Easy access and not too crowded.
- Ducks
- Doing great thus far
- Dog friendly (on leash and off leash areas), river access for floating and fishing
- Cottonwood trees , dog friendly trails, ease of use, natural habitat
- Continue to seek Open Space opportunities for protection of floodplain, wildlife habitat, recreation, and scenic beauty.
- City and BLM minimal impact access accomidations
- Citizens can access the river and use it daily
- Birds and nests. Don't pave the trails.
- Birds

- Better OHV access.
- Being able to fish and take my children to the river because it is close. If they cannot be close to nature they won't fight for it in the future.
- Beaver should continue to be allowed to build dams on the main stem of the Carson. They provide great ecosystem benefits and provide habitat during the summer and fall when the river is low.
- Beaver dams
- Beautiful landscapes
- Beautiful and close to not fishing and quiet
- Areas reserved for wildlife
- All of it, such a beautiful variety of wildlife, scenery, and nature.
- All of the parks and being able to access the river within the county.
- ALL OF IT.
- all nature. please do not put up bathrooms and picnic tables and all that bs
- Accessibility
- Access. Protecting and stabilizing banks. Removing trash.
- Access. Growing up in Carson City, the Carson River always was a welcoming place for me. It's important to get school children interested in conservation and preservation and outdoor recreation.
- access to the river
- Access to all areas of the river.
- Access for walking and shade trees. For the river to be left in as natural a state as possible.
- Access
- 1)I love fishing and I'd like to see river water quality improved to increase fishing opportunities. 2)I love the MTB trails and want more trails
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17. What do you see as good or positive changes that have happened on the Carson River in the last 10 years? *



What Positive Changes Respondents Have Generally Noticed Over Last 10 Years

General Categories of Changes	# of Responses that Indicated Each Positive Change
Trails	98
Maintenance	30
Access	27
Education	24
Unsure	23
Acquisitions	21
Ecological Function	20
Nothing	19
Facilities	6
Everything	6
ADA Access	5
Parking	3
Enforcement	3
Water Quality	2
Recreation	2

Responses

- Trails (6 people indicated this)
- n/a (4 people indicated this)
- New Trails (3 people indicated this)
- Trail improvements (2 people indicated this)
- Nothing (2 people indicated this)
- Not sure. (2 people indicated this)
- None (2 people indicated this)
- More trails (2 people indicated this)
- Access (2 people indicated this)
- You haven't eliminated the beaver, that were planted years ago, they burrow into the embankments, not good at all. and not helping the environment.
- Xmas at Silver Saddle, upgrades at end of 5th street. New trail along Carson River Road
- Well defined trails open to all users.
- upgrades to public access
- Unsure only lived here three years.
- Unfortunately i havnt been going there long enough to answer

- Trash cans, trail leveling, new trails
- Trails, maintenance of trails and all open space. Less vandalism. Protection of open space, river corridor and floodplain lands.
- Trails, dog waste baggies
- Trails at Silver Saddle
- Trails and public use areas. I think this reduces litter and preserves the natural environment.
- Trailhead improvements, new trails, signage
- trail system development, navigable signage
- Trail network
- Trail maintenance has improved a lot
- Trail improvements, parking
- trail improvements and historical
- Trail development
- There has already been more signage posted, I love the educational signs. There are some benches and the trails are decently maintained. I think overall there's a good job but for sure there could be more
- The work that muscle power does. Other than that I don't see a lot. All I see is the garbage all over this city
- The work on the buzzy's ranch trail
- The west side of the river has more trails, and I like that the east side has remained less developed. I think that should continue so non-human beings may continue to have room too.
- The trails, parking and bench/seating areas
- The trails are pretty clean, the banks of the river, pretty clean
- the purchase of land bordering the river
- The park development
- The opening of Buzzy's ranch trail.
- The interconnected trail system
- The fact that we were able to purchase the properties along the river to protect them.
- The expansion
- The Carson River Aquatic Trail, signage and river access area improvements have been the best!
- The best for our family is the wheelchair access.
- The access and open space preservation.
- Superb trail creation and maintenance, connecting all the parks
- stopping people from camping along the river
- Sorry, can't list anything I'm aware of
- Some trailheads have been improved.
- Smoother road access by Buzzy Ranch
- Silver saddle ranch
- Signage
- Seems as more areas are available (trails).
- Sanitation facilities
- running out of patience
- River trailheads, E Silver Saddle and Morgan Mill
- River access for kayaks and a river map.
- Removal of vehicle access to the river corridor.
- Purchase of additional areas of the river and trail development. Fantastic job!! Much appreciated!!
- public trails
- Public ownership
- Public access has increased
- Public access
- Protection of open space and agriculture in the floodplain.
- Protection
- Protecting trees from beavers
- Prevention of development in the floodplain. In spring 2023, homes would have been flooded for months.
- Preserving it
- Preservation of open space
- people respectful of nature
- People are starting to be more responsible and clean up after themselves, and sometime even clean-up after others
- Paved paths
- Parking improvements
- Open Space acquisitions, reductions to motor vehicle access, trail improvements and connectivity, trailhead improvements, interpretive signs.
- Nothing really, just because people disrespect nature doesn't mean there isn't people to help nature out
- Nothing really
- Nothing positive
- Not sure
- No answer
- New trails, events at river facilities
- New trails, controlling where dogs can go to reduce waste (even if I'm bummed I can't take my dogs on some trails it's worth it), more/better signs
- New trails have NOT detracted from the river's essential natural beauty
- New trails connecting the old trails

- New trails and trailheads, trail maintenance, restricted access for motor vehicles, increased sense of safety.
- New and improved trails!
- NA
- Muscle Powered and other organizations that have partnered with the City to help create and maintain the trails and waterways.
- Much! I used to run over there all the time for CHS XC and Track and Field training. Lots of well done trail maintenance and projects such as the bike paths leading to the area.
- Morgan Mill takeout; Buzzy's Ranch trail-great for cross country skiing!
- More trails, less trash, beaver and muskrat populations naturally allowed to make dams and pool water, junk taken out of the canyon river
- more trails, better maintenance
- More trails of upgraded quality thanks Muscle Power
- More trails and better signage on some of them.
- More trails and access points for hikers, bicyclists and boaters
- More people are aware of the river area and coming to it for regular recreation, especially since the acquisition of the Ranch
- More focus on maintaining its health
- more established trails
- More access to the river
- Many more trails.
- Making it even more accessible to handicapped
- Maintenance on the trails, they are more often than not smooth and easy to run/bike on even after big storms they fix it pretty quickly
- Maintenance of trails is top notch
- Love the new trails and trail heads.
- Lots of recreating and knowledge of access by the community
- Little
- Levee created with funds from Ducks unlimited restoring natural habitat at.
- Land preservation, trails and trailheads, improved water quality, vegetation
- land acquisition
- Keeps cities from flooding, water quality, Recreational use
- I've only used for 2 years but appreciate the restrooms back at Riverview Park.
- I've only been visiting over the past 2 years. During that time, the only positive change I've seen was additional signage warning of Mountain Lions.
- Incredible trails and accessibility coupled with good management. Kudos to our wonderful Parks, Rec, and Open Space teams!
- Increased trails
- Increased awareness of the resource.
- Improvements at trailheads and new trails.
- Improvement of trail system, cleanup, public education
- Improved trails
- Improved trail system
- Improved parking areas, trailheads and trails
- Improved and increased Trails and river access with good parking.
- Improved access
- I've seen more people using the area that seem to be taking good care of this resource (e.g. respecting property on the Silver Saddle Ranch, etc.)
- I wouldn't know. Only lived here a year.
- I really appreciate the work on the trails both creating new ones and maintaining what we have...very well done.
- I moved here during the pandemic so I cannot say.
- I love what's been done with Silver saddle and Riverview
- I love that the area is being protected from off road trucks.
- I love all the changes that have happened everywhere along the river corridor. The River Park trailhead was a great addition, as were the bridges and full-length connections.
- I like the expand of the north Prison Hill loop
- I haven't been around the area for that long
- I haven't lived here long enough to know.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer.
- I glad we have saved some land by the river but to many houses close by. This in dangers the houses and the river is in danger of being controlled instead of letting it run wild.
- i don't know, i am new to the area and have lived here less than one year. prior to january of 2024, i did not go to the carson river so i don't know what the area was like 10 years ago. sorry i can't be more help.
- I don't know how it has changed.
- I do t know just moved here.
- I cannot respond since we've only lived here two months.
- Hiking and biking trails
- Haven't been here 10 years. Have seen flood damage and very impressed with how Carson City has rebuilt/restored the damage.
- Haven't noticed. I've been running there for over 30 years. I enjoy the solitude and am not crazy about the area becoming too crowded.
- Have only lived here 2 years, so can't answer.
- Have not seen any indication of water quality improvements
- Groomed trails
- Great interpretive have been installed in key locations
- Great improvements to Riverview Park, new trail from prison hill to Buzzy's Ranch, Buzzy's ranch
- Good trails tables and chairs bathrooms.

- Good trail maintenance
- Focus on safeguards
- Flood Control
- Fewer vagrants
- few
- Extension from Carson River Road south,
- Expanded walking trails
- Everything that the Open Space staff has done for these areas!
- Everything has improved.
- Established trails
- ESSR trailhead
- Erosion mitigation, trail improvements, wetland restoration, interpretive signage, multipoint access with ingress/egress.
- Enough trail improvements to last forever
- embankment care,
- Efforts to remove mercury and creatingTh areas for everyone to enjoy.
- Education, trail markers, acquisitions of land for open space.
- East SSR RANCH improvements
- don't know
- DG trails. They are awesome
- Connection from Korea War Memorial Park to West Silver Saddle Ranch Park. Repairing the flood damage and keeping the brush ,thistle and goatshead stickers off the trails.
- Connecting trails thru Buzzy's ranch, trail from 5th St roundabout along Carson River rd to silver saddle
- Cleanup
- Cleaner water, better access, better floating the river
- CCPROS of course!
- Carson City has put a lot of effort into providing a beautiful recreation area for all types of open space visitors - keep the balnce going!visistors
- Care for the trails.
- Cannot say
- Building of trails
- Better trails
- Better technology to mitigate flooding and erosion.
- Better public access & acquisition of open space
- Better parks
- Better facilities at a few access points.
- Better awareness.
- better access
- Benches for disabled
- Bear alerts!
- Bathrooms at take out of the river rafting run, and at put-in
- Awareness for the public about the dangers of the toxic water from Gold & Silver Mining.
- At riverview park, I remember when there was no wildlife there at all, and the wetlands were nothing more than a bunch of dry reeds. It is so beautiful now, and we should continue to invest in the area!
- Allowing the river to function , flooding and meandering. Stopping clearing and snagging operations and firewood cutting.
- all the trails
- all the cars have been removed from the river
- All that has been done! Non-motorized trails, recreation facilities, maintenance
- Additional trails from 5th street, more trails near mexican dam, mt bike trails on prison hill, public events at silver saddle ranch, activities such as full moon hikes
- Addition of trails. Some weed control, poop bags for dogs
- Added trails and improvements.
- Added so many more trails! Thank you
- Added access, improvements at Carson River Road and Morgan Mill.
- Acquisition of Prison Hill and shift to management of river. I am glad about accessible trails being built.
- Acquisition of open spaces. I
- Accessibility
- accessibility/trails
- Access, picnic areas, control of access to river is just right
- A start of habitat protection measures. Prior to this, nobody cared.
- A dramatic increase in the trail network and good access
- ?
- Better access

18. Any other comments that you want to express about the Carson River or the Survey? *



Responses

- No (6 people indicated this)
- None (4 people indicated this)
- Thank you (2 people indicated this)
- Keep up the good work (2 people indicated this)
- You need boots on the ground.
- Would love to see much quicker action taken on the items of concern that I listed in this survey
- Would love more kayak or floating options. Please don't restrict dogs from off leash hiking it's wonderful to hike and bike with them
- Weather last couple years contributing to a constant river flow of water.
- We are very lucky to have this resource in Carson City. It is beautiful and it is a wonderful place for us to use. We need to keep this healthy and make it a priority.
- Very clean of trash
- Treat it as a multijurisdictional challenge rather than only local improvements
- To many mosquitos even after spraying--spray monthly
- This survey ignores a large group of users of the area, the OHV users in the ranking questions such as # 13. . I believe the survey is biased.
- This should be the crown jewel of Carson. It is a naturally beautiful area that feel neglected. If the river water was clean and families felt safe, Carson City would feel like an even better place to live
- This river and access is precious and extremely valuable for our quality of life
- There is a need to study the impacts of management practices and policies that encourag excessive degradation of habitat. Ie. ranch management, wetlands management river corridor encroachments
- The Washoe Tribe is mentioned 19 times in the 1996 plan. I think the river could benefit from additional TEK.
- The value that the Carson River corridor brings to our community's quality of life derives from the fact that the user experience hasn't been too "sanitized;" there is an opportunity for citizens to leave the town's center and in minutes be in nature.
- The survey was way too long. There are ONLY 2 genders, wokers!
- The survey should ask about the lower part of the River. After Lake Lahontan towards Stillwater Refuge
- The River Parks shouldn't be taken for granted. Not all communities have such a beautiful place.
- The river is a great place for our citizens to get outside and connect with our past and present.
- The river could be a showpiece of our community rather than an afterthought
- The biggest threat to the river is development which I didn't see mentioned in the survey
- Thanks for putting this survey out to the public.
- Thanks for all you do!
- Thank you.
- Thank you so much for thinking about this! I have a home on the river and love it! Let me know how I can help!
- Thank you for your hard work!
- Thank you for taking the time.
- Thank you for listening to the community =)
- Thank you for doing this survey!
- Thank you for doing this and I hope many people submitted their opinions.
- Thank you for continual improvements.
- Thank you for caring, I believe the river is important to our community and needs to be protected.
- Thank you for all you've done for access. Carson City is a model to surrounding communities.
- survey is too long. Lost me after 15b
- Spray multiple times for mosquitoes during that season
- Sometimes the best improvement is no improvement.
- Several areas to put in / out kayaks, tubes that have parking and easily accessible would be great.
- see above

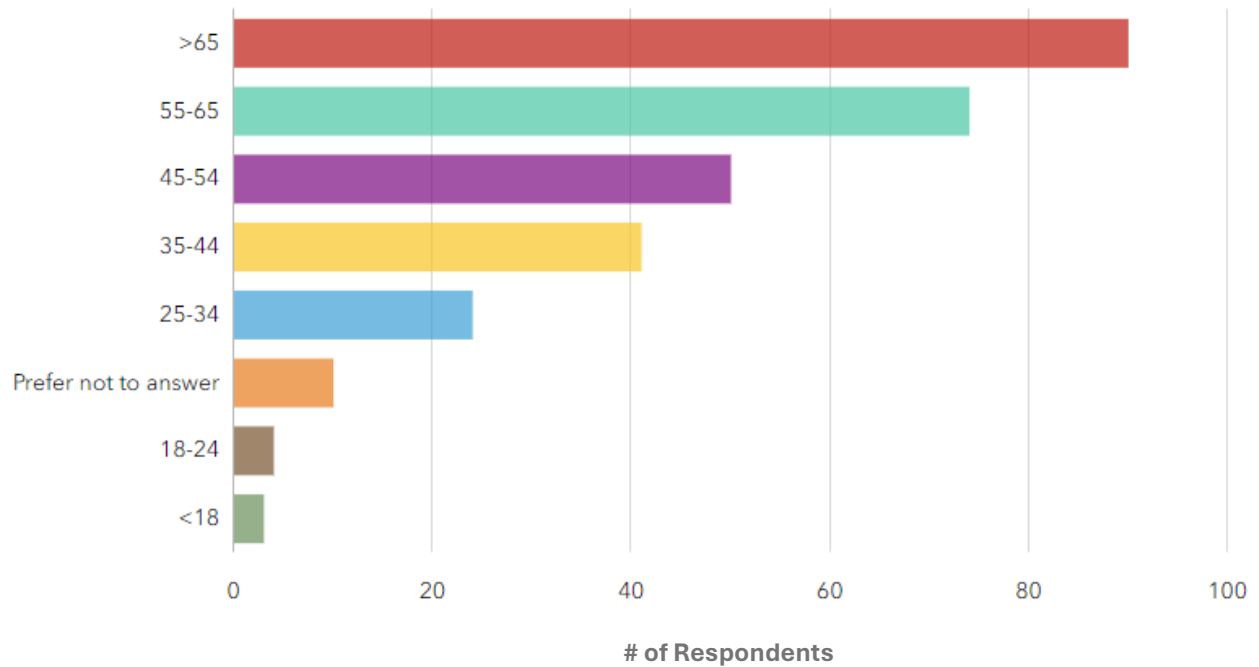
- River safety is an important consideration. It is a dangerous river at high flows.
- River is easy to access, quiet and peaceful.
- River access for boating is my highest concern.
- Restricting use by offroad vehicles/road bikes. Address e-bikes as motorized vehicles.
- Remove the homeless please so we can be safe.
- Ranking was a bit difficult as each location is important.
- Protect the beavers
- protect our environment! This is precious resource that is not a money suck...it is an investment with continuous returns!!!
- Preference is for the plan to balance access and preservation of the ecosystems
- Please let the river run free. It better for wildlife and it will be slower for recreational purposes. Wouldn't like more cement around it or to many motorized trails.
- Please get a handle on the mosquitos otherwise this is all pointless because we can't enjoy it!
- Please fix trails after flooding. It's understandable that it floods and erodes. If there's nothing we can do to stop the flooding then lets become better at fixing the trail when it does flood.
- please don't make it touristy, leave nature alone
- Please do not change much, save the ecosystem for the birds and other wildlife by keeping it simple and quiet.
- Please continue to fight for the river
- Paved parking lots, clean up river area of garbage and debris.
- Parks/Open Space is doing a great job. Keep up the good work.
- One thing I should mention as an improvement, the Ambrose cottonwood trees are being destroyed by Beavers. Would recommend a lot more chicken wire wrapped around the base of the trunks. Don't move the beavers, wrap the trees.
- OHVs are becoming a bigger issue to river protection. They cause problems.
- No.
- No answer
- n/a
- My daughter has few opportunities to enjoy nature without sitting in a car. This area is wonderful!
- Move the freaking rifle range and get rid of the invasive horses
- MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
- More trash cans
- More trash and to dispose of pet waste. I would like to see a bench or two on the Empire Ranch Trail along the river(behind three golf course.) Mosquito spraying.
- More mosquito and biting bugs control.
- More fish
- Many cities have river areas with robust access, improving both the quality of life and economic options. It would be nice if the Carson River area weren't just an afterthought, but a primary point of activities in our town.
- Man made debris and old infrastructure should be removed.
- Love the parks and thank you.
- Love living here
- Leave things alone as much as possible.
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep out e-bikes
- Keep following the plan. No real changes are needed
- Just mention again, the horse waste.
- It's my happy place
- It's a wonderful natural, ecological and recreational resource for our community and we need to take good care of it
- It's beautiful!
- It is frustrating how poor a job the city does maintaining current trails
- It is a wonderful river and should be taken care of and be around for a long time.
- It is a little long and some of the names are unfamiliar - it would be great if the map was over to the side of all the questions instead of the lovely river background.
- In addition to the river area, we make a lot of the use of the Prison Hill trails, especially in the winter months
- Illegal roads cut in Gardnerville in Bufalo Canyon and on USFS land near Horseshoe Bend Rd. threaten the Carson River with increased soil erosion and runoff.
- I'm not opposed to spending more money in the region as long as it is done prudently. Similar consideration should also be given to other areas in Carson.
- I'd like to see more trash efforts on tails
- I would love to see enhanced water quantity and improved water quality in the Carson River.
- I would like to see even if limited in the season, waterfowl hunting opened on more of the river
- I think we should focus on adding more trees (as habitat allows) throughout all of the river corridor. Before the silver rush, the valley and the hills were covered with trees that were all cut down. We should invest consistently in adding more trees.
- I love the Carson River! Thank you for this survey.
- I implore you to pursue "bank stabilization" projects with caution. With no property at risk, bank stabilization seems like a waste of money. The river should be allowed to run its natural course (within reason).
- I hope the City continues beaver abatement. The animals are an important part of the ecosystem, but they are rodents and without predators, they will really take out a lot of our important riparian vegetation.
- I especially love this area. It's the area I live by and we walk here daily. It is my favorite walking spot to share with others. Any additions will be loved and used by my family!
- I don't like that the forestry catches bear in Tahoe and brings them down to the pinenut area. We are seeing a lot more bear in the neighborhood.

- I believe that the Carson River Master plan is extremely important. Water quality improvements and preserving the river natural functions are of the highest importance.
- I appreciate your efforts to better understand what is needed to protect the river
- I appreciate this survey, my husband, and little boy and dog use it every day without fail. We LOVE it!
- I appreciate all efforts to protect our river.
- I am proud of Carson City for preserving open space along the river
- I am happy to see the city acquire and thoughtfully maintain Carson River trails and open spaces.
- Huge value to the community
- HIGHLY concerned about ebikes as they are a MOTORIZED vehicle going 20-36mph. Also more and more ATV and motocross using trails. W9rried about lack of funds for maintenance..
- Great place and thanks for doing this survey
- Good job
- Glad you're doing this! I have historic production info for the mills 1872- 1902, if it would be helpful.
- Get rid of the porta potties and have actual restrooms
- Get more Kids out there for science & environmental projects
- Full Transparency and inclusion. The Water Master, The Nature Conservancy, Fish and Wildlife Service (Federal and State Nevada Division Wildlife NDOW). Missing partners especially those who own and are impacted daily by visitors
- Empire ranch trail and Ambrose should be connected via ped bridge. Location of bridge could be moved south as needed along trail. East side of river needs trails as well.
- Efforts should be made to promote water recreation. Similar to white water park in Reno and other towns with rivers. A lot can be added like kayaking, river surfing, tubing etc. Efforts should be made to improve river access and water quality
- Easy access
- Don't fix something that's not broke. Keep your footprint as minimal as possible. Retain open space and allow residents to enjoy as they deem appropriate. Stop fencing off recreational areas for off-road vehicles, etc.
- Don't over manage it
- Don't over develop the area and don't restrict access to areas. Fencing both side of the trails deters from the river experience.
- Don't develop the area above and upstream of the Mexican dam too much, like no giant trail road!
- Do more fisheries management.
- Carson City needs a campground and the east side of the river would be perfect for it.
- Carson city has FAILED to engineer / survey where they disturb the ground causing erosion into the river!
- Carson City has done a good job maintaining and improving the area. 1996 Master Plan and updates provided good guidance.set
- Can BLM be a good partner for future projects
- Bikes do much more damage to trails than horses.
- Beautiful
- Be careful not to interfere with healthy natural processes
- As a newcomer to the area, I am thrilled to have such a beautiful area for walking and running.
- Access to quality parks is a treasure for all ages, I highly encourage schools to utilize places like Riverview for educational opportunities.

**19. Would you like to receive updates on the project and be entered into our raffle drawing for some great prizes?
Please provide your email address below.**

Responses not included in this results document.

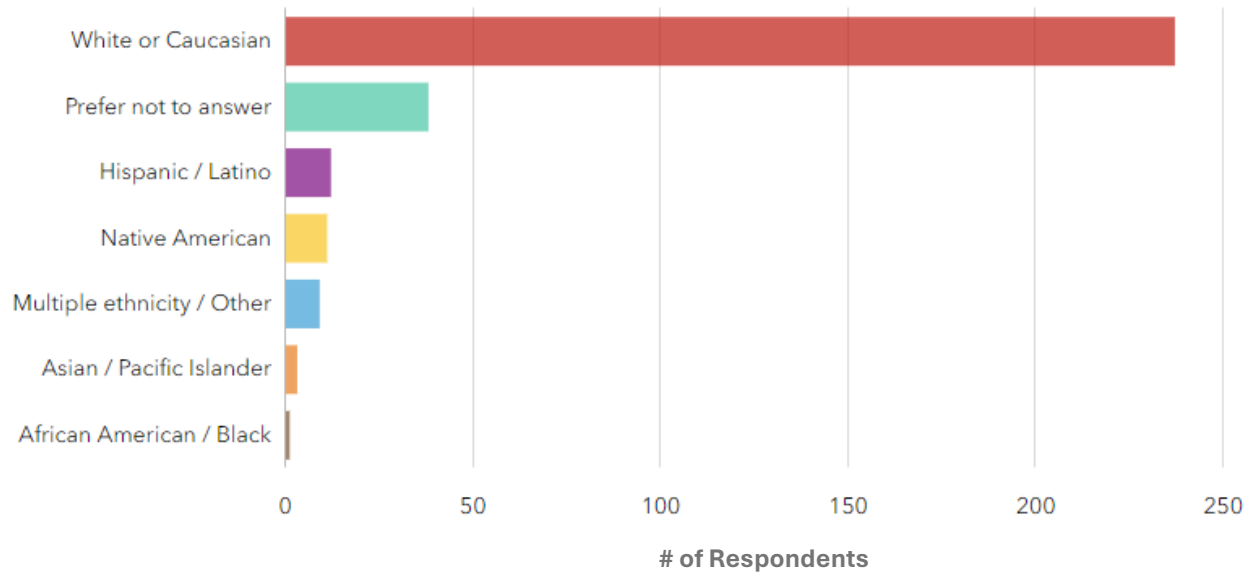
20. What is your age group? *



Answers	Count	Percentage
>65	90	30.41%
55-65	74	25%
45-54	50	16.89%
35-44	41	13.85%
25-34	24	8.11%
Prefer not to answer	10	3.38%
18-24	4	1.35%
<18	3	1.01%

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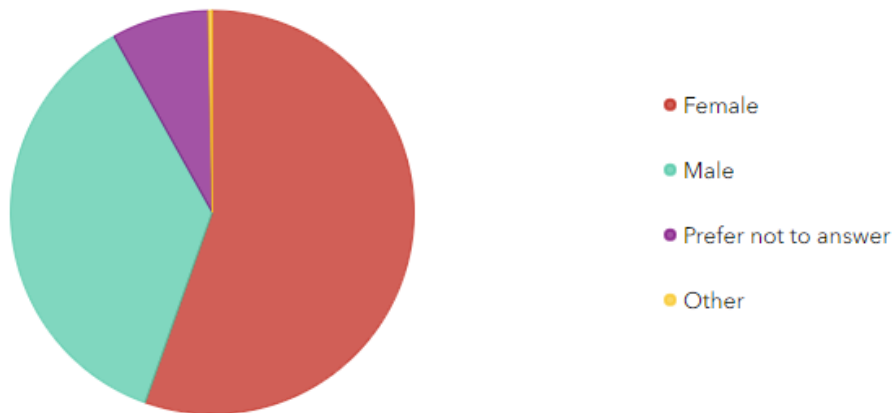
21. How would you describe your ethnic background? *



Answers	Count	Percentage
White or Caucasian	237	80.07%
Prefer not to answer	38	12.84%
Hispanic / Latino	12	4.05%
Native American	11	3.72%
Multiple ethnicity / Other	9	3.04%
Asian / Pacific Islander	3	1.01%
African American / Black	1	0.34%

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22. How would you describe your gender? *



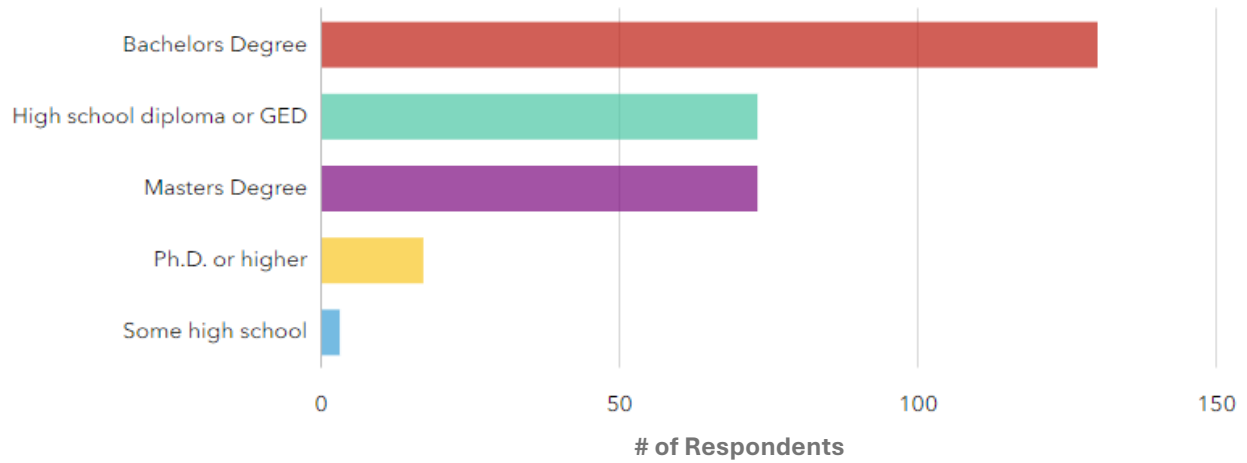
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Female	164	55.41%
Male	108	36.49%
Prefer not to answer	23	7.77%
Other	1	0.34%

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23. What is your educational level? *



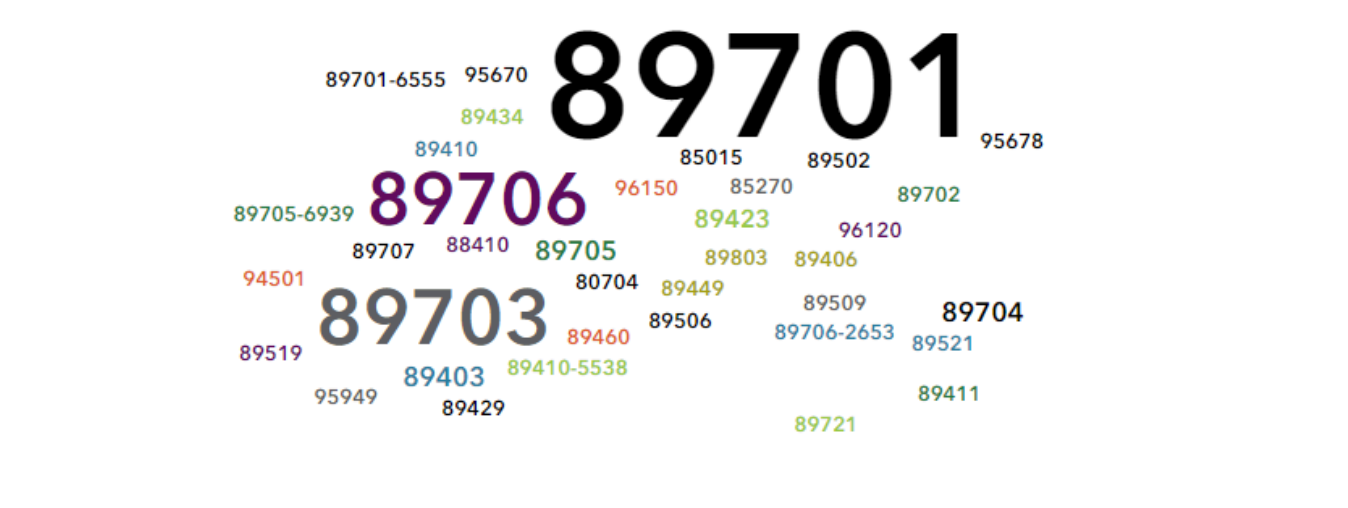
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Bachelors Degree	130	43.92%
High school diploma or GED	73	24.66%
Masters Degree	73	24.66%
Ph.D. or higher	17	5.74%
Some high school	3	1.01%

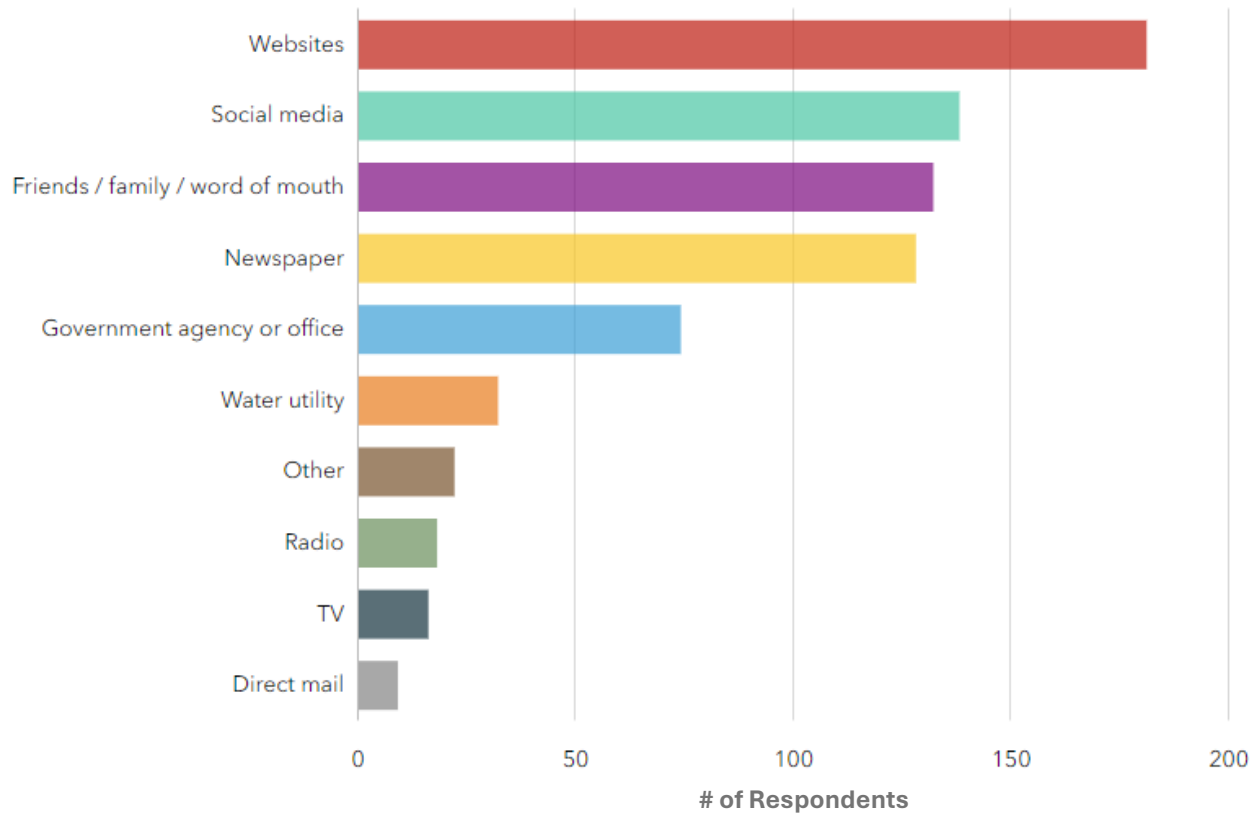
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24. What is your zip code? *

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25. Where do you get your information about the Carson River or local watershed issues? *



Answers	Count	Percentage
Websites	181	61.15%
Social media	138	46.62%
Friends / family / word of mouth	132	44.59%
Newspaper	128	43.24%
Government agency or office	74	25%
Water utility	32	10.81%
Other	22	7.43%
Radio	18	6.08%
TV	16	5.41%
Direct mail	9	3.04%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

“Other” Responses

- Visiting the area
- Teacher Professor Duerk at Western Nevada College
- teacher

- parks and recreation newsletter
- Niegbores and Local Budiness
- My sister and brother-in-law are in Muscle Powered in Carson. My family moved to Carson City in 1975, and now my son lives in the house I inherited. We spend about 1 week per month in Carson.
- Muscle Powered emails
- Muscle Powered
- looking out my windows
- Like I said I'm at or around the river on a daily basis and I keep my eyes out
- Just from visiting them.
- Human contact. Go breathe air. Step away from your magic rectangle. Touch grass. Humankind: be both!
- From visiting the river and talking with other people on the river or when out and about.
- e-mail list
- email
- CWSD e-blasts
- CarsonNow.org
- Carson NOW; own experience at the river
- Carson now.org
- Carson now