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ECONOMIC TOOLKIT INFO

- In 2009, 97,110 individuals visited Quail Creek State Park. 2009 County population was approximately 145,466 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 about two-thirds the size of the county's current population.
- Quail Creek State Park appears to be a primary destination that attracts primarily Washington County residents, who typically stay for a day or less. However, while most respondents said they live in the Washington County area, a significant amount (30 percent) identified themselves as non-Utah residents, and another 15 percent identified themselves as Utah residents who didn't live in Washington County.
- Survey respondents were asked to estimate the amount of money they spent within the Washington County area during their visit. On average, visitors spend about \$139 per group within the area during each visit to the park. Average group size is about 4.7 individuals. Hence, average local spending per individual is about \$29.48 per visit.
- Assuming the above information provides a reasonable estimate of visitor expenditures, Division Planners estimate that visitor spending could be responsible for creating approximately \$1,046,223 in local wages, earnings, rents, and tax revenues within Washington County in 2009.
- In 2008, 9,985 off highway vehicles and 328 snowmobiles were registered within Washington County. These yielded revenues to the county (in the form of payments in lieu of taxes) of about \$274,588 for OHV registrations and \$9,020 for snowmobile registrations for a total of \$283,608. Through its administration of statewide OHV and snowmobile programs, the Division and the park facilitate the provision of numerous area OHV and snowmobile opportunities that undoubtedly bring even more economic impact to the county.
- In 2009, Hurricane City received \$6,448 in sales and use taxes from Quail Creek. Likewise, Quail Creek, along with Sand Hollow, Snow Canyon, and Gunlock contributed a total of \$13,893 to Washington County in transient room taxes from park operations.
- The Division's Boating Program collects data and information on boating-related activities and opportunities in each county. In 2009, Washington County had 9 major boat dealers and 2 boat liveries (providing boat rentals). Also in 2009, the Division's Boating Program authorized (or listed as current) 4 Captain/Guide licenses and boat crew permits within the county. The park and the division play a key role facilitating economic impacts to the county through the provision of boating opportunities.
- In 2009, the park spent about \$184,829 to maintain and operate the park and to pay for necessary infrastructure.
- Quail 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 local law enforcement agencies, education programs to schools, wildland fire support, community event staff support, search and rescue availability, etc.)