



LABSS Supplemental Materials

Data Collection: Field Observation Forms

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Date: 09/05/10

Name: Olivia Kirchmann

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

*Lake George Campground entrance/exit loops
Noted vehicle license #s in order to determine the
length of stay per vehicle*

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

*Noted high percentage of vehicles entering/exiting (+80%)
were noted within same 15 minute segment. Apparently,
the reason that this occurred was due to a lack of directional
signage to indicate the campground, day use parking, or exit.*

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

*The need for signs in the season to come in order to
address the confusion of vehicles at the campground entrance/
exit. Many more vehicles drove through campground loop
than needed to because the need for more day use parking in
this heavily used area.*

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*It was a pleasure to be a part of this project and to be able to
inform people of the Lakes Basin special study because
I love Mammoth Lakes and I want this "jewel" of an area to
stay available to all kinds of recreators.*

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Name: Sarah Yarbrough

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Parking data @ Coldwater $\frac{1}{2}$ Red Mine Lots - Parked cars before 7am $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~park~~ cars moving in and out of area every 15 minutes.

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

Many cars parked overnight in day use area... 37 vehicles there before 7am. Most were parked in Red Mine parking lot (27 vehicles). Appears at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of these were people camping in or around vehicles, whom probably did not want to pay camping fees. Majority of those coming in before 12 noon were going on dayhike up to duck pass or emerald lake. Flow was into lots rather than leaving.

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

Some guys were sleeping on asphalt in Red Mine Parking Lot before 7am. Could have been run over in middle of the night! Lots of overnight use in day-use lot. However no clear sign saying that the lots are for day use only. One sign says "No day use parking in the campground." Probably need to get better signage at entrance to lots saying "Day use parking only." Frustration w/ lot being full - endlessly circling around the lot $\frac{1}{2}$ illegal parking on road side and restricted spaces.

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Name: Larry Kirchmann

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

*Lake George Entrance to Campground
Counted vehicles entering and exiting Campground loop.*

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

*Confusion of vehicles to know direction for exit, campground,
and upper day use parking opposite hosts' station*

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

*Not immediately, however, in near future there should
be directional signs posted at stop sign before turn for
Campground. Many vehicles entered Campground area
when they were actually looking for exit (lack of signs).*

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*Again, a very enjoyable experience. Drew was of
great help and showed an interest in our well-being
and efforts.*

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Name: Anna Hansen

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Pokonobe Marina to Lake Mary Loop Rd to Lake George back to Pokonobe Marina. Counted cars in parking lots except campgrounds & along side of Rd.

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

A lot of cars parked along Rd from Lake Mary Marina to Lake George. From early in morning to 12:00 when I was done. A lot of pedestrian & bicyclists as well on the loop Rd. A lot of Runners parking at Pokonobe parking lot and running along loop Rd.

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

Not immediately but need to get the peds & bicyclists off loop Rd. And more parking up to Lake George.

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Name: Tom O'Keefe

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Polsonbe to Lake Mary rd. to Lk George back to Polsonbe
counted cars parked on Road. except campgrounds parking

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

Bottleneck due to narrow road to Lk George.
Lots of Bikes/Families not enough signage regarding
parking situation

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

The area really needs a Bike/Ped trail around
Lake Mary - very crowded/dangerous.

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Name: REBECCA GARRETT

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

HORSESHOE - FOLKLORE

① DRIVE THE ROUTE HOV2LY COUNTING PARKING CARS IN THE PULLOUTS & ON THE ROAD. PAVED & UNPAVED

② BACKUP FOR LICENSE PLATE COLLECTION

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

AT HORSESHOE THERE ARE 3 BATHROOMS BUT ONLY 2 ARE IN USE. IT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL IF THE CLOSED ONE HAD A SIGN THAT POINTED PEOPLE TO THE OPEN ONES.

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BETTER SIGNAGE FOR LAKE GEORGE

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Name: Shon Money

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Horse Shoe lake - Parking

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

A Sign For lake George at the Lake Mary Rd. Turnoff would be good = we had alot of people asking Directions to George

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

Closed Signs on Bathrooms out of Service For CO2

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We should almost stop every car coming up and get an in depth survey!

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Name: Andrew Solomon

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Lake George Entry.

Parking

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

The parking lot was full, busting at the seams, so lots of cars driving in circling and leaving.
Lots of Fishermen and Climbers.

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

Lots of roadside parking before entrance, creating impacted areas.

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Name: Jessie Bowman

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

Lake George
Parking lot. License plate's recording.

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share? Not Really

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

Not NEARLY ENOUGH Parking on
a holiday week-end (Sunday) many
vehicles going in and coming right
back out.

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Name: Barrett Nichols

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

NEXT TO ~~ENTRANCE~~^{EXIT} OF SMALL PARKING LOT AT HORSESHOE LAKE
RECORDING WHEN CARS WERE ENTERING AND ~~EXITING~~ PARKING
LOT AREAS - TO SEE HOW LONG THEY STAY.

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

- MANY VEHICLES COME AND LEAVE, THEY JUST RIDE THE LOOP AROUND THE LARGE PARKING LOT AND LEAVE AGAIN.
- MANY CARS APPROACH THE TURN AT THE EXIT OF THE SMALL PARKING LOT AND DO NOT KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN, MANY ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT, MANY CONFUSED FACES ON DRIVERS!
- LOTS OF PEOPLE PARK A LONG SIDE OF ROAD.

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

- IF SMALL PARKING LOT IS ONE-WAY, THERE NEEDS TO BE A SIGN (DO NOT ENTER) AND AN ADDITIONAL SIGN WITH ARROW ~~FOR~~ TOWARDS ADDITIONAL PARKING (LOOP AREA).
- SIGN FOR "NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING" ETC. IS NOT IN A SPOT WHERE MANY CAN READ IT. →

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THIS WAY OF COLLECTING "ENTERING AND LEAVING"
IN LARGE INTERVALS IS NOT GREAT DATA.

MOST CARS JUST COME AND GO VERY QUICKLY, BUT
RECORDING THE DATA MEANS THAT IT COULD BE 15 MIN
OR LONGER WHEN THEY ACTUALLY RIDE AROUND THE →

— MORE TRASH CANS?

— LOTS OF DRIVERS TURN LEFT OUT OF SMALL PARKING LOT, POSSIBLY THINKING THAT THE MAIN ROAD CONTINUES ON PAST THE LOOP PARKING LOT.

— ONE VISITOR THOUGHT THAT ALL OF THE RESTROOMS SHOULD BE OPEN ON A BUSY HOLIDAY WEEK END. (I AGREE!)

— ONE VISITOR ASKED ME "WHEN DOES THIS PLACE CLOSE?" - REFERRING TO HORSESHOE LAKE AREA IN GENERAL.

PARKING LOT AND LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
→ (IN GENERAL, THIS IS THE MAIN TREND)

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Name: Michelle Paul

Where was your assigned location in the Lakes Basin and what type of data did you collect (parking, turning movement counts, pedestrian/bike counts, etc.)? (please write in all locations/duties if more than one)

- ① DRIVING: COUNT VEHICLES IN PARKING LOTS + ON ROADSIDE BTWN HORSESHOE ENTRANCE + POKONOBIE (3 SECTIONS).
- ② ASSIST BARRETT @ HORSESHOE ENTRANCE - NOTATE LICENSE PLATES COMING IN + OUT OF HORSESHOE LOT.

During your data collection, did you notice any patterns with regard to traffic, parking, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other recreation users (fisherman, boaters, tourists, etc.) that you would like to share?

- ① MANY COMPLAINED ONLY 2 BATHROOMS (FOR A FULL LOT OF PEOPLE)
@ HORSESHOE PARKING LOT. ONE BATHROOM CLOSED.
- ② MULTIPLE INQUIRIES FOR TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS, PARTICULARLY LAKE GEORGE.
- ③ COULD DO A BETTER JOB OF EXPLAINING THE NATURAL CO2 AT HORSESHOE LAKE.

Did you see anything that concerned you or that you think needs to be addressed immediately?

NO.

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