

Otter Creek State Park

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ECONOMIC TOOLKIT INFO

- In 2009, 72,722 individuals visited Otter Creek State Park. 2009 Piute County population was approximately 1,479 according to Governor's Office of Planning and Budget population estimates. So, in 2009, the county, the park, and its staff hosted a number of individuals that equates to more than a 49 times the county's current population.
- Survey research suggests that a majority of park visitors live outside of the area. Almost 80 percent of survey respondents indicated that they live outside of the county. More than 81 percent of survey respondents said they spent money in the county as part of their visit. Respondents said that they spent an average of \$135.48 per group, per visit.
- Division Planners estimate the 72,722 visitors to Otter Creek in 2009 generated approximately \$352,413 in local wages, earnings, rents, and tax revenues within Piute County.
- In 2008, 409 off highway vehicles (OHV) and 23 snowmobiles were registered within Piute County. These yield revenues to the county (in the form of payments in lieu of taxes) of about \$11,248 for OHV registrations and \$633 for snowmobile registrations for a total of about \$11,880. In addition, the Division plays a key role in administering programs that provide for safe OHV and snowmobile experiences within the county.
- Through its operations at Piute and Otter Creek, the division paid \$6,034 in sales and use taxes and \$2,095 in transient room taxes to Piute County.
- The Division's Boating Program collects data and information on boating-related activities and opportunities in each county. In 2009, Piute County had one boat livery (providing boat rentals). The division plays a key role facilitating economic impacts to the county through the provision of boating opportunities.
- In 2009, the park spent about \$216,000 to maintain and operate the park and to pay for necessary infrastructure.
- Otter Creek State Park provides a number of essential, community-oriented services and frequently partnerships with the county in providing or sharing resources (PROVIDE EXAMPLES – back up for