

The Jemez Elk Herd



Results of Survey – GMU 6

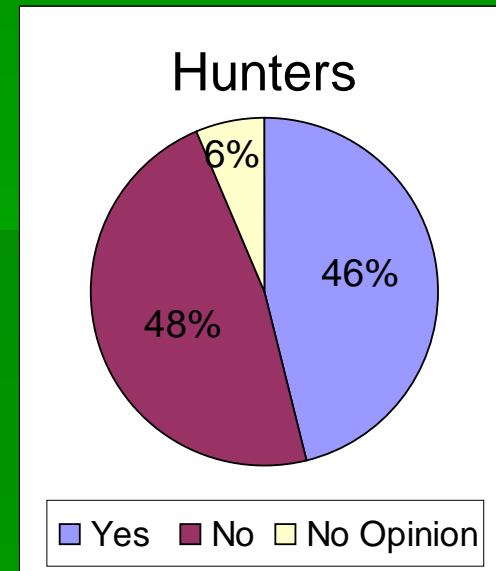
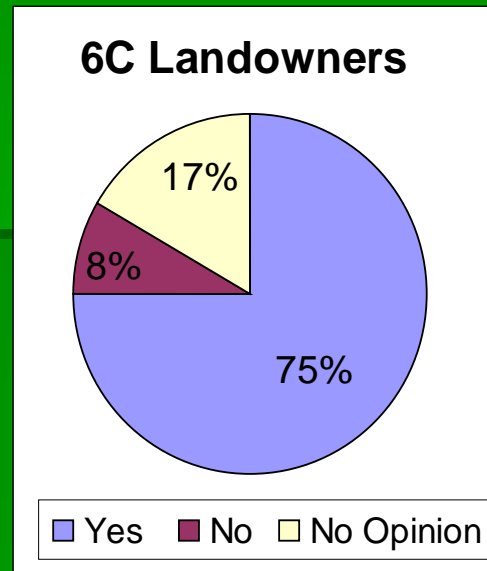
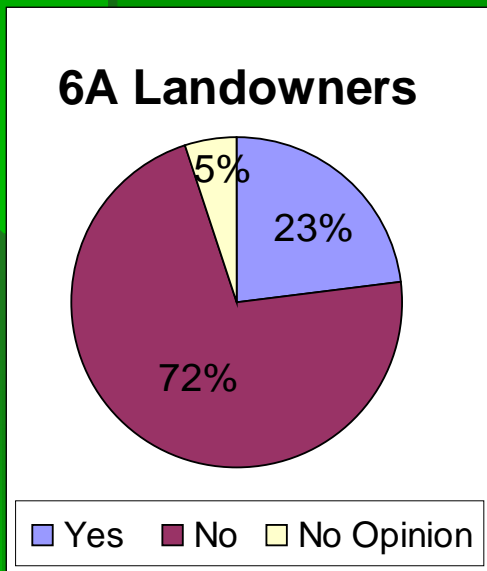
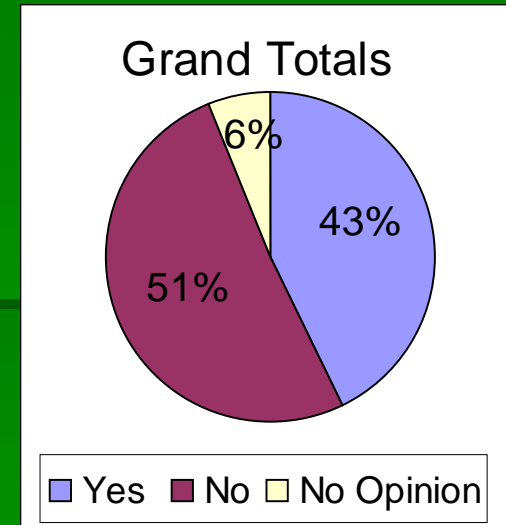
Surveys were mailed to 2,404 people possibly affected by a boundary change or by combining 6A and 6C.

Participants:

1,407	6C Hunters
665	6A Hunters
181	6A Landowners
85	6C Landowners
22	Public Input Requests
13	Businesses Responded
16	Outfitters
9	Tribes
5	US Forest Service Ranger Stations
1	Valles Caldera National Preserve

2,404 total

1. Should the Department combine GMU 6A and 6C into one GMU?

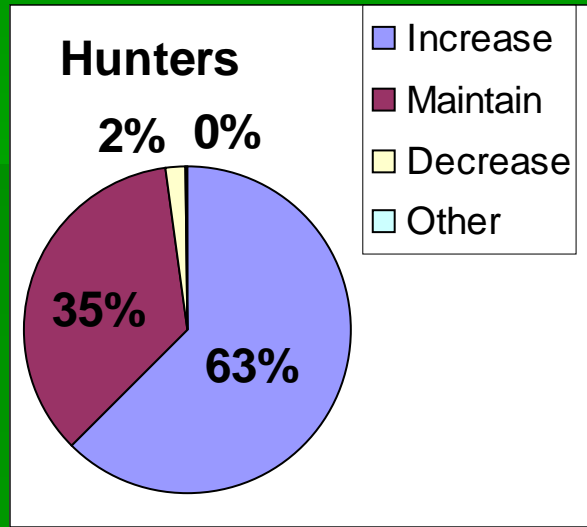
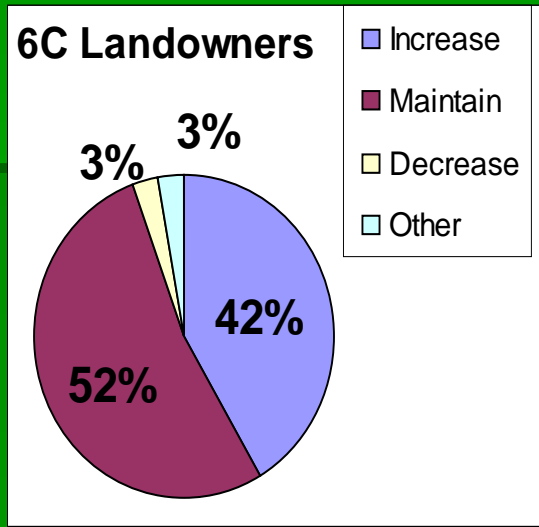
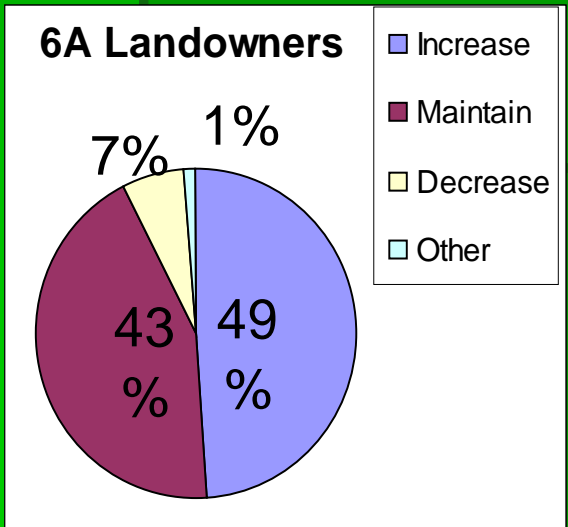
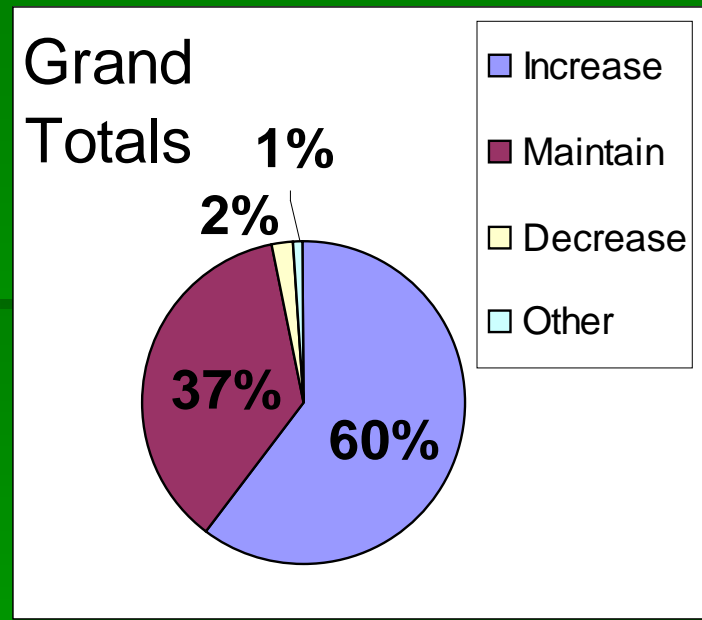


2. If GMU 6A and 6C were combined into one GMU, which management structure below should be applied?

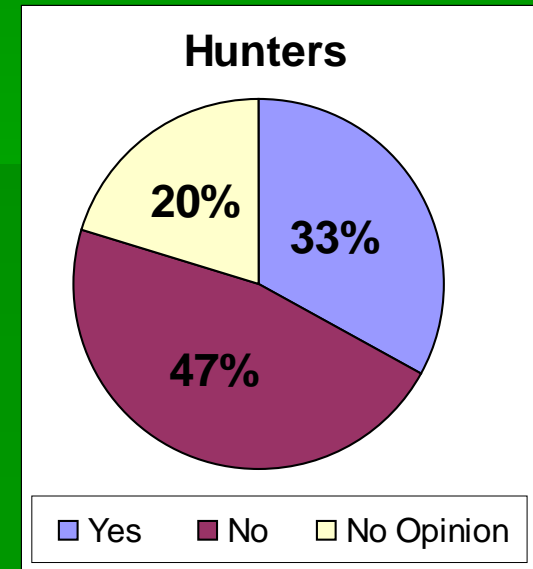
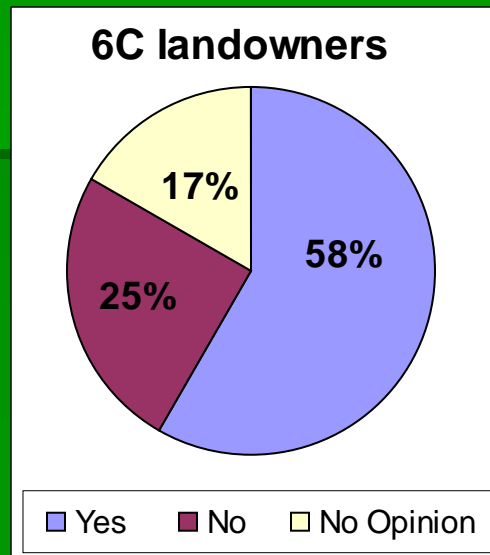
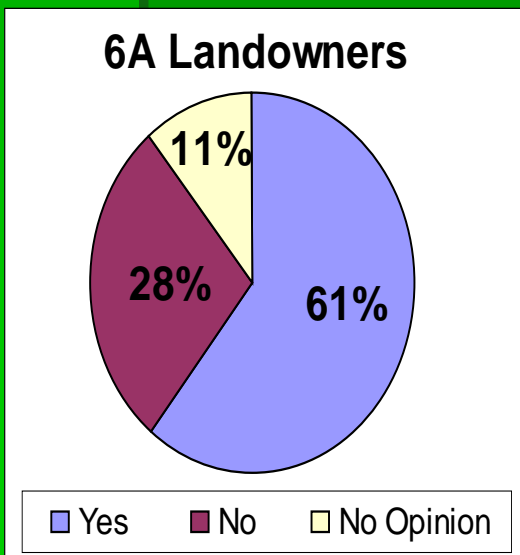
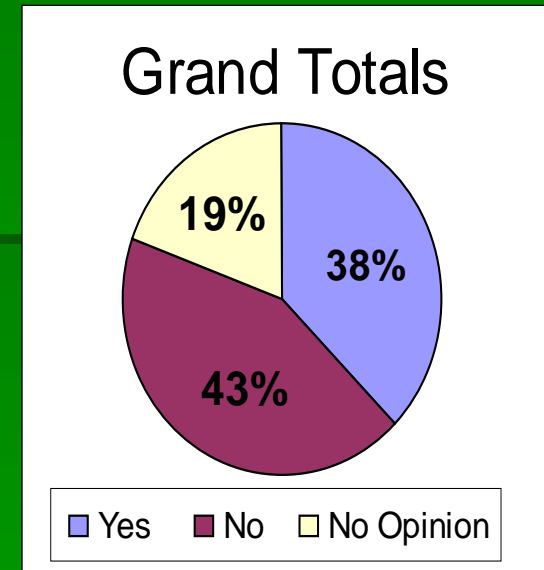
Manage elk harvest to:

- increase,
- maintain,
- or - decrease

elk numbers and bull quality.

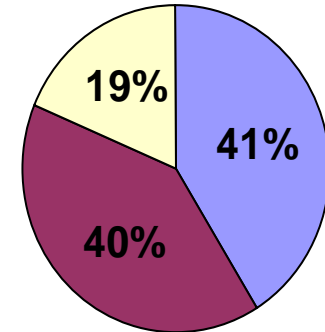


3. Adjust E-PLUS formula to allocate landowner authorizations based on forage use by elk?



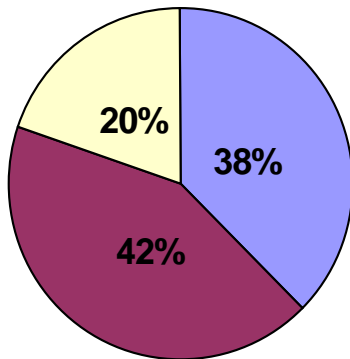
4. Adjust E-PLUS process to allocate landowner authorizations based on property damage by elk?

Grand Totals



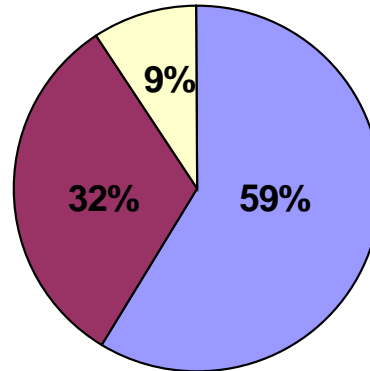
Yes No No Opinion

Hunters



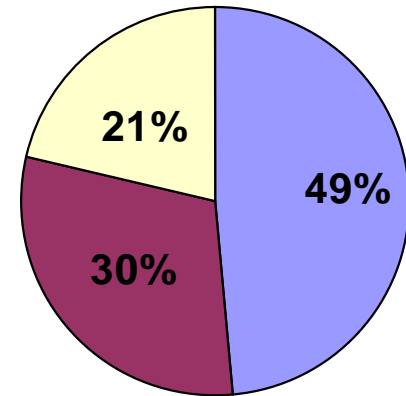
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6A Landowners



Yes No No Opinion

6C landowners



Yes No No Opinion

Summary of Town Meetings in Gallina, Jemez Springs, Cuba, and Espanola

Meetings were held July 14-17, 2009

Department presented history, issues, survey results, and options.

Comments included:

- ✓ Small contributing ranch allocation needs to be reviewed
 - ✓ Look at all options, including possible revision of formula and weapon types
 - ✓ Reconsider forage use and property damage in allocation
 - ✓ Ranchers desire consistency year to year
- ✓ Quality and number of elk in 6C needs to improve/increase
 - ✓ Without impacting authorizations for small landowners
 - ✓ Consider using primitive weapons to reduce kill with current licenses

Concerns of Hunters and Landowners

- Difference in elk herds between two units
 - Suppressed elk population in 6C
 - Quality elk population in 6A
- Decreased monetary value of private land authorizations in 6C
- Lack of recognition of Small Contributing Ranches (SCR) to elk management in 6C
- Lack of consistent allocation from year to year to SCRs

Management Options

1. No change to boundary – Emphasize increased quality and quantity of elk in 6C.

- GMU 6A: no change to private and public allocation
- GMU 6C: Department will evaluate and present plan to public Winter 2009

2. Combine 6A and 6C – Maintain quality in old 6A.

- Private and public allocation would decrease
- Boundaries would combine allowing hunters a larger area to hunt

3. Change 6A and 6C boundaries.