STEWARDSHIP & ADVOCACY

Part 2 of the survey asked questions related to participants’ activity, experiences, and preferences related to the Washington Climbers Coalition and local stewardship and advocacy initiatives.

QUESTION 14
Did you volunteer with the Washington Climbers Coalition at some point in the last 12 months?

No 85%
Yes, once 10%
Yes, more than once 5%

QUESTION 15
Did you donate money to the Washington Climbers Coalition at some point in the last 12 months?

No 63%
Yes, once 30%
Yes, more than once 7%
QUESTION 16
To what extent do you trust the Washington Climbers Coalition to pursue your interests as a climber?

- A little: 17%
- A lot: 51%
- Not at all: 1%
- Not familiar enough with the WCC to answer: 31%

QUESTION 17
How likely are you to pay for or donate money to the following initiatives?

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<td>Fixed anchor/bolt replacement equipment</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Professional bolters to replace aging hardware</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Professional trail crews to improve climbing access trails and staging</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Policy advocacy at the State Capitol</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>Responsible use signage at climbing areas</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Educating climbers (e.g. regarding crag ethics)</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>WAG bags (human waste disposal) in wilderness areas</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Directional trail signage at climbing areas</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Policy advocacy in Washington DC</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Community gatherings, such as films and slide shows</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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WCC COMMUNICATIONS

Part 3 of the survey asked questions related to how participants get information related to Washington Climbers Coalition activities and initiatives.

QUESTION 18
How informed do you feel regarding the Washington Climbers Coalition’s initiatives and activities?

- Not at all informed: 28%
- Somewhat informed: 61%
- Very informed: 11%
**QUESTION 19**
Please indicate how often you receive Washington Climbers Coalition information from the following sources:

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<td>Word of mouth (from friends or contacts)</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>Facebook</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Email</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Through a climbing gym</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Through outdoor industry partners (e.g. local gear shops or guides)</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>The WCC website (e.g. news and alerts)</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Mountain Project</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Instagram</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>WCC mailers/newsletters</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Another not listed</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>94%</td>
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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Part 4 of the survey collected data on participants’ preferences related to climbing bolts and fixed hardware. The questions in this section were collected as part of a larger research project and do not reflect, nor are intended to inform, Washington Climbers Coalition policies or practices.

QUESTION 20

Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding the replacement of fixed hardware (e.g. bolts, pitons, webbing):

- If no other protection opportunities can be found nearby, an old fixed piton should be replaced with a bolt.
  - Strongly agree: 31%
  - Agree: 40%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 22%
  - Disagree: 6%

- Fixed anchors consisting of webbing around a tree should be replaced with bolt anchors wherever possible.
  - Strongly agree: 29%
  - Agree: 32%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 25%
  - Disagree: 12%

- It is acceptable to increase the number of bolts when replacing aging hardware if it makes a climb safer.
  - Strongly agree: 21%
  - Agree: 36%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 23%
  - Disagree: 14%
  - Strongly disagree: 6%

- When old bolts are replaced, the location of the bolts should be changed if it makes the route more enjoyable to climb, but not necessarily safer.
  - Strongly agree: 7%
  - Agree: 22%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 36%
  - Disagree: 28%
  - Strongly disagree: 7%

- Fixed quick-draws (perma-draws) are unacceptable outside of the climbing gym and should not be allowed.
  - Strongly agree: 7%
  - Agree: 15%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 24%
  - Disagree: 32%
  - Strongly disagree: 22%

- The only acceptable form of re-bolting is the like-for-like replacement of pre-existing hardware (e.g. replacing old piton with a newer piton).
  - Strongly agree: 10%
  - Agree: 26%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 47%
  - Disagree: 16%
QUESTION 21
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding how bolt replacement decisions should be made:

- **The norm that bolts should not be added to established climbs is outdated - route protection should be changed if a majority of local climbers think it should.**
  - Strongly agree: 14%
  - Agree: 45%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 22%
  - Disagree: 14%

- **In cases where the first ascensionist cannot be consulted, it is acceptable to make changes to a route's protection, such as adding new bolts.**
  - Strongly agree: 9%
  - Agree: 48%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 30%
  - Disagree: 11%

- **The first ascensionist of a route should always have the first and last word on a route's protection.**
  - Strongly agree: 7%
  - Agree: 20%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 27%
  - Disagree: 35%
  - Strongly disagree: 11%

- **The majority opinion of a climbing community should be more influential than the minority opinion in route protection decisions - even if the minority group has more climbing experience.**
  - Strongly agree: 17%
  - Agree: 39%
  - Neither agree nor disagree: 31%
  - Disagree: 8%
Part 5 of the survey asked questions related to participants’ demographic characteristics.

**QUESTION 22**
What is your age?

**QUESTION 23**
What is the highest level of education you’ve completed?
QUESTION 24
What is your yearly household income?

QUESTION 25
With which gender do you most identify?
QUESTION 26
What is your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual/Straight: 89%
- Bisexual: 6%
- Gay or Lesbian: 2%
- Prefer to self-describe: 3%

QUESTION 27
What is your race/ethnicity? Select all that apply:

- White or Caucasian: 859
- Asian/Asian American: 108
- Hispanic or Latino: 31
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 11
- Black or African American: 5
- Another not listed: 28
QUESTION 28
How important is access to climbing in your decision to live in Washington?

- Extremely important: 45%
- Very important: 30%
- Moderately important: 16%
- Slightly important: 5%
- Not at all important: 4%

QUESTION 29
What other outdoor recreation activities do you regularly engage in? Select all that apply:

- Hiking or trail running: 916
- Backcountry skiing or snowshoeing: 632
- Ski area skiing: 530
- Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting: 343
- Mountain biking: 320
- Hunting or fishing: 165
- Motorized OHV riding: 65
- Another not listed: 147
QUESTION 30
What county do you live in?
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THANK YOU

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