

Idealized Systems – Public Comment Summary

October 27, 2014

This report briefly summarizes the general theme of 893 comments received on Idealized Systems from October 3rd through October 23rd. The report summarizes both written comments and questionnaire results. Input on Idealized Systems continues to be accepted on the Mountain Accord website and through the Salt Lake City Open City Hall website. All public comments provided before November 10th will be wrapped into a report for the Mountain Accord Executive Board for its evaluation of the Idealized Systems. That report will continue to be updated through the conclusion of the comment period, which ends November 20th.

General Comments

- Respect private property rights
- Include more of Wasatch County (e.g. Heber, Midway, etc.)

Transportation System Comments

- There was strong support for many of the elements in Concept A, including improved bus service in the Cottonwood Canyons and Parleys Canyon through Park City and no mountain connection from Little Cottonwood Canyon to Park City
- There was also strong support for Concept D, including looped train service with a mountain connection from Little Cottonwood Canyon to Park City
- There was both opposition and support to a train specifically in Little Cottonwood Canyon (however, specific opposition to a train alignment along the existing Little Cottonwood Canyon trail was noted)
- Focus on dis-incentivizing driving and single occupancy vehicles
- Support for and against opening Guardsman Pass to year-round auto use
- Enhance biking infrastructure in Cottonwood Canyons and in Salt Lake Valley
- Increase parking infrastructure at the base of the Cottonwood Canyons
- Incorporate year-round transportation solutions in Brighton Estates/Bonanza Flats

Recreation System Comments

- Support for and against the One Wasatch concept and ski area expansion
- Support for and against restricting recreation access
- Build and maintain more trails
- Include more access for dogs
- Support for and against limits on motorized use
- Jordan River Parkway Trail should be emphasized and prioritized

Environmental System Comments

- Environment needs to be preserved above all else, the natural resources in the Central Wasatch are irreplaceable.
- Support watershed protection
- Increase wilderness and protect open space
- Incorporate incentives for alternative energy
- Consider limits on noise pollution (e.g. motorcycles)

- Incorporate more public education and outreach
- Buy out private in-holdings within conservation areas if owners are willing to sell.

Economy System Comments

- Maintain existing balance between wilderness in the mountains and developed resort environments
- Support for and against the One Wasatch concept and ski area expansion
- Focus development where people and infrastructure already exist, mountains should not be urbanized
- No additional development should be considered
- Use mixed-used strategies and increase density in the valley.
- Need to limit visitors to the Central Wasatch, not increase
- Maintain both developed and natural recreation opportunities that will support recruitment of companies and employees in the recreation sector
- Encourage economics that do not rely on tourism

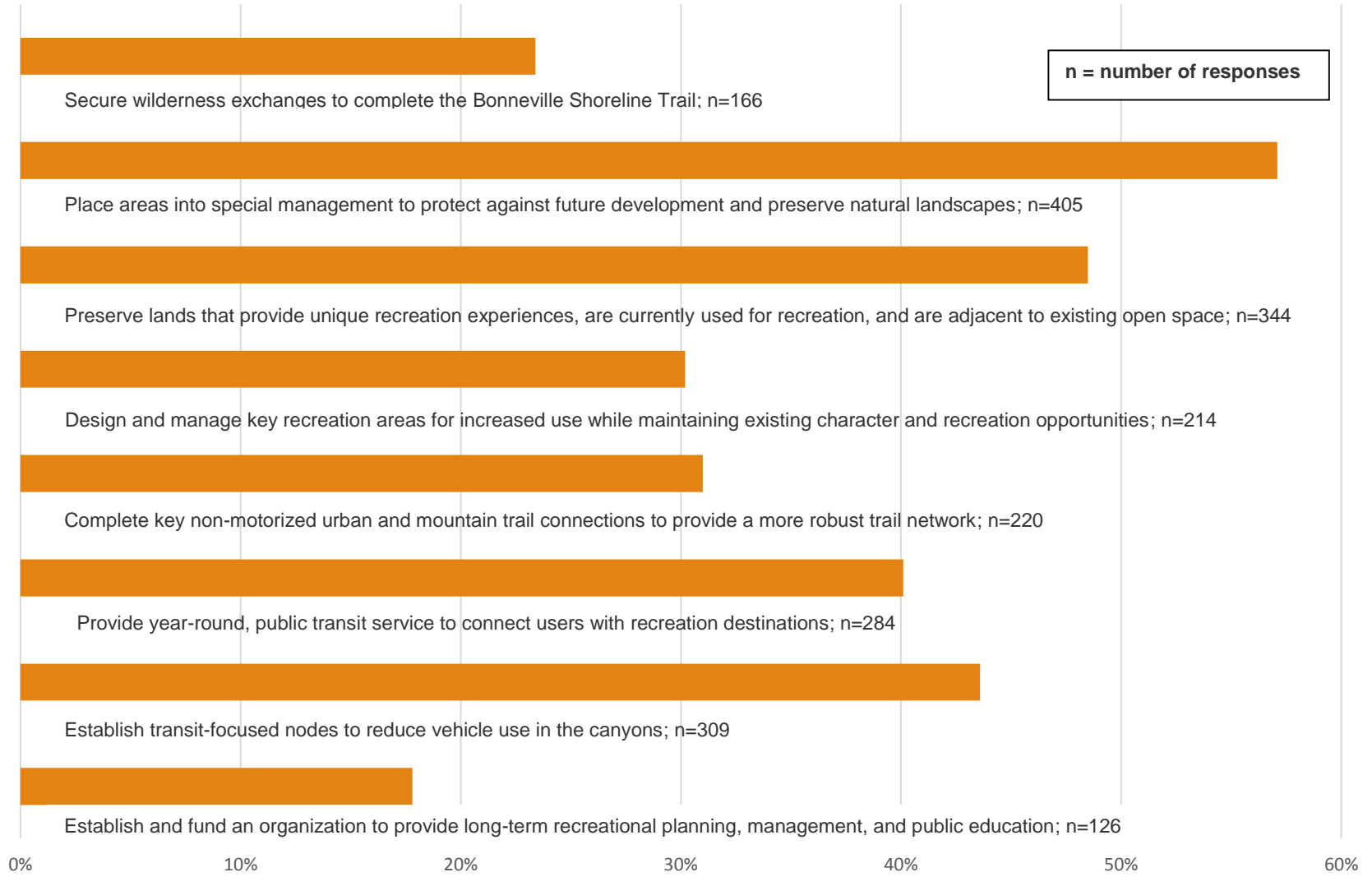
Questionnaire Purpose and Results

To promote public awareness and help gauge support of the proposed actions identified by each System Group (available [here](#)), we asked the public to tell us what their top three actions were for each system. There was also an option to write in an option for each system. Responses to the write in option are considered in the summary above. Of the 893 comments received, approximately 700 responders completed the survey. The results of the questionnaire are shown in the following pages. For each System Group there was a fairly balanced distribution between all of the proposed actions. The Economy System Group did show an even distribution, though investment in transit service and protecting the natural environment received strong support above the other options.

What can be concluded from the survey is that the System Group idealized scenarios represent a comprehensive, wide range of actions. There is some level of support for all the actions proposed – and many of the actions could conflict with one another. This gives us a sense of where the issues will lie in our upcoming effort to achieve balance. The public will have the opportunity to comment on proposed scenarios that achieve balance beginning November 21st.

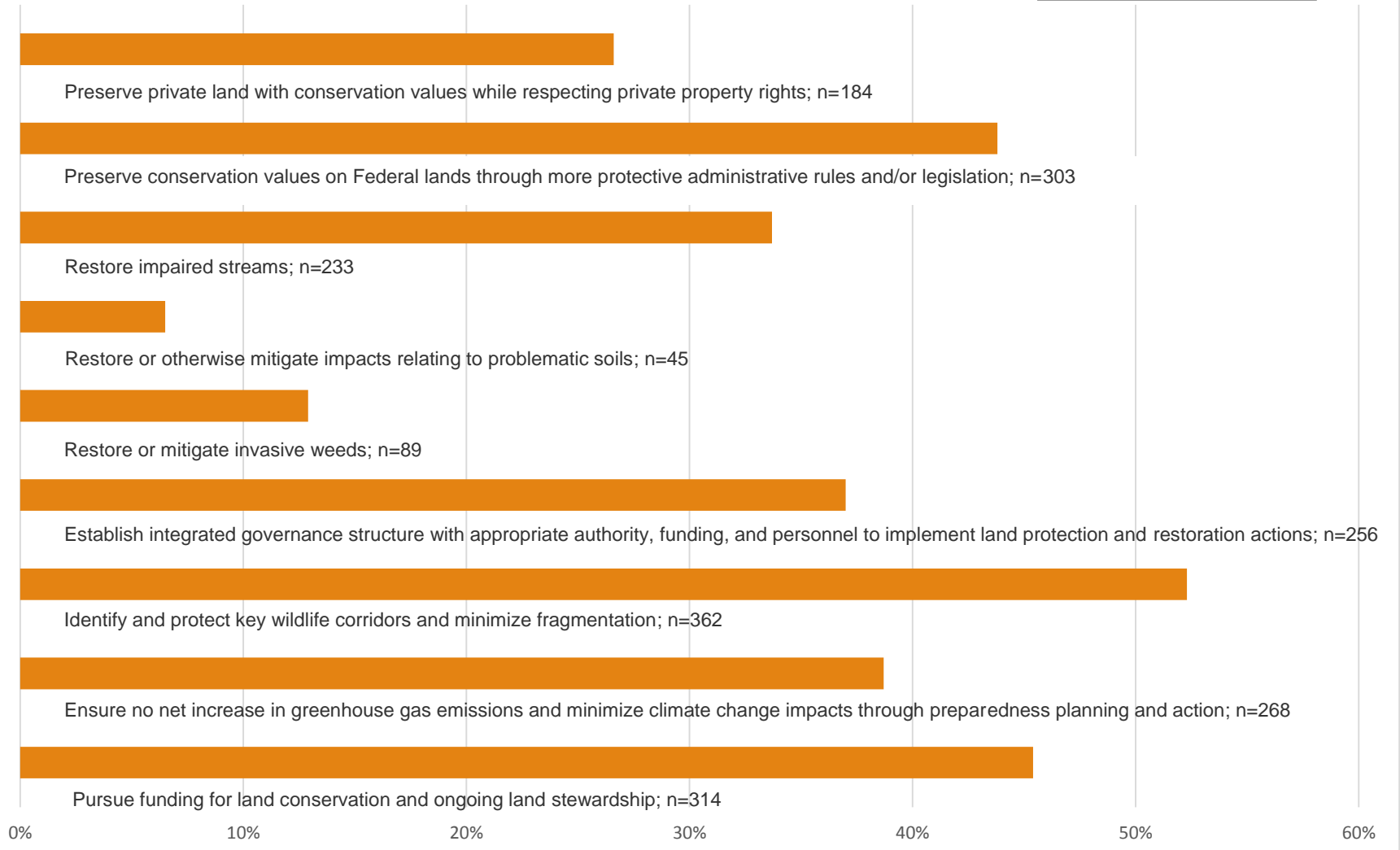
Responders to the questionnaire were not selected through random sampling. They were generally self-selecting by going to the Mountain Accord or City Lake City Open City Hall websites and completing the questionnaire. Although we received a large number of responses from throughout the study area, that does not necessarily mean we can conclude that the response results are representative of the regional or study area population.

After reviewing the Ideal Recreation map and proposed actions, please mark your top three choices from the list below:



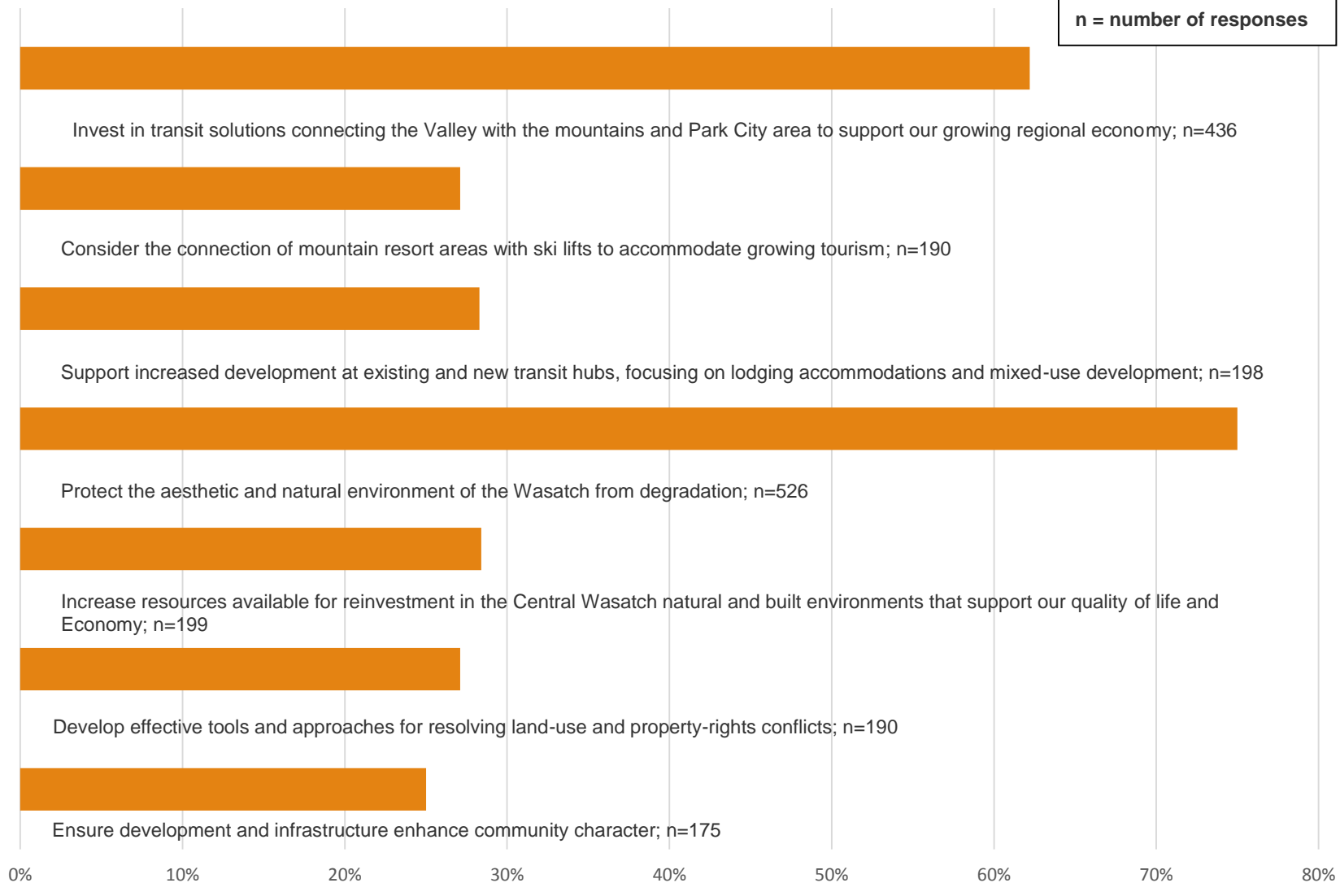
After reviewing the Ideal Environment map and proposed actions, please mark your top three choices from the list below:

n = number of responses



After reviewing the Ideal Economy map and proposed actions, please mark your top three choices from the list below:

n = number of responses



Transportation concepts A,B, C and D represent four ways to combine transit improvements that address the Transportation system’s vision. Analysis of and feedback on these four concepts will provide information that can be used to understand the performance of a wide range of potential route and mode combinations and inform the selection of an ideal Transportation system. Please select your top three choices for corridors that would most benefit from transit improvements:

