

# Public Engagement Report

July 2023



**OUTDOOR**  
PIKES PEAK INITIATIVE

# Meetings with Elected Officials:

Cripple Creek &  
Victor Town  
Representatives

21 Dec.

Fremont County  
Commissioners

18 Jan.

El Paso County  
Commissioner/  
Community  
Services Director

18 Jan.

11 Jan.

Teller County Joint  
City Councils and  
City Admins  
(Woodland Park,  
Cripple Creek,  
Victor)

23 Jan.

Colorado Springs  
City Council

28 Feb.

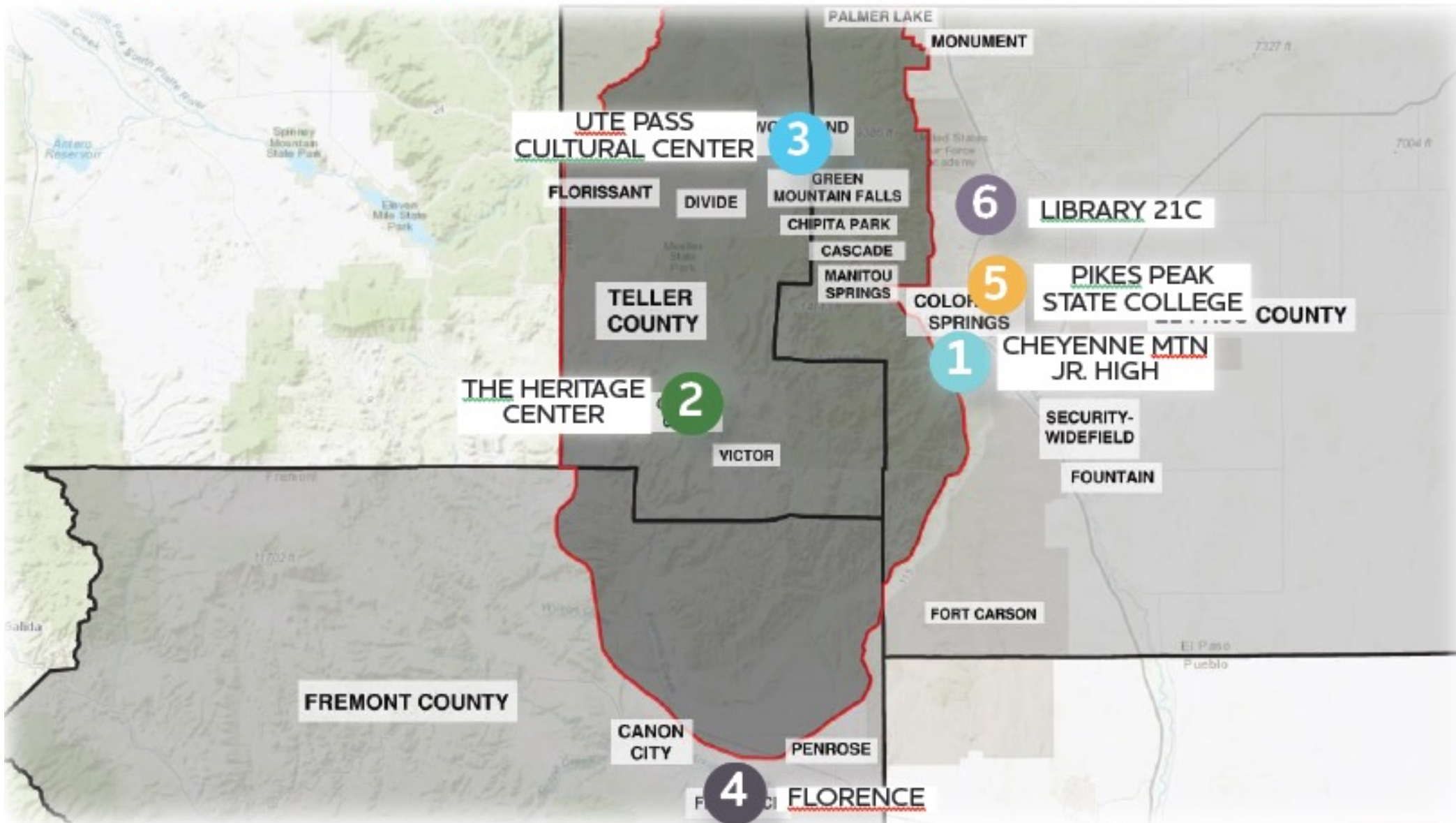
El Paso County  
Board of  
Commissioners

Please Note: A meeting was scheduled with the Teller County Commissioners for Jan. 17 but was canceled by them due to other administrative priorities.



## LISTENING SESSIONS

January 2023





11

Sessions Spanning  
3 Counties

307

Participants  
(In Person & Virtual)

1,468

Individual & Group  
Comments



Cheyenne Mountain Jr. High, Co. Springs



Pathfinder Park, Florence



Library 21C, Northern Colo. Springs



Cripple Creek Heritage Center



Ute Pass Cultural Center, Woodland Park



Pikes Peak State College, So. Colo. Springs



# Resident & Visitor Survey

## March 2023

Outreach  
30,000+

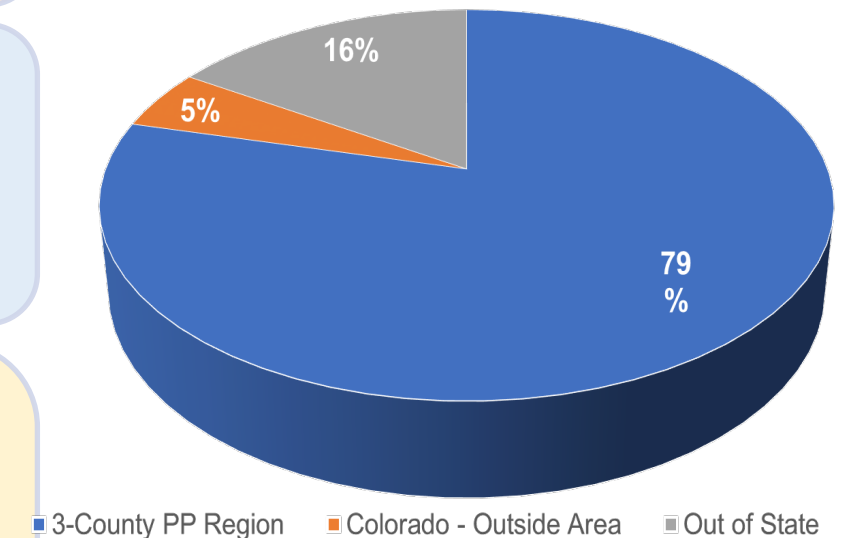
- Visitor Centers
- Chambers
- Stakeholder Groups
- Website, Newsletters, Social Media

667  
Completed  
Surveys

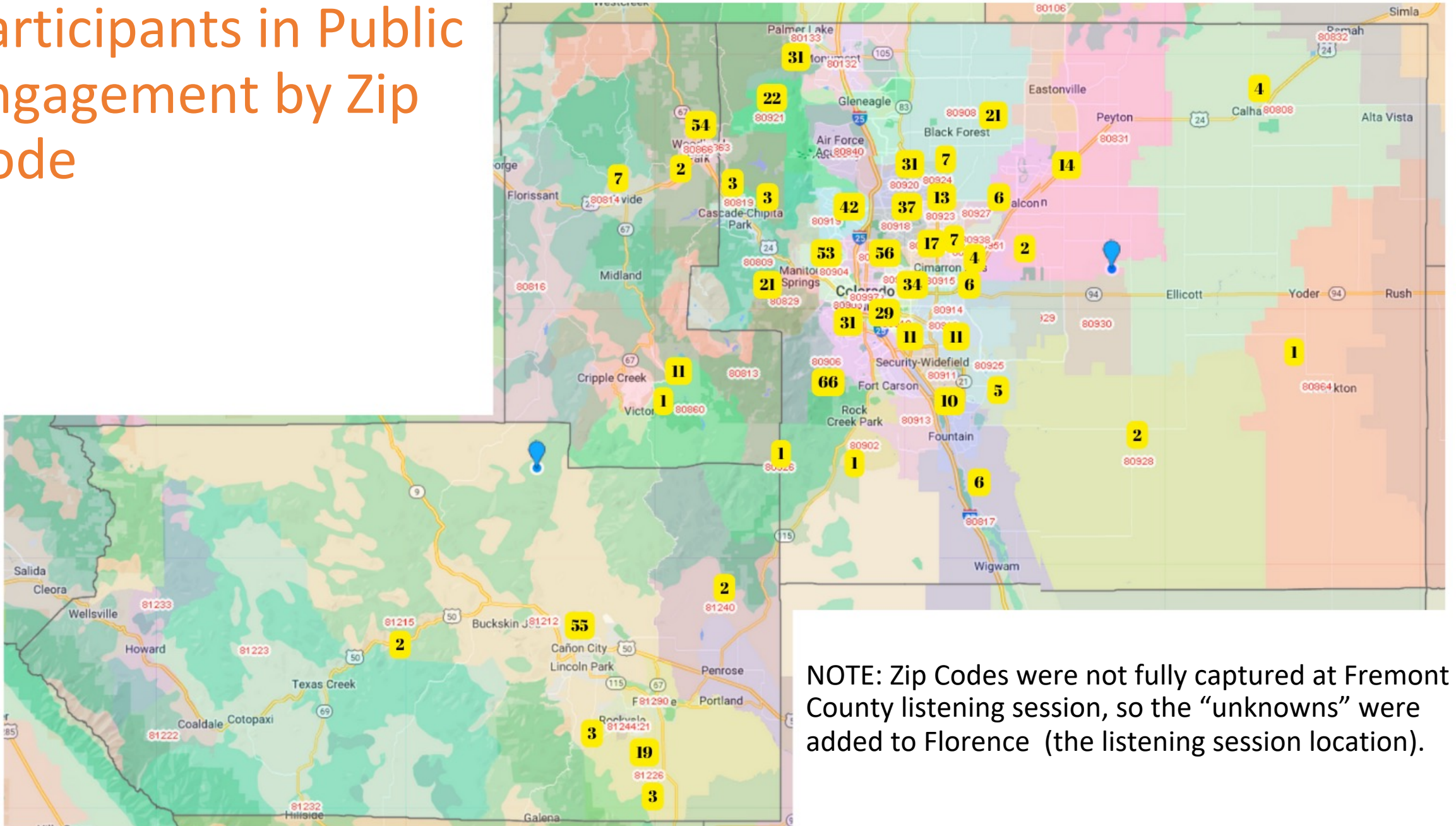
- 340 Additional Comments
- 92% are NEW participants who did not participate in listening sessions

Analysis of  
Feedback

- Top 2 priorities in each category consistent with listening sessions
- Enjoy all 4 seasons nearly equally
- How they enjoy outdoors:
  - 1) Traditional recreation
  - 2) Scenic Views
  - 3) Local Park Playing



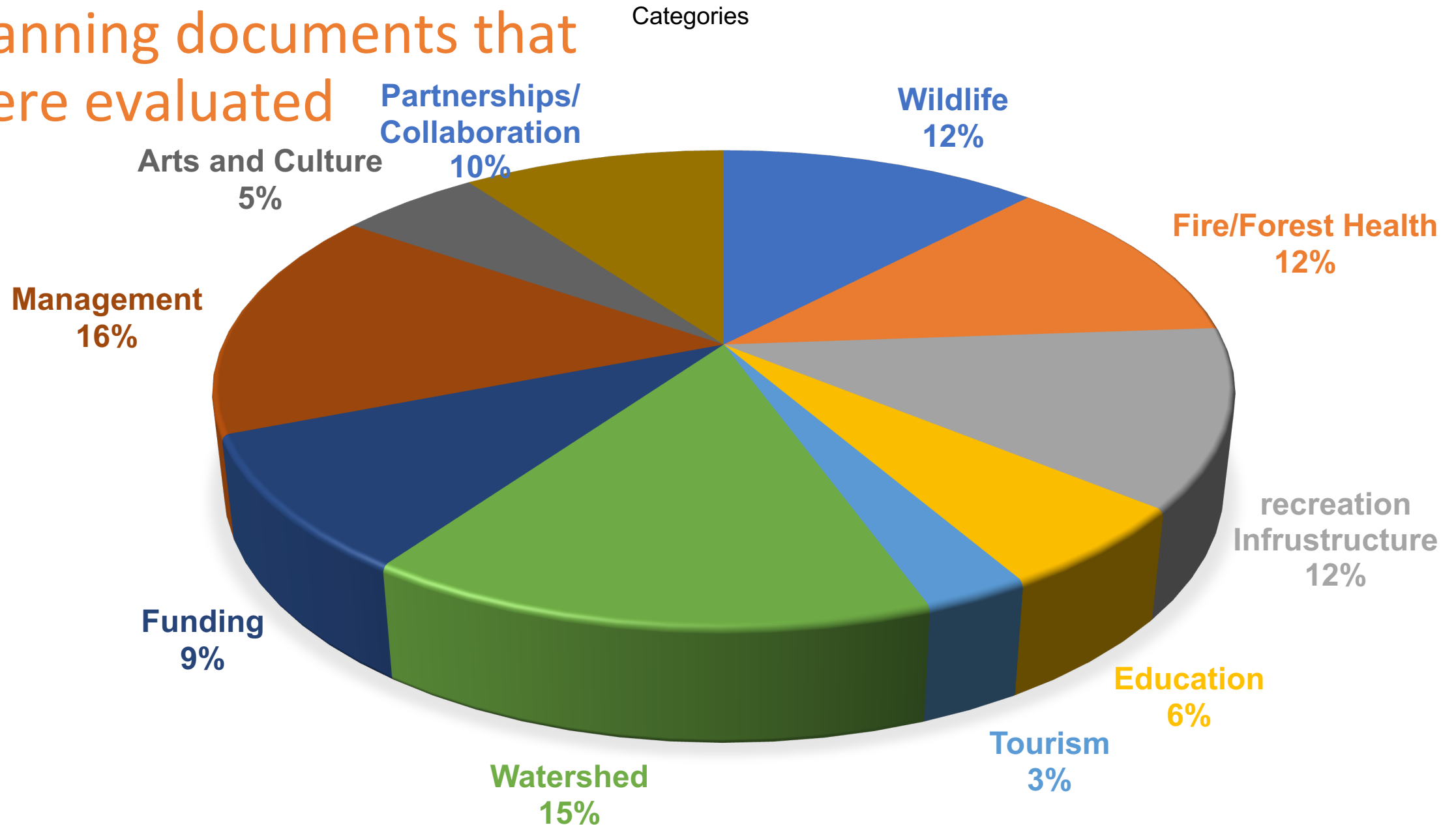
# Participants in Public Engagement by Zip Code



NOTE: Zip Codes were not fully captured at Fremont County listening session, so the “unknowns” were added to Florence (the listening session location).

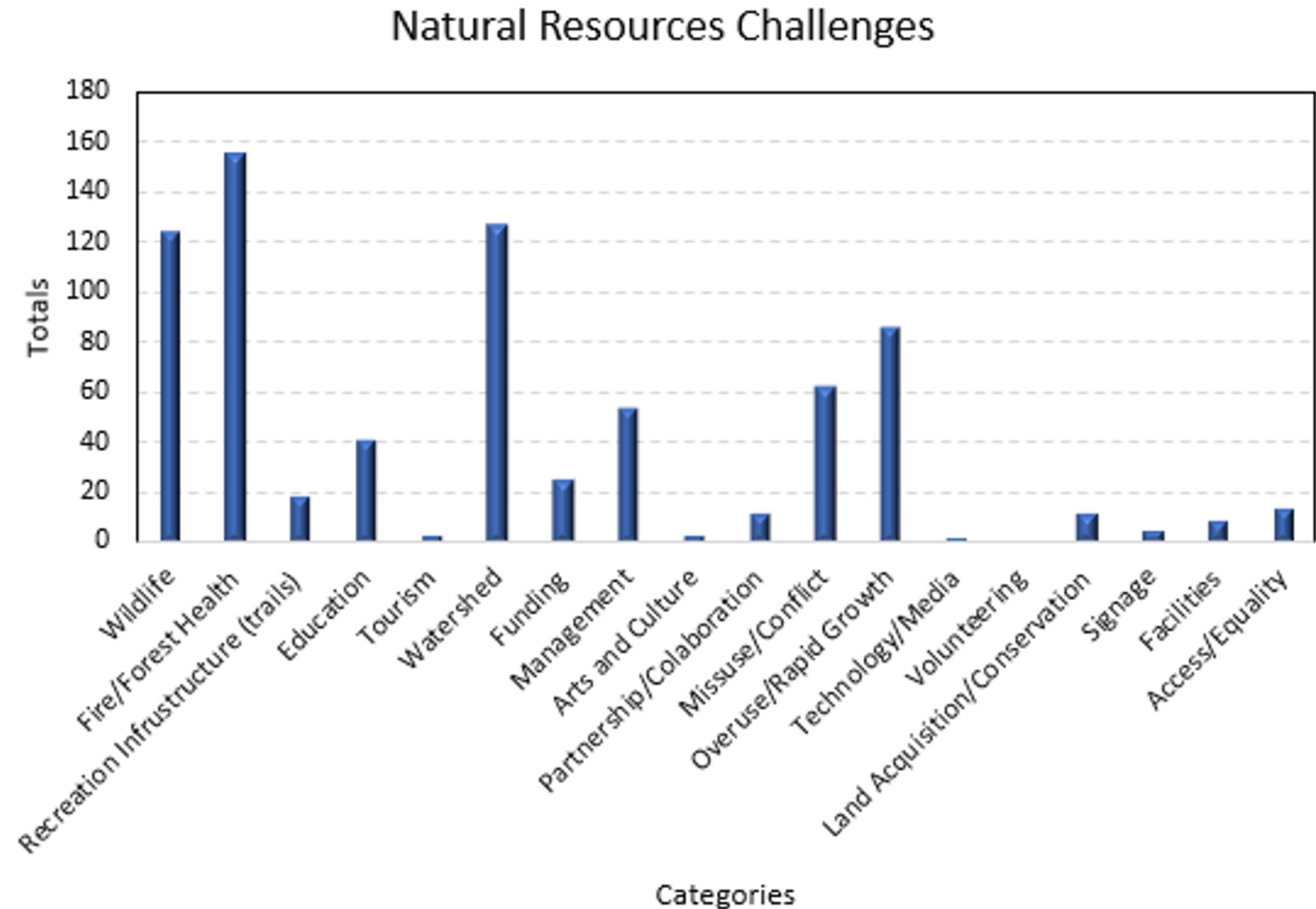


# Categories addressed by planning documents that were evaluated



# Summary Graphs of Listening Session Feedback Follows

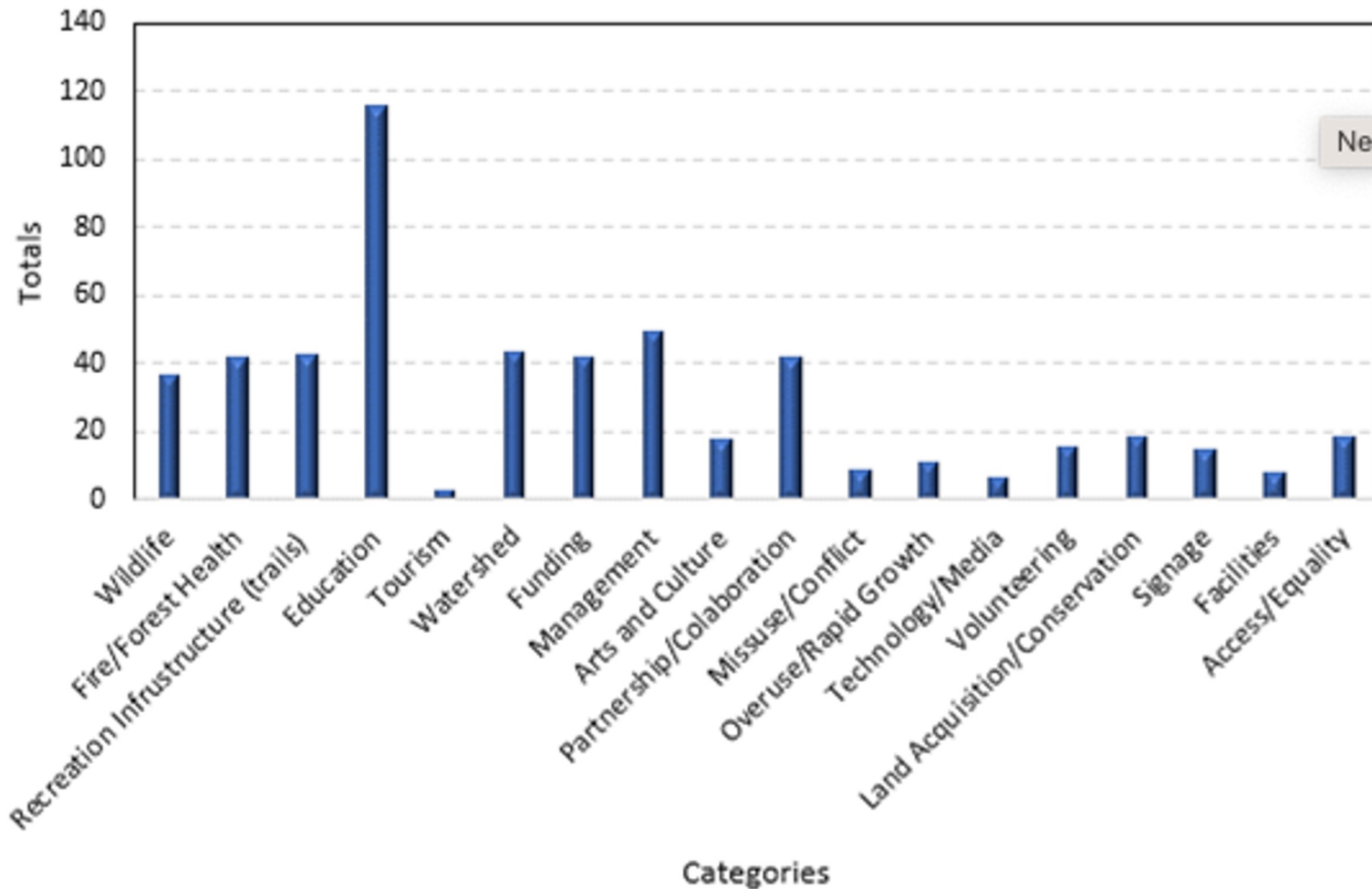
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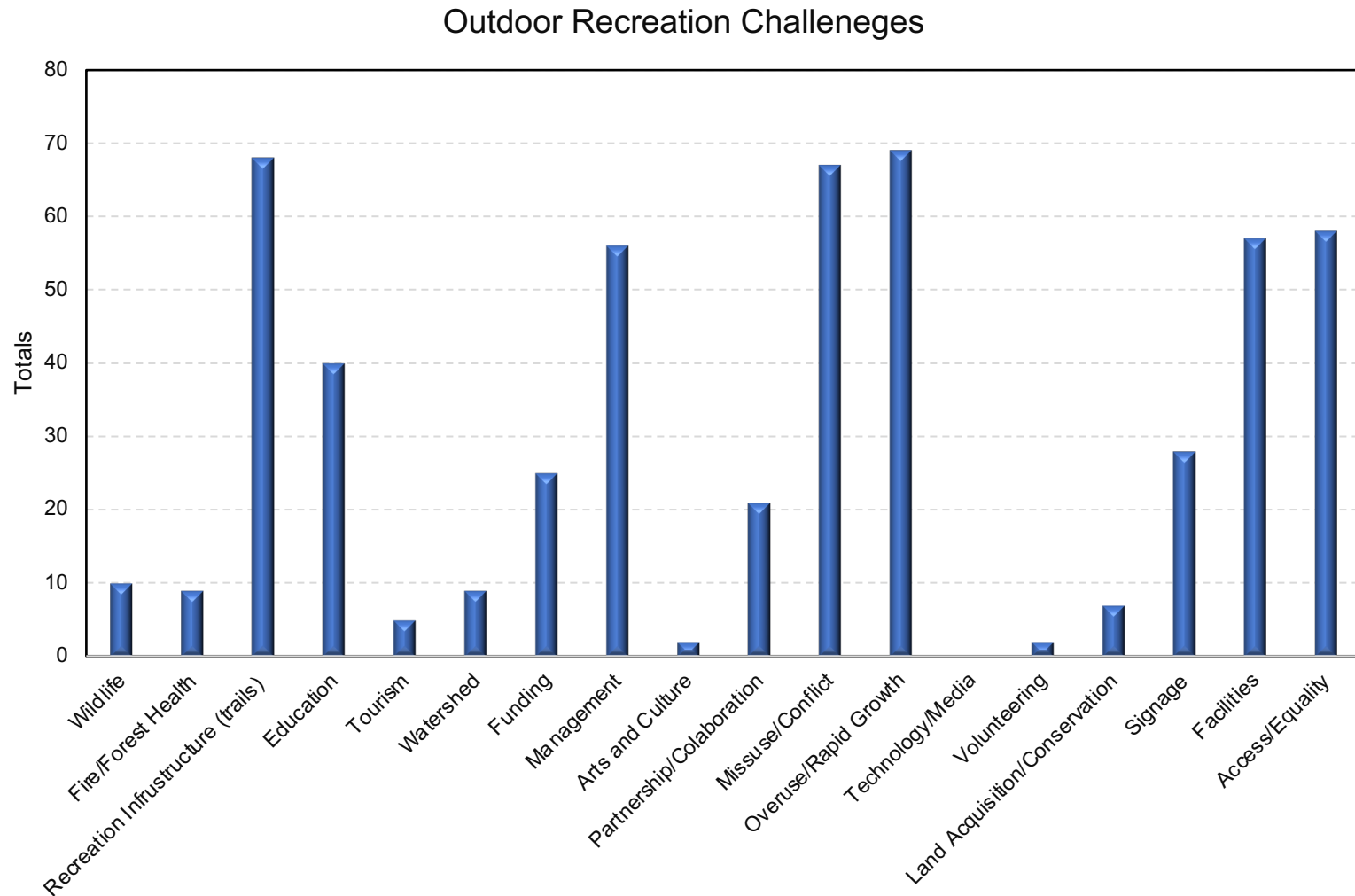


# Natural Resources Opportunities & Aspirations

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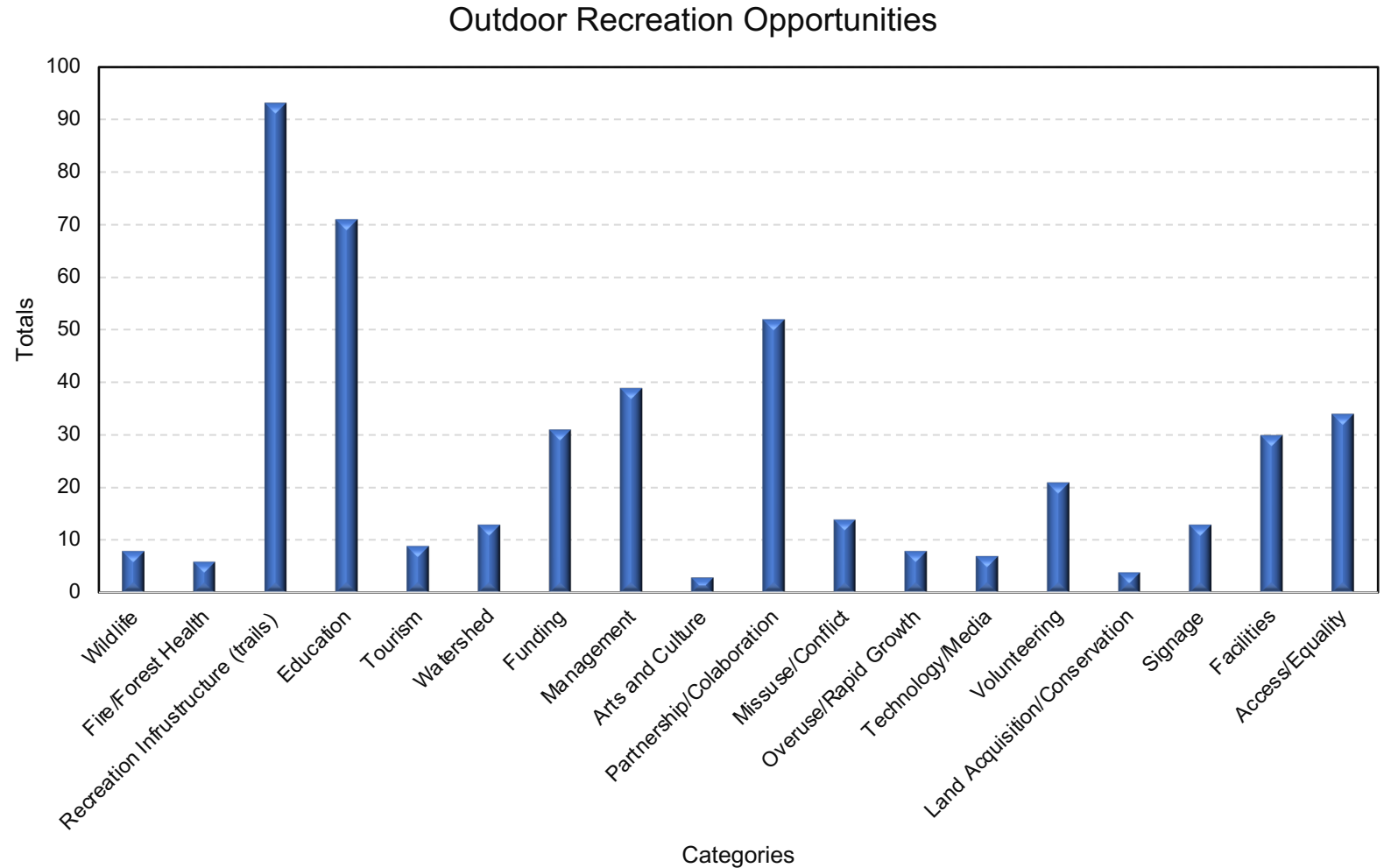


# Outdoor Recreation Challenges & Concerns

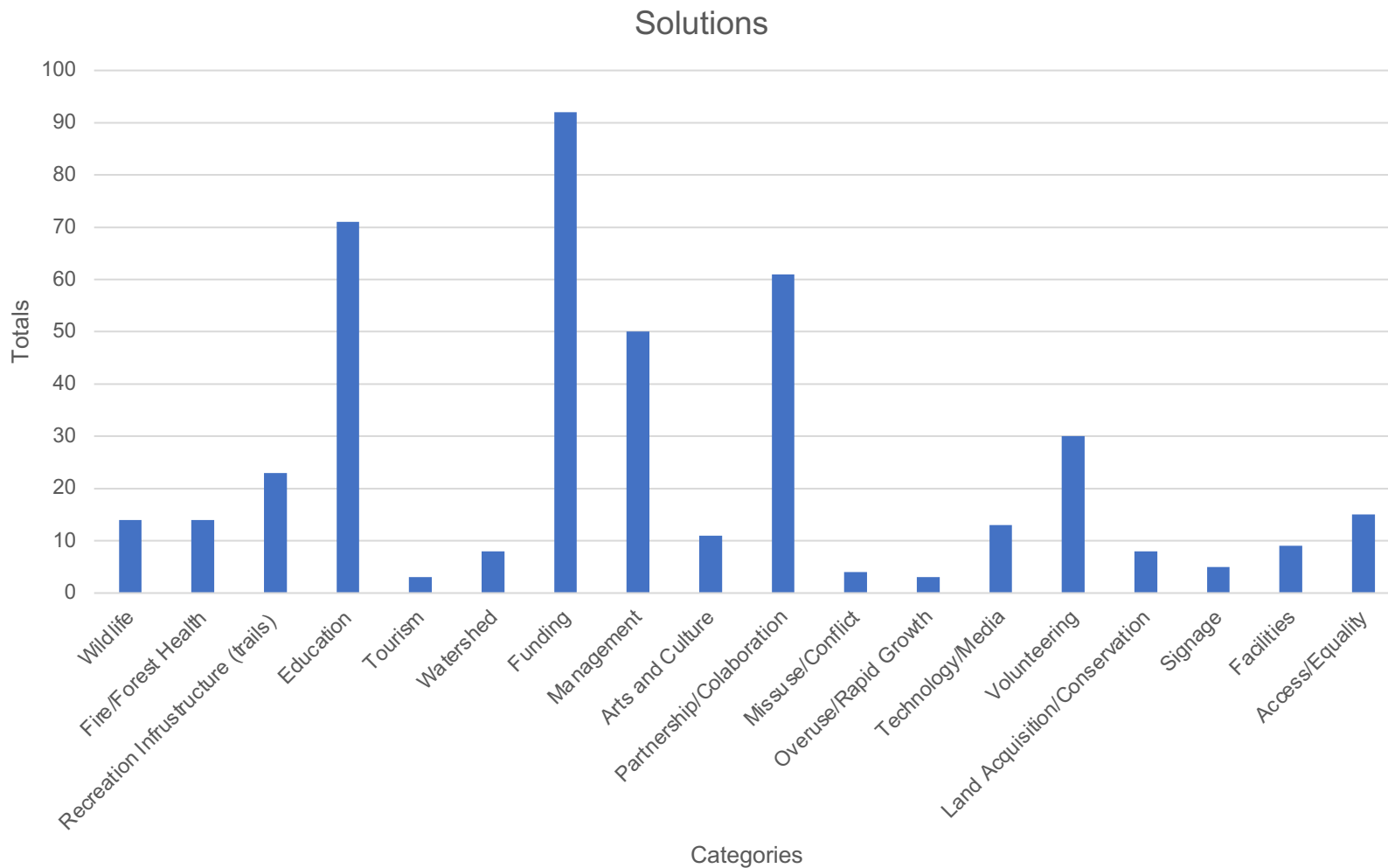




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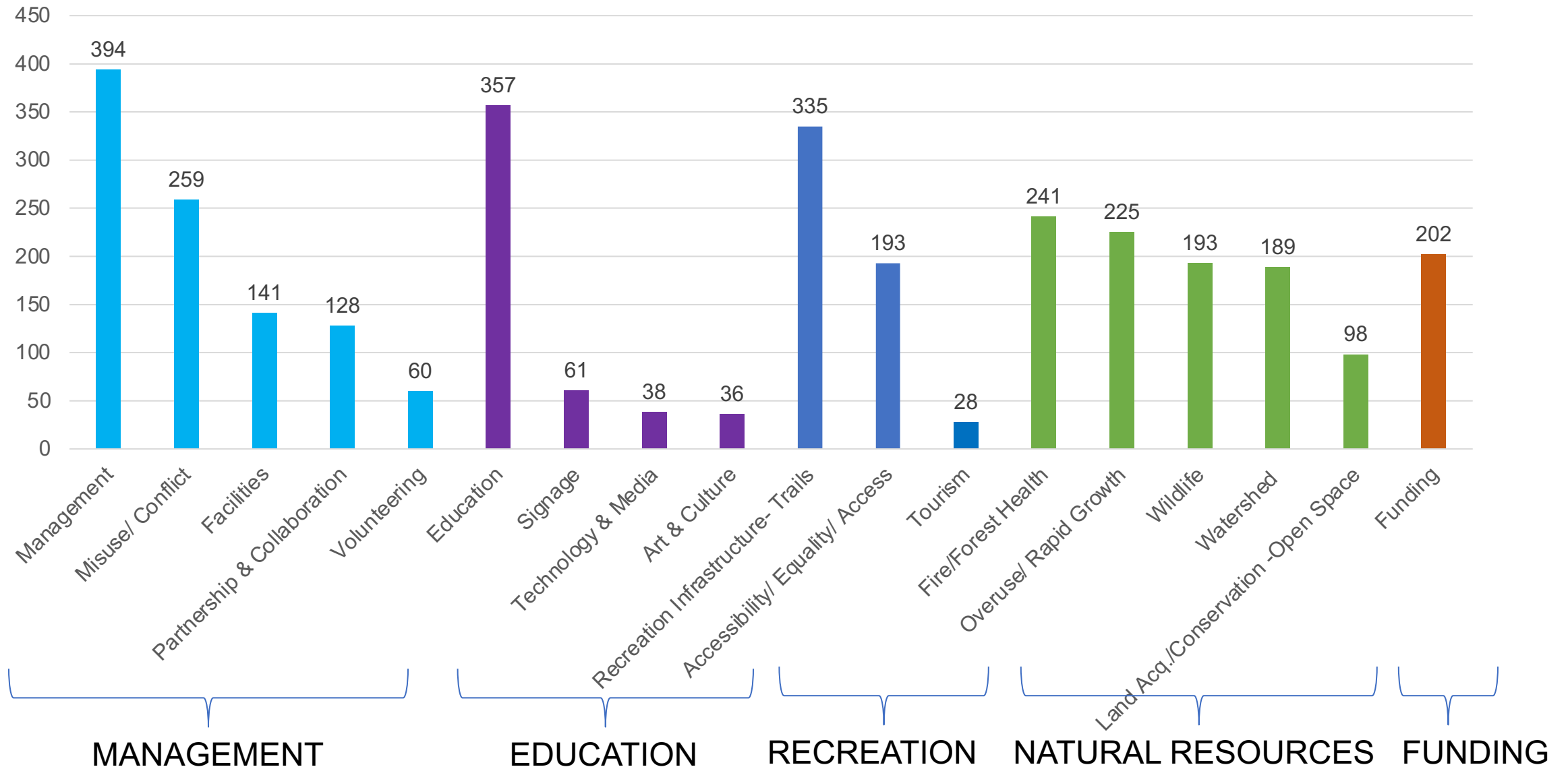


# Big Ideas & Solutions





# What we Heard – OVERALL TOTALS



# Key Themes and Sub-Topics

## Education

- Signage/ Maps
- Arts & Culture
- Technology/ Media
- Youth Programs
- Outdoor Ethics- LNT
- Stewardship Incentives
- Curriculum
- Safety
- Storytelling

## Management

- Maintenance
- Enforcement
- Misuse/ Conflicts
- Reservations/ Permits
- Planning
- Partnerships/ Cross-jurisdiction
- Volunteering

## Recreation

- Recreation Infrastructure
- Accessibility/ Equality
- Multi-Use
- Facilities
- Group Sports
- Connectivity
- Ring the Peak
- Tourism

## Natural Resources

- Wildlife
- Fire/Forest Health
- Watershed
- Land Acquisition/ Conservation
- Changing Climate/ drought
- Urban Development
- Overuse/ Rapid Growth

## Funding

- Pay to Play/ Fees
- Grants/ Donations
- Tax/ LART/ TOPS



# See Full Public Comment Breakdown

Follow this Link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KuDgquEX41gPBtCZTIno8LQ0ArDVSKpF/edit#gid=901494823>