

2005 EC4WDA Northeast 4WD Economic Impact Survey

Instructions & Statement of Purpose

We, as 4-wheelers, face many hurdles when negotiating with both private landholders and public land managers. In addition to our attempts at warding off the notion that 4-wheelers are not much more than a good imitation of Mad Max in the forest, we face much opposition with regard to the economic value we bring to communities. Many who are not familiar with our sport are unaware of the amount of money spent by 4-wheelers in local communities where trails are located, and because of this feel that we bring more work and not more value to their communities. The non-wheeling community is not aware that most of us have a tendency to empty our wallets at the mere sight of a new or interesting vehicle modification, which in turn, supports many businesses. This survey is aimed at gathering data related to the spending habits of those involved in organized 4-wheeling. The data collected from this survey will be sorted and compiled into a document that is both easy to read and that shows exactly how 4-wheelers benefit the economy of our local communities and those in which we travel. When the economic impact report is completed, it will be distributed to our members. This information can (and should) be used when dealing with land managers. Remember, in the political world, money talks! The report will be formatted in a professional manner that will be appropriate for distribution to non-members and/or non-four wheelers, and will be available to all participating clubs on the internet and via hard copy.

To help control costs, this survey is being initially distributed through the East Coaster. All members should receive a copy of the survey; copies will be sent to other area clubs in the states of CT, IN, MA, ME, NH, NY, NJ, OH, PA, DE, MI, MD, VT and RI. If you are a member of a non-EC4WDA club, please forward a copy of this survey to that club and request their participation.

Any and all information obtained by this survey will be used for no other purpose than to gather necessary information to be used in our final economic impact statement. No information, other than the final impact statement, will be made available, distributed or sold to any organization.

Instructions for filling out survey

It is very important to be as accurate as possible with your answers to the questions posed in this survey, but it is not necessary to provide every answer to the exact penny. For example, if you know you spent \$9.95 per month on motor oil, you don't need to write in \$119.40, an answer of \$120 spent annually is acceptable. While we don't want to inflate our spending habits, it also important not to omit many of the smaller items we purchase; a \$5.00 purchase may not seem like much, but it certainly adds up if 2,000 people each spend \$5.00. Some of the questions in the survey are "what if" questions; we realize that you will have to guess at what you might spend on certain items, please be as honest as you can when answering questions about what you WOULD spend.

Part of the survey asks about your household income; some members, understandably, expressed a reluctance to provide such personal information. Although we do ask questions with regard to your income, to maintain and protect our members' privacy, your name and address are not included on the survey itself. At the bottom of this page is a section requesting your name and address. Please fill this section out and mail it in. If you are concerned about privacy, please mail this section in a separate envelope. We do not need to know which survey belongs to you, but we do need to know who filled out a survey. Although it is unlikely, in the event that our results are questioned by any other agency, we will need to provide a list of those that responded to the survey for verification. The surveys are not numbered or coordinated in any way that would allow us or anyone else to "match" the survey to your name. Demographic information will be compiled using your zip code only, which is requested at the very beginning of the survey.

Please mail your complete survey to: EC4WDA Survey, c/o Bruce Conroy, PO Box 4142, Yalesville, CT. 06492

If you have any questions about how to fill out the survey, how the data will be handled once we receive it, or any other questions or concerns, please contact Bruce Conroy at 203-294-0574 or OrganizeorDie24@snet.net or Dave Brill at 203-269-1317 or E4WBrill@aol.com

Note: "trail rig" was used as the name for the vehicle you use to participate in off-road excursions. Your "trail rig" is any vehicle that you take off road, whether it be a daily driver or a dedicated trail vehicle.

Verification of Participation in the 2005 EC4WDA Northeast 4WD Economic Impact Survey

Name: _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Signature: _____

Date Survey Completed: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

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Date: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ Marital Status(circle one): Single, Married, Divorced, Separated, Significant Other

Annual HOUSEHOLD income: Under \$20,000 \$60,001 to \$80,000
 \$20,001 to \$40,000 \$80,001 to \$100,000
 \$40,001 to \$60,000 More than \$100,000

Members of Household (include yourself):

Gender (circle one)	Age	Occupation
Male/Female		
Male/Female		
Male/Female		
Male/Female		
Male/Female		
Male/Female		
Male/Female		

Please list any clubs, associations, or other organizations, whether related to 4-wheeling or not, of which you are a member:

Name of Organization	Member Since (year)	Annual Dues	Location (of organization)

Please check the types of activities you and your family members participate in or have an interest in:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Bicycling | <input type="radio"/> Hiking | <input type="radio"/> Personal Watercraft | <input type="radio"/> Snowmobile |
| <input type="radio"/> Boating | <input type="radio"/> Hunting | <input type="radio"/> Photography | <input type="radio"/> Tennis |
| <input type="radio"/> Camping | <input type="radio"/> Internet | <input type="radio"/> Rock Climbing | <input type="radio"/> Water Skiing |
| <input type="radio"/> Fishing | <input type="radio"/> Motor Sports | <input type="radio"/> Snow Boarding | |
| <input type="radio"/> Golf | <input type="radio"/> Personal Computers | <input type="radio"/> Snow Skiing | |

Other: _____

How likely would you be to plan a vacation where you could 4-wheel AND take part in the following activities?				If you checked likely or most likely, how much would you spend for the following items:	Hotel or Camp-ground	Food	Admission fees & any licensing fees
	Not Likely	Likely	Most Likely				
Bicycling							
Boating							
Camping							
Fishing							
Golfing							
Hunting							
Skiing/Snowboarding							
Water Sports							

- 1) How often do you go 4-wheeling?
 once every 2 months
 once a month
 2-3 times per month
 once a week
 2-3 times per week
- 2) What states do you go 4-wheeling in?

- 3) On average, how many miles, round trip, do you travel from your home to the event?
 1-5 miles
 5-10 miles
 10-30 miles
 30-60 miles
 more than 60 miles
 more than 100 miles
- 4) Of the sites that you frequently use, how many miles is it to the closest event? _____
 to the farthest event? _____
- 5) What is the furthest destination you've traveled to 4-wheel? _____
 how many miles, round trip, did you travel? _____
 how often would you travel this distance to 4-wheel? _____
- 6) How many different events do you use each season? _____

- 7) During which seasons do you 4-wheel?
 Spring
 Summer
 Fall
 Winter
- 8) How many times each year do you participate in:
 _____ 1 day runs
 _____ weekend long runs
 _____ week or longer runs
- 9) If you participate in events longer than 1 day, do you:
 camp
 stay in a hotel/motel
 stay with friends
- 10) If you camp or stay in a motel, how much have you spent this year for lodging during 4-wheeling trips:

- 11) If legal trails or OHV areas were available, which states would you travel to, and how often each year would you travel to these states?
 New Hampshire
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
 Vermont
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year

- 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Massachusetts
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Rhode Island
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Maine
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Connecticut
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- New York
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- New Jersey
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times

- Pennsylvania
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Maryland
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Delaware
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Ohio
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Indiana
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- Michigan
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times

- Kentucky
 Would travel here;
 1-2 times per year
 3-4 times per year
 5-6 times per year
 7-8 times per year
 more than 8 times
- 12) Would your preference be to develop:
 designated OHV areas
 a system of state or federally assisted trails
 scattered trails on public land
 scattered trails on private land
 scattered trails on both public & private land
- 13) If new trails or OHV areas were being developed, to which states would you travel to volunteer your service for trail construction:

- 14) To which states would you travel to volunteer your services for regular trail maintenance

15) To which states would you travel to volunteer your services for special trail maintenance (large clean ups, etc)

16) How many hours of your time per year would you volunteer for trail or OHV area construction:

within 100 miles of your home?_____

within 200 miles of your home?_____

more than 200 miles from your home?_____

17) How many hours of your time per year would you volunteer for regular trail maintenance if new trails or OHV areas were open for legal use:

within 100 miles of your home?_____

within 200 miles of your home?_____

more than 200 miles from your home?_____

18) How many hours of your time per year would you volunteer for special trail maintenance if new trails or OHV areas were open for legal use (large cleanups, etc):

within 100 miles of your home?_____

within 200 miles of your home?_____

more than 200 miles from your home?_____

19) How many hours of your time per year do you currently volunteer for trail maintenance projects whether near your home or not_____

20) How many hours of your time per year do you currently participate in community based projects hosted by 4-wheeling clubs or associations?_____

21) In the past year, how much, in either cash or product, have you donated to community based projects hosted by 4-wheeling clubs or associations?(include items such as toys-for-tots, bake sales, canned food drive, fuel for transportation of doctors and nurses during inclement weather, etc)

22) What do you feel is most important to 4-wheeling (choose all that apply)

- Finding new trails
- Protecting existing trails
- Having many different trails
- Establishing OHV areas
- Membership in a club or association
- Raising money for legal assistance to

fight land use issues

- Convergence of all 4WD clubs and associations

23) How much would you be willing to donate, either through direct contribution or increased club/association dues to support the issues you feel are important to 4-wheeling:

- None
- \$5-10
- \$10-20
- \$30-40
- \$40-50
- \$50-60
- \$60-100
- \$100 or more

24) When you participate in a 1 day 4-wheeling trip, do you usually:

- pack a lunch from home
- purchase lunch at a restaurant or convenience store near your home
- purchase lunch at a restaurant or convenience store near the event
- purchase lunch items at a grocery store nearer to the event

25) When you participate in a weekend long 4-wheeling trip, do you usually:

- pack food for all your meals from home
- purchase food at a

grocery store near the trail

- purchase your meals at a restaurant or convenience store near the event

26) Whether you bring your meals from home or purchase them elsewhere, how much do you usually spend for meals during:

a 1 day trip:
breakfast_____

lunch_____

dinner_____

a weekend trip:
breakfast_____

lunch_____

dinner_____

a week long trip:
breakfast_____

lunch_____

dinner_____

27) How much do you spend on fuel, round trip, for your trail rig for each day that you 4-wheel?_____

28) if you tow your trail rig, how much do you spend in fuel, round trip, for the tow rig for each day that you 4-wheel?_____

29) On a one day 4-wheeling trip, do you gas up at:
 a station near your home
 a station near the trail

30) Your main trail vehicle:
Year:_____

Make:_____

Model:_____

31) How much did you originally pay for your trail vehicle?_____

32) What is the cost of registering your trail rig in your state:_____

33) How much do you pay for insurance each year on your trail rig:_____

34) How much, if any, do you pay to your state or town for excise or property taxes on your trail vehicle:_____

35) What is the cost of obtaining an inspection sticker for your trail rig?

36) In what state did you purchase your trail vehicle?_____

37) Was your trail vehicle purchased from a:

- private sale
- new car dealer
- used car dealer

38) To get to the event, do you:

- Trailer your trail rig
- Drive your trail rig

39) If you trailer your trail rig, in what state did you buy your trailer? _____

40) Your trailer:
Year: _____
Make: _____
Model: _____

41) What amount did you originally pay for your trailer? _____

42) What is the cost of registering your trailer in your state: _____

43) How much do you pay for insurance each year for your trailer: _____

44) How much, if any, do you pay to your state or town for excise or property taxes on your trailer? _____

45) What is the cost, if any, of obtaining an inspection sticker for your trailer?

46) If you trailer your trail rig, what vehicle do you use to tow the trailer:
Year: _____

Make: _____
Model: _____

47) What was the original purchase price of your tow vehicle? _____

48) What is the cost of registering your tow vehicle in your state: _____

49) How much do you pay for insurance each year for your tow vehicle: _____

50) How much, if any, do you pay to your state or town for excise or property taxes on your tow vehicle? _____

51) What is the cost of obtaining an inspection sticker for your tow vehicle?

52) Did you purchase your trailer through:
 A private sale
 A dealer

53) For mechanical repairs or modifications, do you:
 Do your own work

Hire a mechanic/shop
 Enlist the help of friends

54) If you hire a shop or mechanic to work on your vehicle(s) how much do you spend on repairs and modifications each year for:
Your trail rig: _____
Your trailer: _____
Your tow vehicle: _____

55) If you do your own mechanical work, how much do you spend each year for:

Oil: _____
Brake Fluid: _____
Gear Lube: _____
Antifreeze: _____
Bearing Grease: _____
Oil Filters: _____
Air Filters: _____
Power Steering Fluids: _____
Tranny Fluid: _____
Rust Penetrants _____
Cleaning Fluids _____

56) If you do your own mechanical work, do purchase parts :
 at a store near your home

by mail
 through private sale

57) If you do your own mechanical work, how much do you spend on tools each year that you would not spend if you did not participate in 4wheeling:

58) How much do you spend each year for necessary repair or replacement parts? _____

59) Have you purchased or built any structure(s) (garage, storage unit, etc) for the sole purpose of storing or performing maintenance and/or repairs to vehicles you use while 4-wheeling that would not have purchased or built if you did not participate in 4-wheeling.
 yes
 no

60) If you have built or purchased such a structure, did you:
 Build it yourself

Hire a private contractor

What type of structure did you build/purchase:

What was the cost of building/purchasing the structure: _____

When did you build or purchase the structure? _____

Did the construction or purchase of this structure result in any increased property taxes?
 yes no

If your property taxes increased as a result of this purchase/construction, by how much did your taxes increase? _____

If your home owners insurance increased as a result of this structure, by how much did it increase?

Please indicate which items below you've purchased to enhance your 4-wheeling experience, and that you would not have purchased if you didn't participate in 4-wheeling. If you need more room, please list items on a separate piece of paper.

Item	Purchase Price	Year Purchased	<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Winch			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Tires			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Spare Tire Rack			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Nerf Bars			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Bumper Guards			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____
Roll Bars/Cages			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other _____

Recovery Strap			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Fire Extinguisher			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
First Aid Kit			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Gauges			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Skid Plates			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Axles (inner & outer)			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Shocks			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Lockers			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Ring/Pinion			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Brakes			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Sway Bar Disconnects			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Center Console			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Seats/seat covers			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Shifter			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Transfer Case			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Transmission			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
New/rebuilt motor			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Exhaust System			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Fuel Supply (EFI,Carb,etc)			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Off Road Lights			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Tow Hooks			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Tow Bars			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Vehicle Tool/Storage box			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Replacement hard/soft top			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Bikini top/tonneau			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Shackles & Hangers			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Lift Kits			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Bed Liners			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Tie down straps/netting			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Compressed Air Storage			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Tools			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Coolers			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Clothing (rain suits, boots,etc)			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Cameras			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Camera film & developing			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Camcorder			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Camcorder tapes/batteries			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Video Tapes			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Camping Equipment			<input type="radio"/> local store	<input type="radio"/> mail order	<input type="radio"/> private sale	<input type="radio"/> other	_____	
Other:_____								
Other:_____								

Please indicate which items below you have purchased on behalf of your club or association. To avoid duplication, please check only the items that YOU have purchased. For example, if you are the person designated to have club T-Shirts printed, check that box, if someone else in your club or association coordinates the project, leave the box blank.

✓	Item	Cost per year	
	Club/Association Letterhead/Envelopes/Membership Cards/Member Directories		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Telephone		
	Photocopies		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Postage		
	Conference rooms for club/association meetings		
	Refreshments for club/association meetings or events		
	Donations to charity		
	Computer Equipment		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Rental Equipment (include tent rental, electricity, portable toilets etc for promotional events)		
	Purchased equipment for Promotional Events (tables, chairs, tents, awnings, TVs, VCRs, etc)		
	Material Donations for Trail construction or maintenance		
	Misc Office Supplies (pens,pencils, clipboard, etc)		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Club Logo T-Shirts/Hats/Jackets		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Club/Association vehicle stickers		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Award/Prizes		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Construction material for special equipment (ramps, etc)		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Club/Association Web Site		
	Club/Association internet dial up service		
	Other:_____		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Other:_____		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
	Other:_____		<input type="radio"/> local store <input type="radio"/> mail order <input type="radio"/> other_____
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Great News - It's over !!

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. We know it's been long and tedious - your participation is greatly appreciated. Please mail this survey to: EC4WDA Survey, c/o Bruce Conroy, P.O. Box 4142, Wallingford, CT 06492. THANKS!!