

2018 WESTERN STATES SURVEY

Interview Schedule: New Mexico

Public Opinion Strategies/FM3

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N = 400 voters in New Mexico

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 - "Total base" is the percentage of the total sample, in this survey that is 400 voters.
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1. Over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited public lands managed by U.S. agencies, such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or Bureau of Land Management Lands? **(ROTATE)**

<u>2014*</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2018</u>	
17%	19%	21%	Once or twice
26%	17%	20%	3 to 5 times
21%	16%	15%	6 to 10 times
15%	19%	10%	11 to 20 times
15%	21%	20%	More than 20 times
6%	7%	13%	NEVER (DO NOT READ)
–	*	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
94%	92%	86%	TOTAL VISITED
44%	36%	41%	1-5 TIMES
35%	35%	25%	6-20 TIMES
15%	21%	20%	MORE THAN 20 TIMES

** 2014 Wording: And over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited public lands, such as national parks, national forests, Bureau of Management lands, wildlife refuges, or state parks?*

2. Do you plan to visit a national park sometime in 2018?

<u>2013</u>	<u>2018</u>	
67%	77%	Yes
28%	16%	No
5%	7%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
–	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Q3-4 SPLIT SAMPLED

3. When you think about the economic future of New Mexico and the Western U.S., how important do you think the outdoor recreation economy will be - meaning people who come to hunt, fish, camp, see wildlife, as well as those who manufacture and sell equipment for those activities? **(ROTATE)**

70% Very important
22% Somewhat important
6% A little important
1% Not important at all

1% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

92% TOTAL IMPORTANT
7% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

4. When you think about the economic future of New Mexico and the Western U.S. in attracting good jobs and innovative companies, would you say that due to the presence of public lands and our lifestyle of outdoor recreation, that the West has - **(ROTATE)**

44% A big advantage over other parts of the country
34% A little advantage over other parts of the country
17% No real advantage over other parts of the country

6% UNSURE **(DO NOT READ)**
– REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

78% TOTAL ADVANTAGE
17% NO ADVANTAGE

Q5-6 ROTATED

Thinking some more about people in the Western United States -

5. Do you think most people who live in big cities have values that are similar or different from yours?

(IF SIMILAR/DIFFERENT, ASK) And is that very (choice) or somewhat (choice)?

11% Very similar
23% Somewhat similar
26% Somewhat different
36% Very different

5% UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

34% TOTAL SIMILAR
61%^ TOTAL DIFFERENT

6. Do you think most people who live in rural areas and small towns have values that are similar or different from yours?

(IF SIMILAR/DIFFERENT, ASK) And is that very (choice) or somewhat (choice)?

34% Very similar
38% Somewhat similar
16% Somewhat different
7% Very different

5% UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

72% TOTAL SIMILAR
24%^ TOTAL DIFFERENT

Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues some people say are problems in New Mexico. For each one, please tell me if you think it is **(ROTATE)** an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem in New Mexico. The first/next one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused
Q7-16 SPLIT SAMPLED							
7.	Poorly-planned growth and development						
2018	54%	84%	17%	37%	30%	13%	3%
2017	48%	85%^	23%	25%	36%	12%	4%
2016	40%	74%^	15%	25%	35%	18%	7%
8.	Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife						
2018	39%^	78%	12%	26%	40%	20%	2%
2017	33%	71%	13%	20%	38%	27%	3%
2016	36%	66%	11%	25%	30%	29%	5%
2015	31%	69%	13%	18%	38%	27%	4%
2014	29%	70%	15%	14%	41%	26%	4%
2013	41%	71%	21%	20%	30%	24%	5%
2012	37%^	73%^	15%	23%	36%	26%	1%
2011	35%	72%	15%	20%	37%	26%	2%
9.	Unemployment						
2018	66%^	94%	26%	41%	27%	5%	1%
2017	68%	96%	32%	36%	28%	3%	1%
2016	71%	92%	31%	40%	21%	7%	1%
2015	68%	93%	35%	33%	25%	5%	1%
2014	74%^	95%^	36%	39%	21%	4%	*
2013	71%	95%	33%	38%	24%	5%	*
10.	Our dependence on fossil fuels						
2018	44%^	76%	14%	29%	33%	19%	5%
2017	39%^	72%	20%	20%	32%	21%	8%
11.	Inadequate water supplies						
2018	59%^	87%^	24%	36%	28%	11%	2%
2015	62%	85%^	31%	31%	24%	13%	1%
2013	69%^	90%^	32%	36%	21%	7%	3%
2012	63%	87%	23%	40%	24%	10%	3%
2011	51%	82%	23%	28%	31%	17%	1%

	Extremely/ Very Serious	Total Serious	Extremely Serious	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not A Problem	Don't Know/ Refused
12.	Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands						
2018	34%^	73%^	13%	20%	39%	23%	4%
2017	31%	75%^	10%	21%	43%	24%	1%
2016	34%	72%	10%	24%	38%	23%	4%
2015	34%^	71%^	12%	21%	37%	25%	4%
13.	Uncontrollable wildfires that threaten homes and property						
2018	42%	82%	18%	24%	40%	17%	1%
2016	37%^	78%^	13%	23%	41%	21%	1%
14.	Low level of water in rivers						
2018	63%	91%	26%	37%	28%	7%	2%
2017	64%	91%	33%	31%	27%	7%	1%
2016	64%	91%	34%	30%	27%	8%	1%
2015	68%^	89%^	33%	34%	21%	10%	1%
2014	75%	93%	47%	28%	18%	6%	1%
2013	83%^	94%	51%	31%	12%	5%	1%
15.	Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams						
2018	39%^	81%^	18%	22%	42%	17%	2%
2017	30%	73%^	10%	20%	42%	24%	3%
2016	49%	83%	20%	29%	34%	15%	1%
2015	43%	77%	23%	20%	34%	21%	2%
2014	38%	77%	20%	18%	39%	22%	1%
2013	42%	76%	21%	21%	34%	19%	5%
2012	44%	86%	19%	25%	42%	13%	1%
2011	47%	78%	24%	23%	31%	20%	2%
16.	Rollbacks of laws that protect our land, water, and wildlife						
2018	43%	68%	18%	25%	25%	26%	7%

NEW MEXICO: Summary of Issues - Ranked By % Extremely/Very Serious

Issues	% Extremely/ Very Serious	% Total Serious
Unemployment	66%	94%
Low level of water in rivers	63%	91%
Inadequate water supplies	59%	87%
Poorly-planned growth and development	54%	84%
Our dependence on fossil fuels	44%	76%
Rollbacks of laws that protect our land, water, and wildlife	43%	68%
Uncontrollable wildfires that threaten homes and property	42%	82%
Pollution of rivers, lakes and streams	39%	81%
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife	39%	78%
Lack of resources to properly maintain and take care of national parks, forests and other public lands	34%	73%

Thinking about water in your state -

W1. Many experts say that New Mexico will likely face water shortage situations in the future. They say that we face a choice in how we address that shortage. So, which one of the following would you prefer state water officials invest more time and resources in pursuing? **(ROTATE)**

2016 2018

78% 78% Using our current water supply more wisely, by encouraging more water conservation, reducing use, and increasing recycling of water

... OR ...

10% 13% Diverting more water from rivers in less populated areas of the state to communities where more people live

5% 3% BOTH **(DO NOT READ)**

3% 2% SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER **(DO NOT READ)**

1% 1% DON'T DO ANYTHING/NOTHING/NO NEED **(DO NOT READ)**

3% 3% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Moving on... Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job President Trump and his administration are doing in... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) And, do you **STRONGLY** (choice) or just **SOMEWHAT** (choice)?

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't Know/Refused
17. Handling issues related to our land, water and wildlife?	34%[^]	56%	20%	15%	10%	46%	10%
18. Handling the economy?	47%	49%	31%	16%	10%	39%	4%

19. And in general, would you prefer the administration place more emphasis on... **(ROTATE)**

2017 **2018**

66% 62% Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands

... OR...

25% 27% Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by maximizing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining

4% 4% **BOTH (DO NOT READ)**
 1% 2% **NEITHER/OTHER (DO NOT READ)**
 4% 4% **UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)**

For each of the following actions that have been taken or are being considered by officials in Washington, please tell me if that is something you support, oppose or don't feel strongly about it one way or the other. The (first/next) one is ... **(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) And, do you **STRONGLY** (choice) or just **SOMEWHAT** (choice) that action?

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No Strong Feelings	Don't Know/Refused
20. Raising fees to enter some of the country's largest National Parks during the peak seasons	39%	48%^	14%	25%	19%	30%	10%	3%
21. Privatizing the management of campgrounds, visitor centers and other services provided at National Parks and other national public lands	33%^	50%	16%	18%	13%	37%	13%	4%
Q22 SPLIT SAMPLED								
22. Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to drill for oil and gas on public lands	32%^	55%	13%	18%	8%	47%	10%	4%
Q23 SPLIT SAMPLED								
23. Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to mine for uranium and other metals on public lands	24%^	63%^	12%	13%	14%	48%	9%	4%
24. Requiring oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air	2018 72%	18%	53%	19%	6%	12%	7%	3%
	2016 73%	15%	57%	16%	5%	10%	9%	3%
25. Allowing mining on public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park, a practice that is currently banned	16%	74%^	7%	9%	12%	61%	6%	4%

NEW MEXICO: Summary of Actions - Ranked By % Support

Actions	% Support	% Oppose
Requiring oil and gas producers who operate on national public lands to use updated equipment and technology to prevent leaks of methane gas during the extraction process and reduce the need to burn off excess natural gas into the air	72%	18%
Raising fees to enter some of the country's largest National Parks during the peak seasons	39%	48%
Privatizing the management of campgrounds, visitor centers and other services provided at National Parks and other national public lands	33%	50%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to drill for oil and gas on public lands	32%	55%
Expanding how much public land is available to private companies which pay for the ability to mine for uranium and other metals on public lands	24%	63%
Allowing mining on public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park, a practice that is currently banned	16%	74%

Let me tell you about one more proposal --

26. Three years ago, the U.S. government, Western states and governors created plans to protect habitat for the threatened sage grouse and other wildlife. The Interior Department now says these plans should be changed to allow more oil and gas production and other activities. Opponents of changes say that the plans had public input and were created in collaboration with states to avoid wildlife like the sage grouse becoming endangered.

Would you prefer keeping these plans or changing them?

(IF KEEP/CHANGE) And, do you feel that way STRONGLY or NOT-SO-STRONGLY?

49%	STRONGLY KEEP PLANS
12%	NOT-SO-STRONGLY KEEP PLANS
9%	NOT-SO-STRONGLY CHANGE PLANS
19%	STRONGLY CHANGES PLANS
10%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
61%	TOTAL KEEP PLANS
29%^	TOTAL CHANGE PLANS

Thinking now about national monuments, which are existing public lands that are managed similar to national parks to prioritize conservation of wildlife habitat, historic and archaeological sites, while allowing for outdoor recreation. Mining, drilling and other industrial activities are NOT allowed, however.

I'm going to read you a list of words and phrases, and please tell me whether you think each one describes national monuments in the West. Does it describe them - **(ROTATE)** - very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not at all? The (first/next) one is... **(RANDOMIZE)**

	Total Well	Total Not Well	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Very Well	Not At All	Don't Know/ Refused
Q27-33 SPLIT SAMPLED							
27. Helps the economy of nearby communities	82%	13%	47%	35%	9%	4%	5%
28. National treasures	82%	13%	51%	31%	8%	5%	4%
29. Important places to be conserved for future generations	89%^	8%	62%	26%	6%	2%	4%
30. Hurts the economy of your state	29%	67%	15%	14%	22%	45%	4%
31. Places to learn about America's history and heritage	91%	7%	63%	28%	4%	3%	2%
32. Places I want my children and grandchildren to see someday	95%^	3%	84%	12%	2%	1%	2%
33. Ties up too much land that could be put to other uses	28%^	66%	11%	18%	19%	47%	5%

NEW MEXICO: Summary of National Monument Descriptions - Ranked By % Very Well

National Monument Descriptions	% Very Well	% Total Well
Places I want my children and grandchildren to see someday	84%	95%
Places to learn about America's history and heritage	63%	91%
Important places to be conserved for future generations	62%	89%
National treasures	51%	82%
Helps the economy of nearby communities	47%	82%
Hurts the economy of your state	15%	29%
Ties up too much land that could be put to other uses	11%	28%

Thinking specifically about two national monuments in Utah - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante, which contain fossils, petroglyphs, cliff dwellings and wildlife habitat -

34. President Trump announced in December that the administration would remove existing national monument protections and reduce the size of the lands conserved as national monuments by approximately two million acres. Would you say that it is - **(ROTATE)** a good idea or a bad idea - to reduce the size of these national monuments?

(IF GOOD/BAD) And is that a very (good/bad) idea or just somewhat?

19% Very good idea
8% Somewhat good idea
10% Somewhat bad idea
53% Very bad idea

10% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

27% TOTAL GOOD IDEA

63% TOTAL BAD IDEA

- NM1. The administration has indicated that it may eliminate protections for national monument lands in New Mexico, including the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Rio Grande del Norte National Monuments. Would you say that it is - **(ROTATE)** a good idea or a bad idea - to reduce the protections for these national monuments?

(IF GOOD/BAD) And is that a very (good/bad) idea or just somewhat?

16% Very good idea
9% Somewhat good idea
12% Somewhat bad idea
57% Very bad idea

7% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

25% TOTAL GOOD IDEA

68%[^] TOTAL BAD IDEA

For each of the following, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that particular statement. The (first/next) one is... **(READ IN ORDER)**

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE) And do you **STRONGLY** (agree/disagree) with that or just **SOMEWHAT** (agree/disagree) with that?

Total Agree	Total Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/ Refused
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Q36-37 SPLIT SAMPLED

36.	Elected officials in New Mexico generally reflect my values.	42%[^]	52%	12%	31%	20%	32%	5%
37.	Elected officials in Washington, DC generally reflect my values.	18%	78%	4%	14%	26%	52%	4%

ASKED OF ALL

38.	The increasing number of extreme weather events like wildfires, droughts, and hurricanes is at least in part due to climate change.							
2018	65%	30%	48%	17%	7%	23%	5%	
2013	67%	30%	42%	25%	11%	19%	3%	

NEW MEXICO: Summary of Statements - Ranked By % Agree

Statements	% Agree	% Disagree
The increasing number of extreme weather events like wildfires, droughts, and hurricanes is at least in part due to climate change.	65%	30%
Elected officials in New Mexico generally reflect my values.	42%	52%
Elected officials in Washington, DC generally reflect my values.	18%	78%

Now, switching topics and thinking about energy here in New Mexico-

SPLIT SAMPLED

39. Which one or two of the following sources of energy would you say best represent the future of energy here in New Mexico? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE - ACCEPT 2 RESPONSES. RECORD 1st CHOICE, 2nd CHOICE)**

Ranked By 1st Choice

1st	Comb	
49%	69%	Solar power
19%	57%	Wind power
14%	29%	Natural gas
4%	11%	Oil
4%	8%	Nuclear
1%	5%	Coal
5%	5%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
–	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
4%	6%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

SPLIT SAMPLED

40. Which one or two of the following sources of energy would you say has the most potential to help New Mexico's economy? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE - ACCEPT 2 RESPONSES. RECORD 1st CHOICE, 2nd CHOICE)**

Ranked By 1st Choice

1st	Comb	
38%	62%	Solar power
20%	47%	Wind power
18%	37%	Natural gas
10%	20%	Oil
6%	12%	Nuclear
1%	7%	Coal
5%	6%	ALL/COMBINATION (DO NOT READ)
–	1%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
2%	3%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Thinking about you for a moment...

D1. In what year were you born?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
20%	20%	17%	16%	19%	21%	23%	22%	18 - 34
15%	15%	20%	21%	21%	19%	17%	19%	35 - 44
18%	16%	16%	23%	19%	18%	15%	14%	45 - 54
24%	27%	27%	20%	21%	25%	25%	25%	55 - 64
22%	22%	20%	20%	19%	17%	19%	20%	65 AND ABOVE
1%	*	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	REFUSED

Do you consider yourself to be... **(RANDOMIZE)**

D2. An outdoor recreation enthusiast

77% Yes
 20% No

3% Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

D3. A conservationist

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
69%	67%	67%	67%	68%	69%	69%	76%	Yes
27%	28%	28%	26%	26%	27%	25%	20%	No
4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	4%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

D4. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
4%	7%	9%	5%	5%	9%	6%	11%	HUNTER ONLY
10%	9%	12%	11%	10%	10%	14%	13%	ANGLER ONLY
26%	26%	21%	22%	27%	26%	28%	25%	BOTH
59%	55%	58%	59%	57%	53%	51%	49%	NO/NEITHER (DO NOT READ)
1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	*	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
40%	43%^	41%^	39%^	42%	46%^	48%	49%	TOTAL YES
59%	55%	58%	59%	57%	53%	51%	49%	NO/NEITHER

D5. Which of the following types of outdoor recreation, if any, do you participate in regularly?
(RANDOMIZE :1-6) (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

<u>2013</u>	<u>2018</u>	
50%	56%	Hiking
50%	54%	Camping
30%	38%	Bird watching and viewing wildlife
20%	22%	Riding an off-road vehicle or snowmobile
19%	22%	Boating
14%	17%	Mountain biking
9%	6%	Hunting/Fishing (DO NOT READ)
3%	2%	Sports (DO NOT READ)
*	—	OTHER (SPECIFY (DO NOT READ))
17%	11%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

And for statistical purposes only...

D6. How would you describe the area where you currently live? (ROTATE)

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
24%	26%	28%	25%	25%	26%	21%	23%	A big city
13%	17%	14%	13%	18%	17%	19%	19%	A suburban area
33%	28%	31%	33%	31%	28%	31%	30%	A small town
29%	27%	25%	27%	25%	27%	28%	27%	A rural area
1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
37%	43%	43%^	38%	43%	43%	40%	42%	TOTAL BIG CITY/SUBURBAN
62%	55%	56%	60%	56%	55%	59%	57%	TOTAL SMALL TOWN/RURAL

ASKED IF BIG CITY/SUBURBAN IN D6

D6X. Have you ever lived in a small town or rural area or not?

<u>City/ Burb</u>	<u>Total</u>	
69%	29%	Yes
31%	13%	No
—	—	DON'T RECALL/ REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

