

Prescribed Fire Use Survey

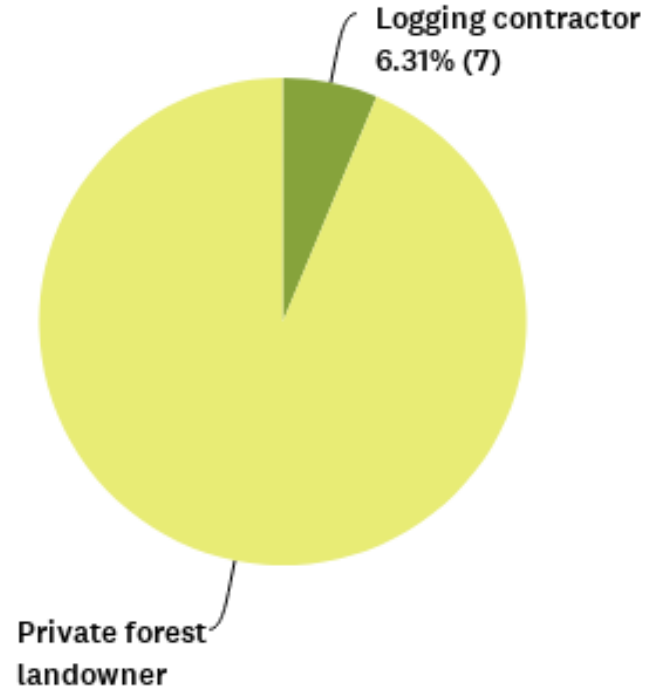
Wednesday, September 23, 2020

111 Total Responses

104 Private Forest Owners & 7 Logging Contractors

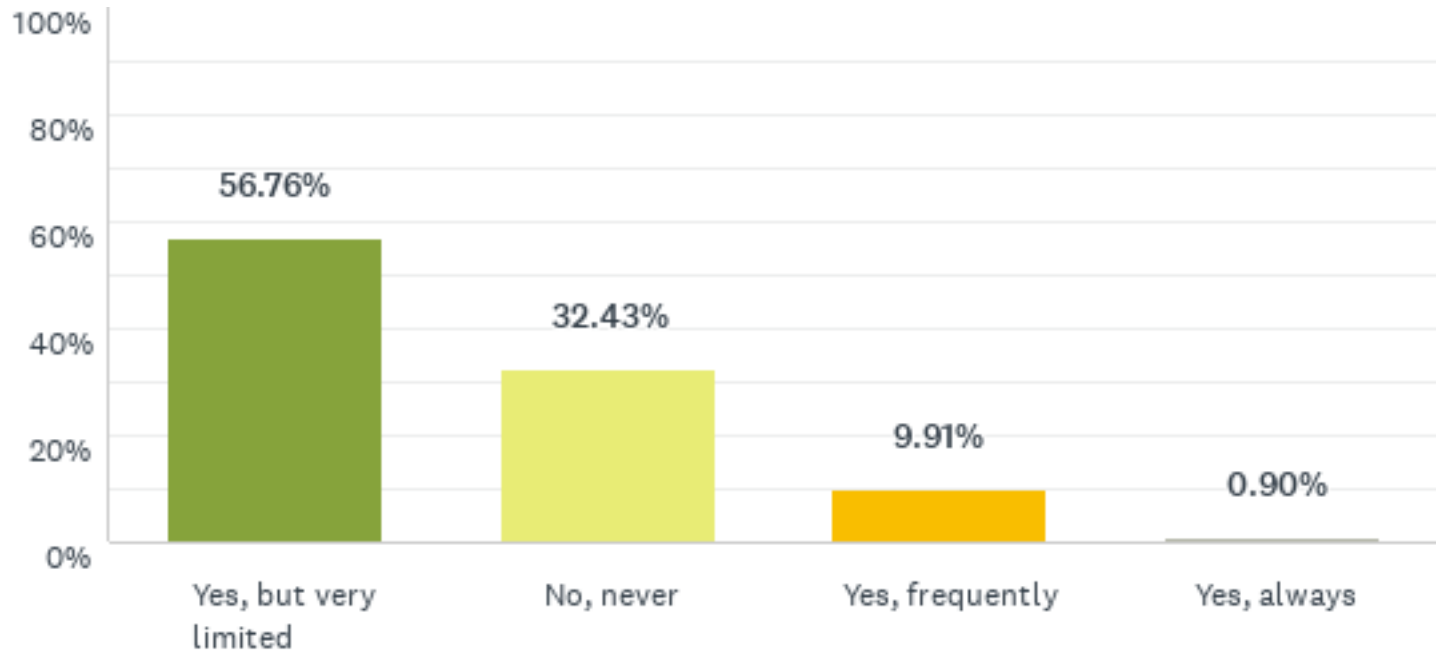
Q1: For purposes of this survey, which group do you represent?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 0



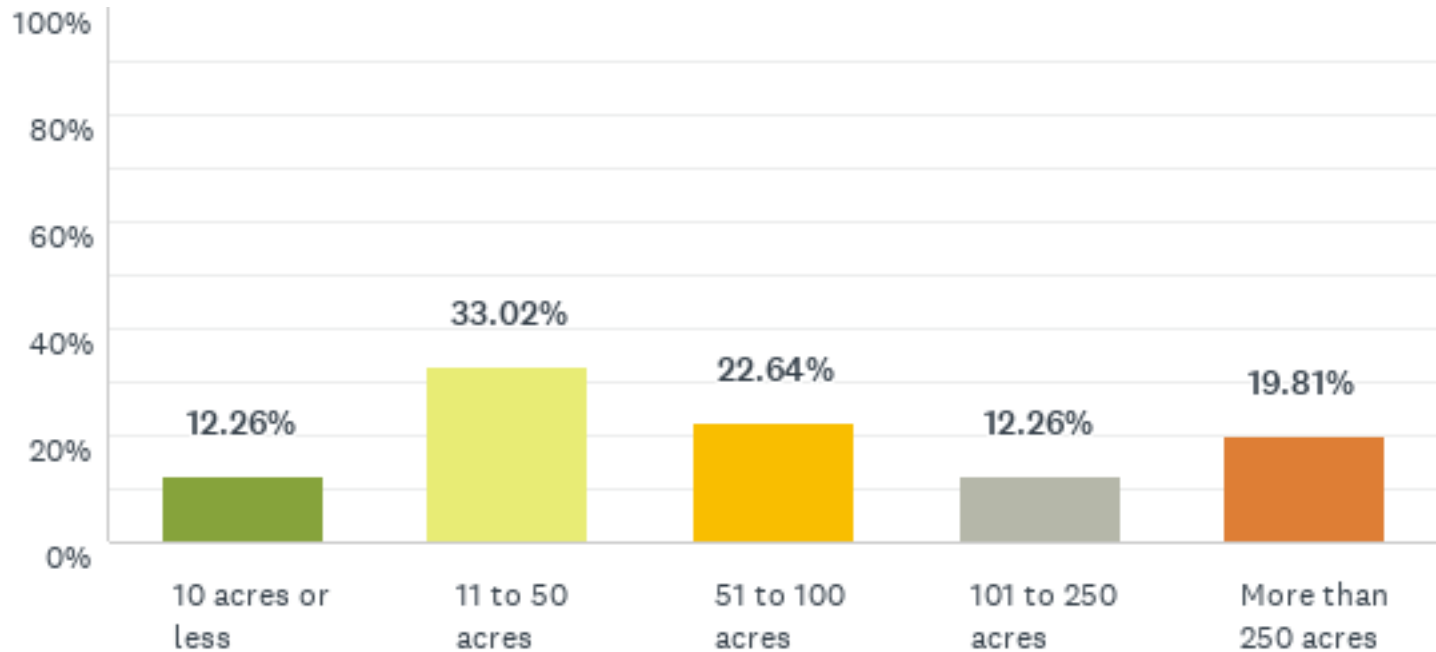
Q2: Do you burn during the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) closed burn season (i.e., May 10 – October 20)?

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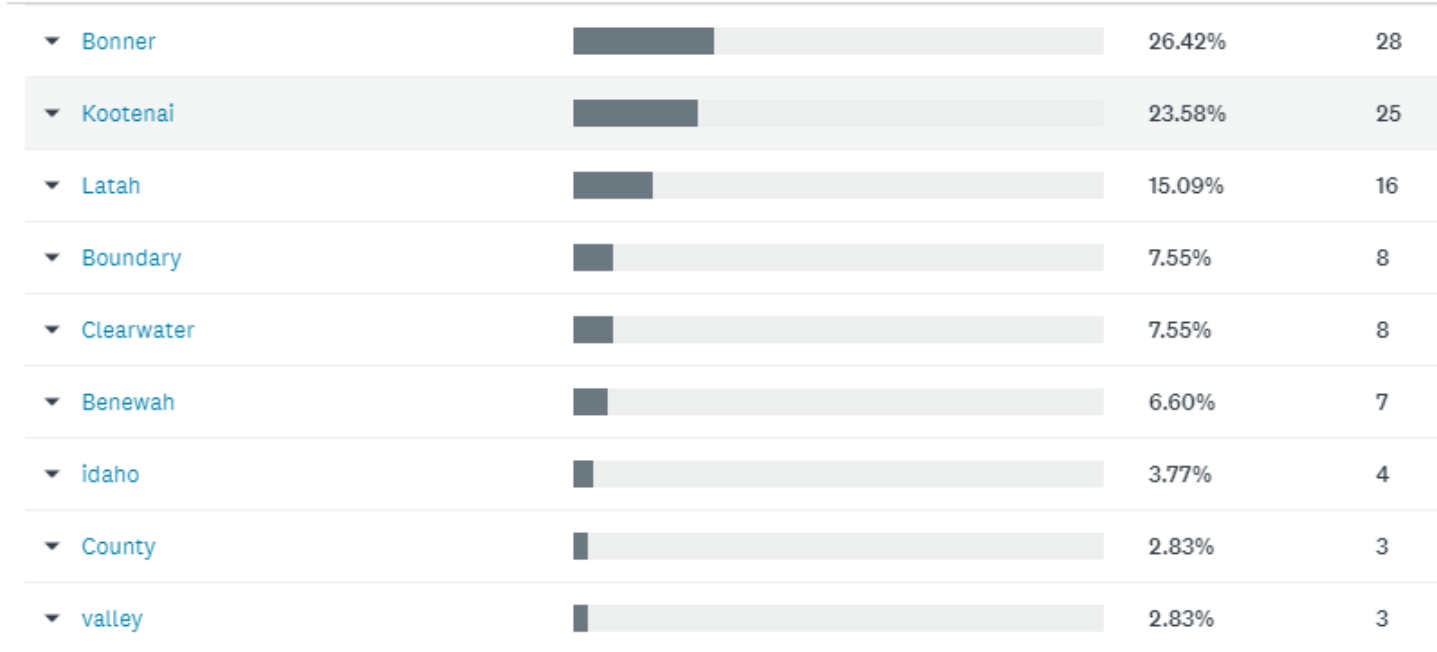
Q3: If you are a private forest landowner, what is your total ownership acreage in Idaho?

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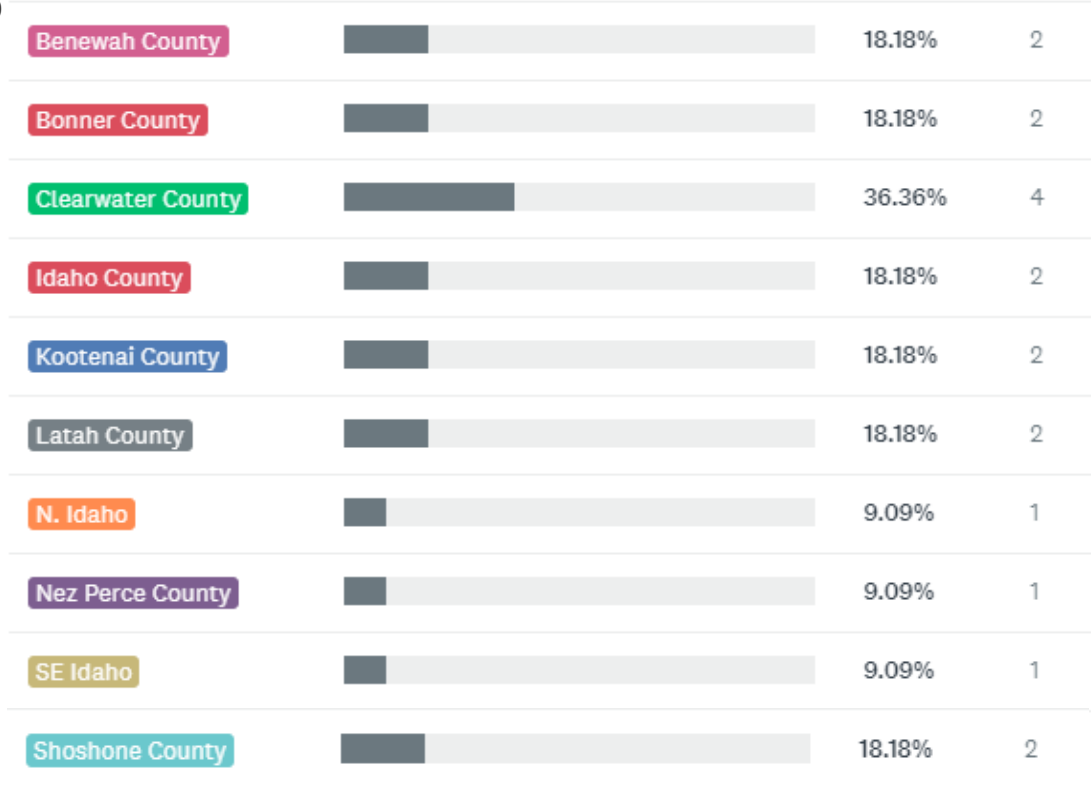
Q4: If you are a private forest landowner, what is your county of ownership? If you own land in more than one county in Idaho, list only one. If you are not a private forest landowner, skip this question.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 5



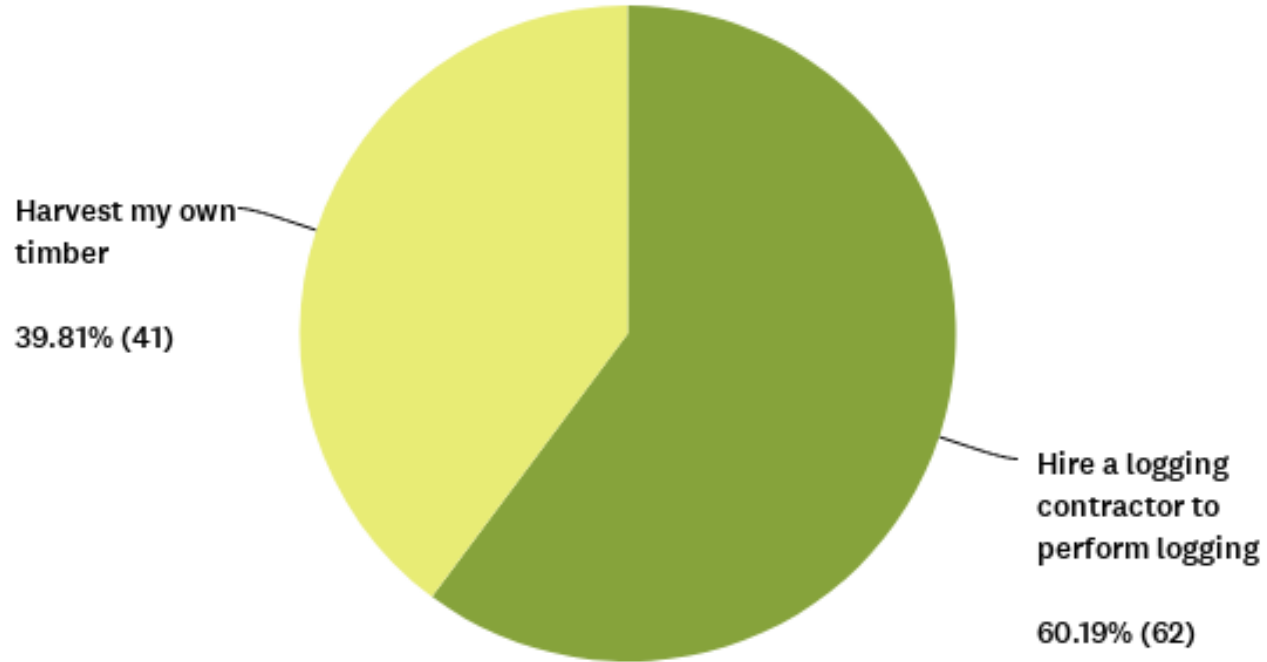
Q5: If you are a logging contractor, what is your operating area? If you are not a logging contractor, skip this question. *some replied with multiple operating areas

Answered: 11 Skipped: 100



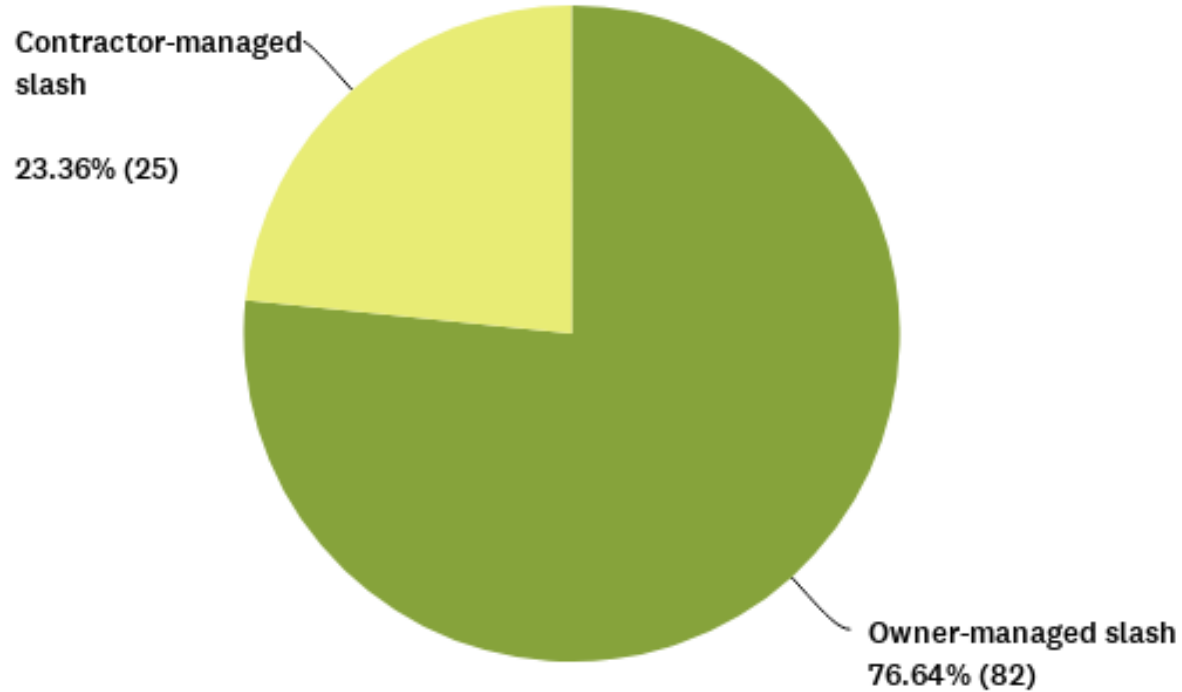
Q6: If you are a private forest landowner, how do you harvest timber?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 5



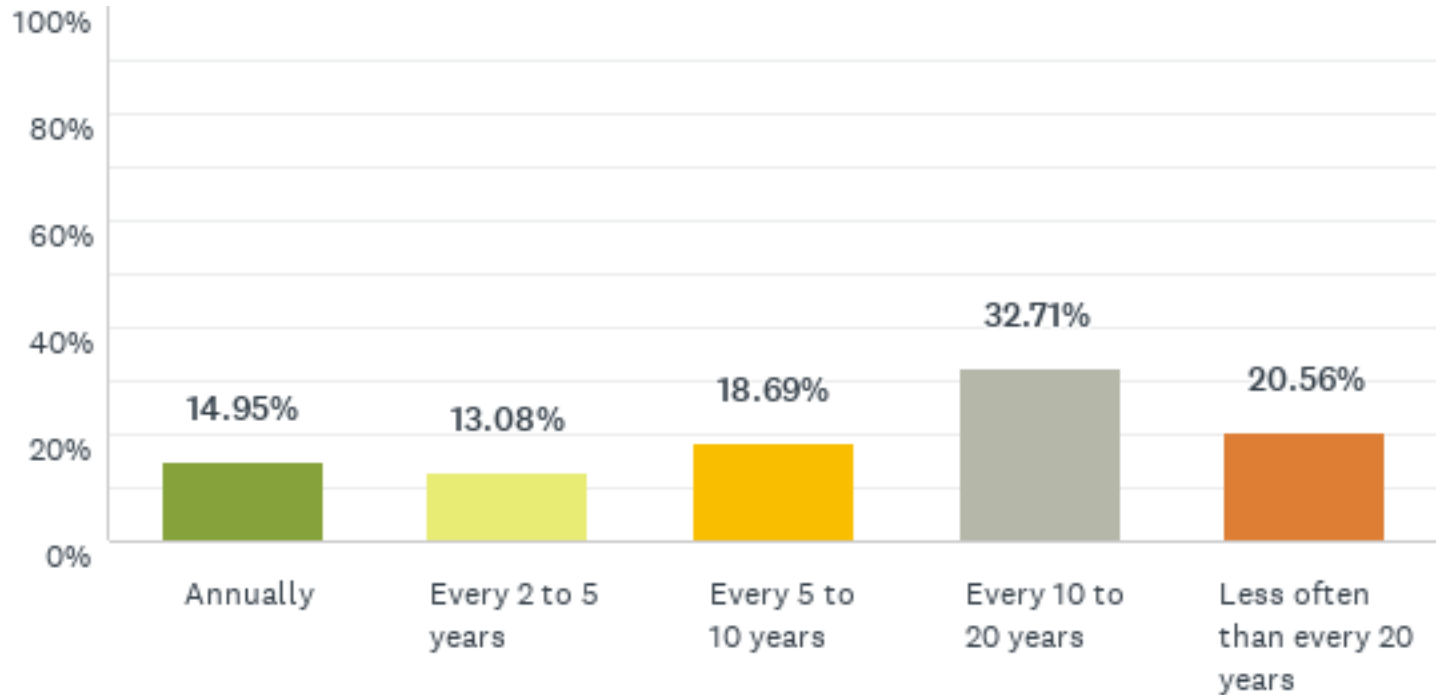
Q7: If you are a private forest landowner, how do you manage your slash or hazard burning?

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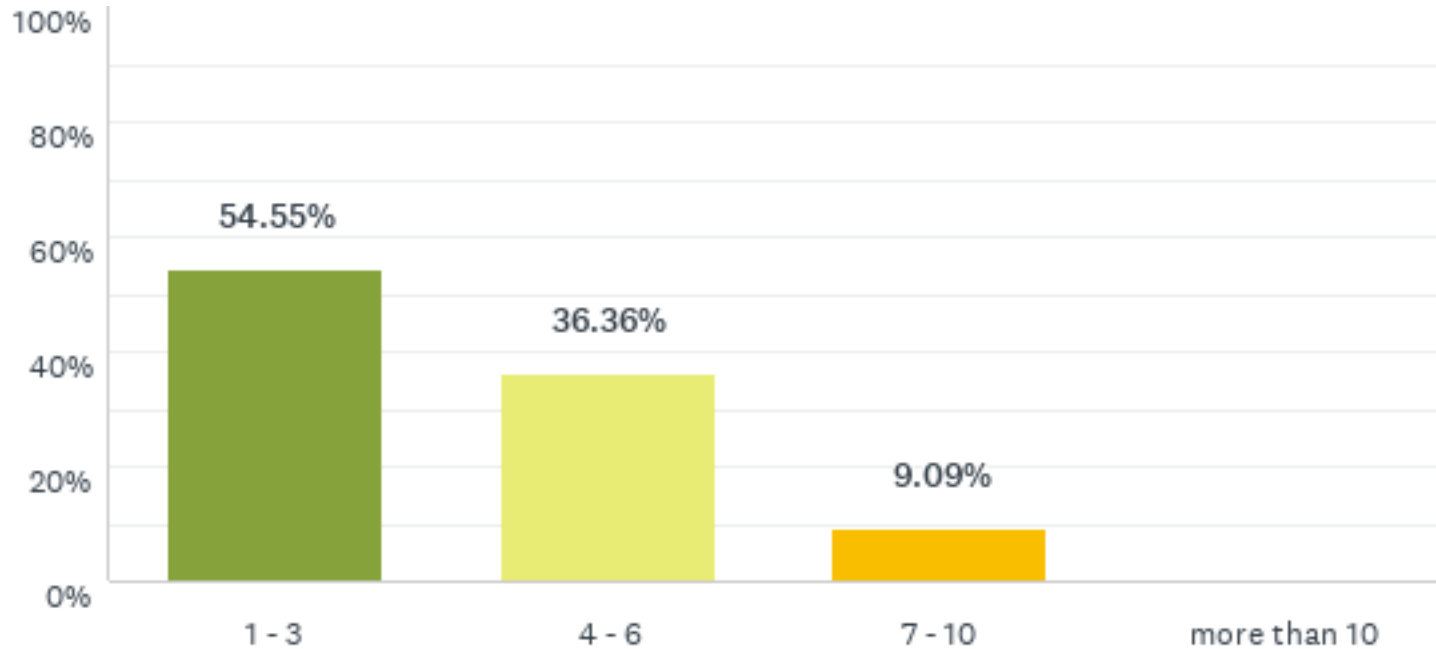
Q8: If you are a private forest landowner, how often do you harvest and sell logs?

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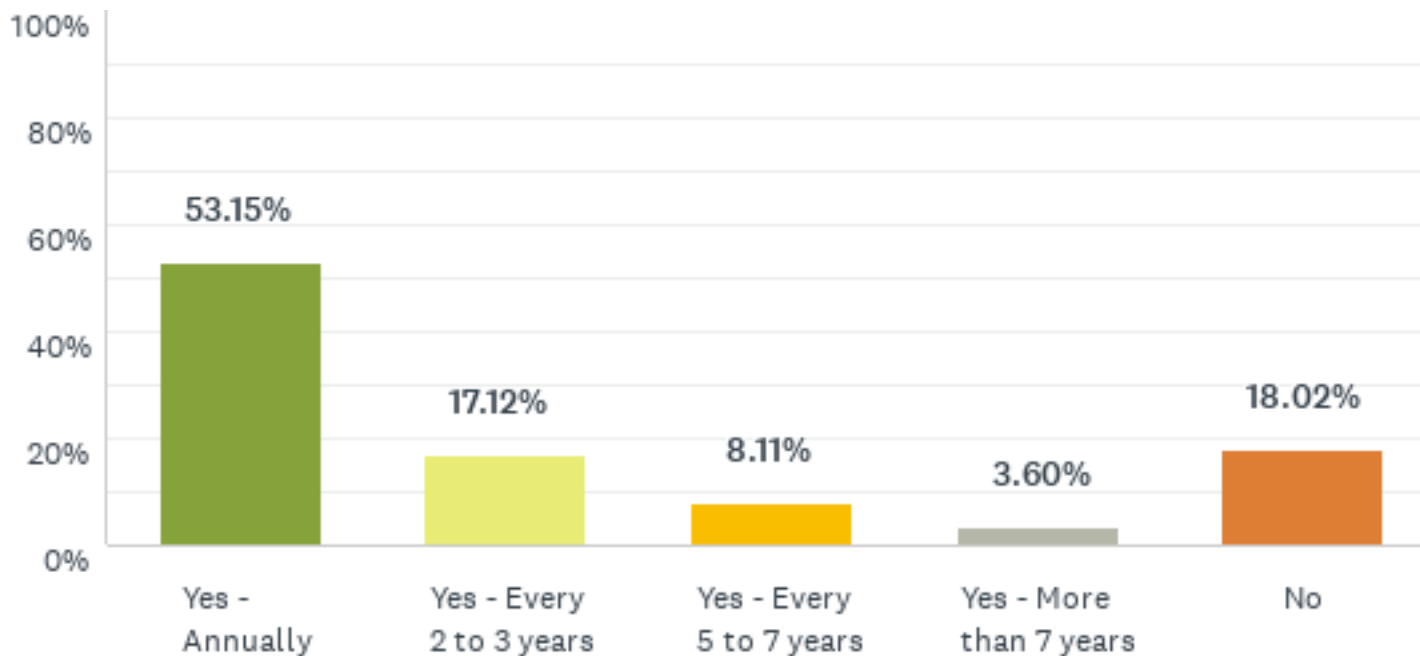
Q9: If you are a logging contractor, how many burning projects do you conduct in a year?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 35



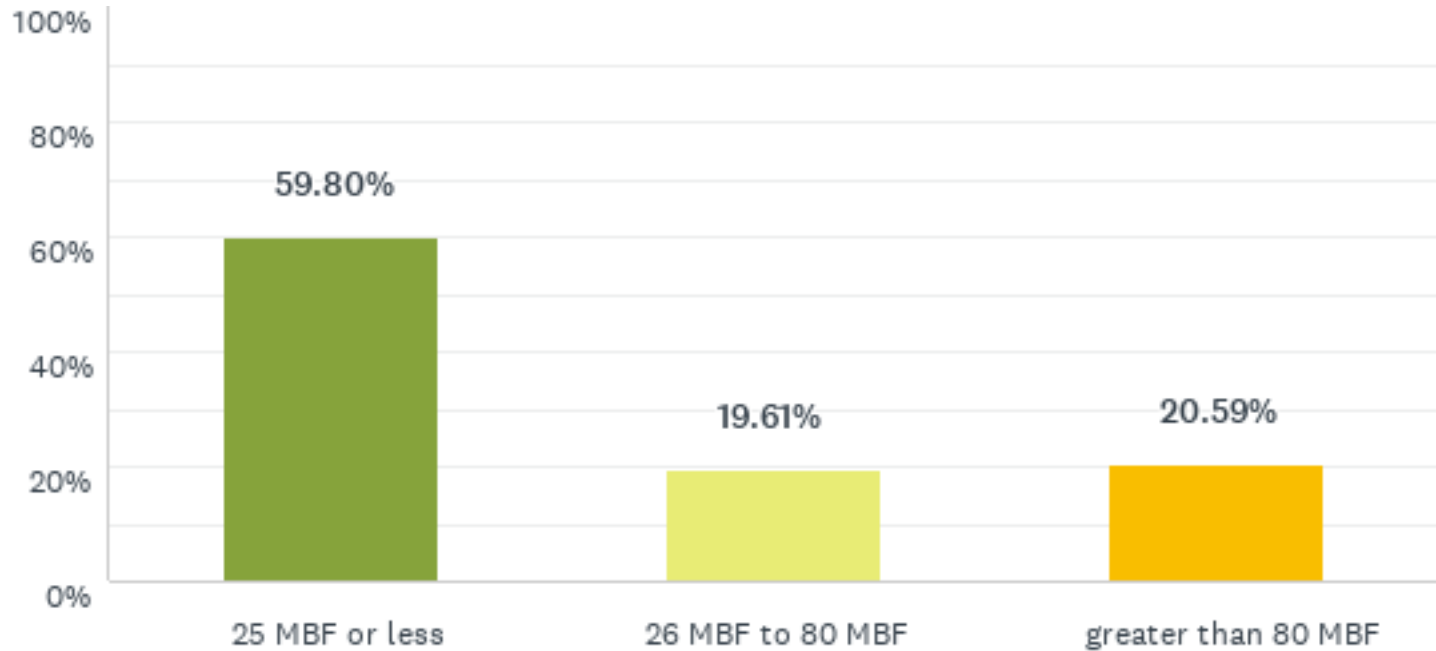
Q10: Do you use burning as a tool to dispose of material generated during stand sanitation actions (e.g., maintaining openings and trails, keeping the forest floor clean and tidy, creating park-like settings)?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 0



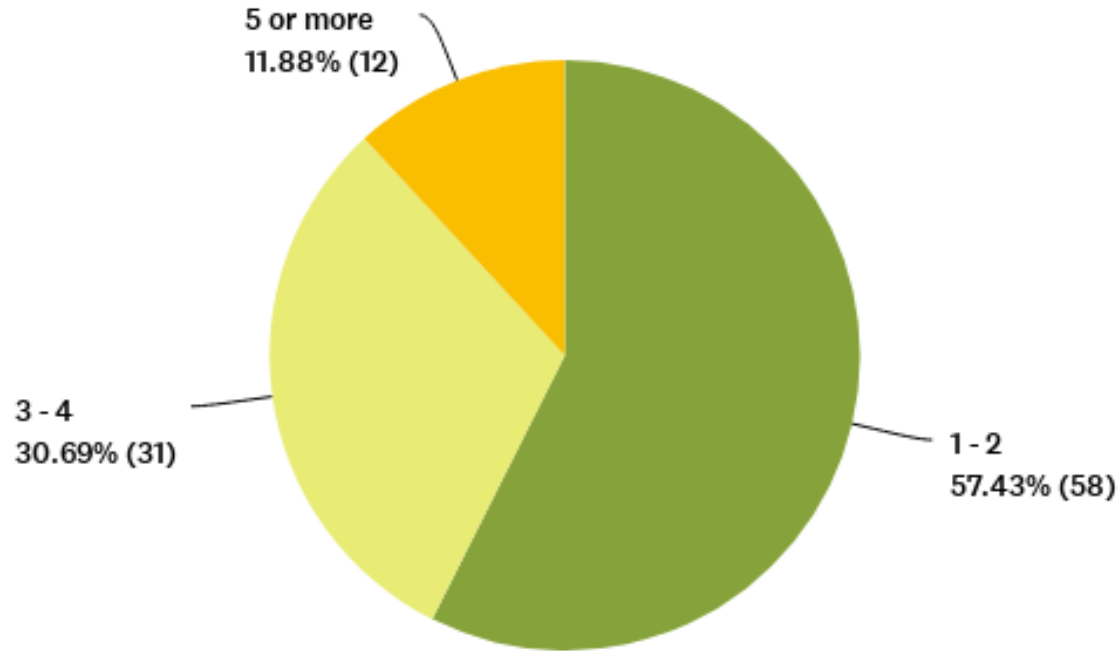
Q11: How much timber do you typically harvest during each project?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 9



Q12: How many piles of slash do you typically create per log truck-load? If you are a logging contractor or private forest landowner in several areas, estimate your slash piles based on the forest type or region where you completed most of your work this past year.

Answered: 101 Skipped: 10



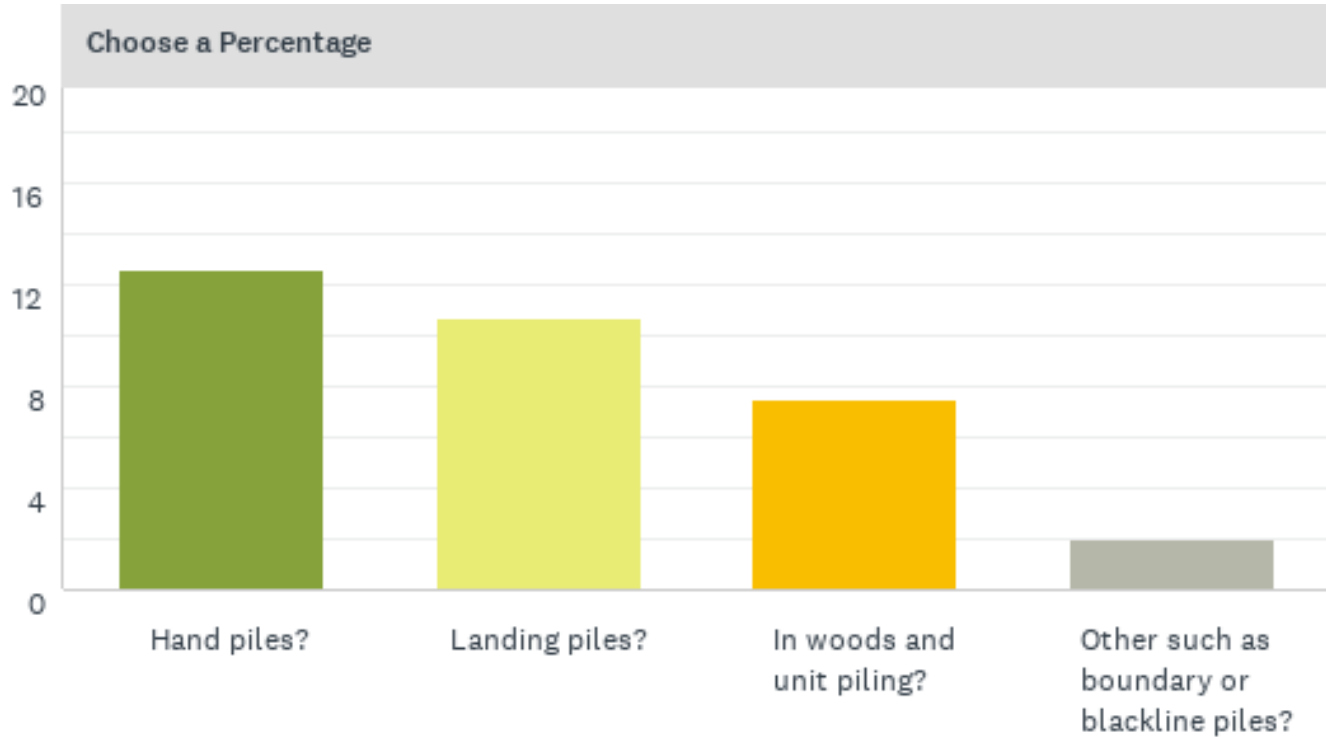
Q13: What are the typical dimensions of your slash piles? Please base your answer on the forest type or region where you completed most of your work this past year.

Answered: 107 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 10 ft wide x 20 ft long x 10 ft high	54.21%	58
10 ft wide x 20 ft long x 10 ft high	28.97%	31
Larger than 10 ft wide x 20 ft long x 10 ft high	14.95%	16
Other (include dimension)	1.87%	2
TOTAL		107

Q14: How often do you use the following pile types?*

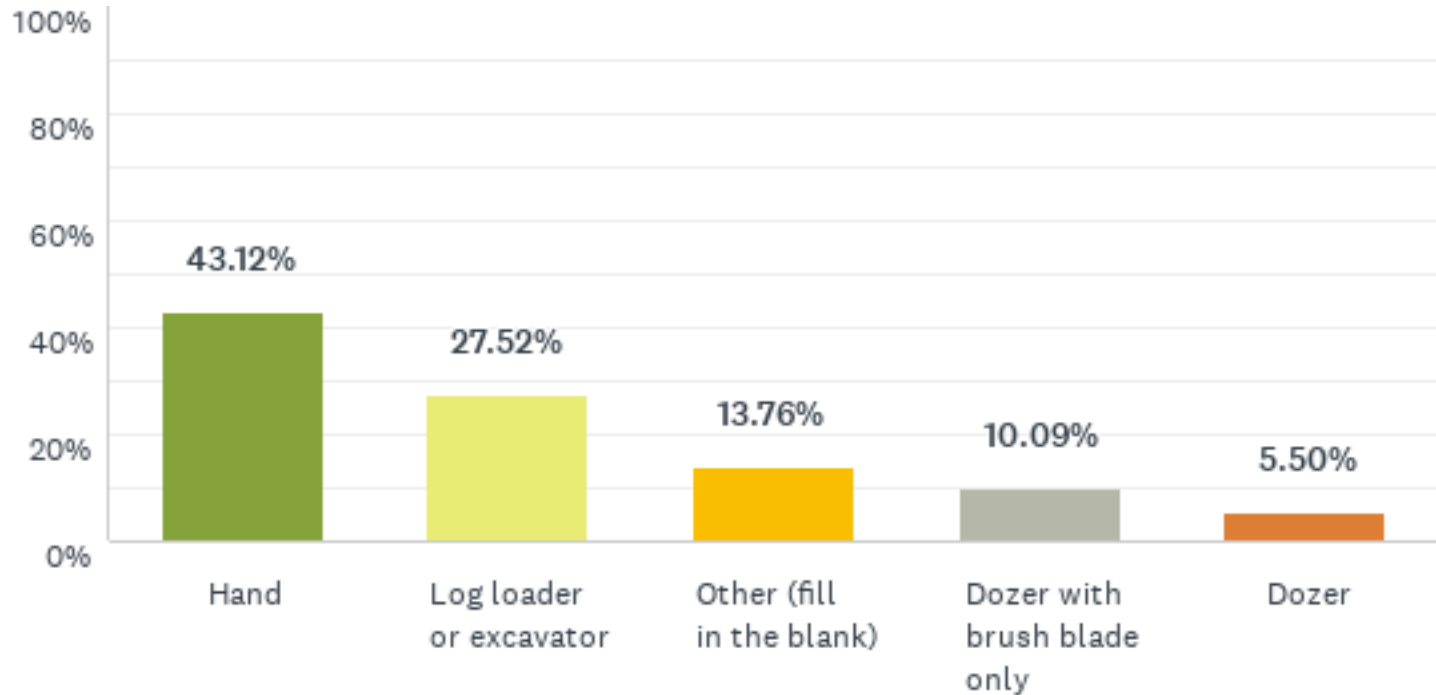
Answered: 101 Skipped: 10



*Weighted Average

Q15: How do you typically build your piles?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 2



Q16: After creating slash, how long do you wait to burn it?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 month	6.42%	7
1 - 2 months	7.34%	8
3 - 5 months	30.28%	33
More than 5 months	40.37%	44
Often it takes up to two years to complete my slash remediation	15.60%	17
TOTAL		109

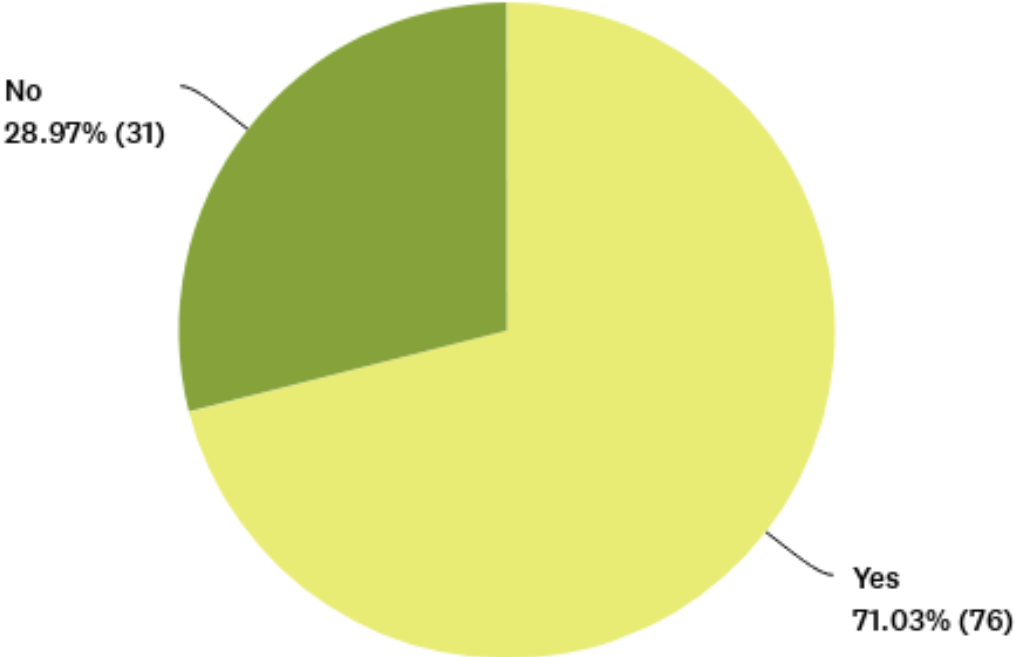
Q17: When do you typically burn your slash?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Only after October 20 when I no longer need a fire safety permit	39.25%	42
As long as stage 1 fire safety restrictions are not in place I consider all burning opportunities.	28.04%	30
Any time after October 1 through end of year	19.63%	21
In the spring until May 10 before fire safety permits are required	13.08%	14
TOTAL		107

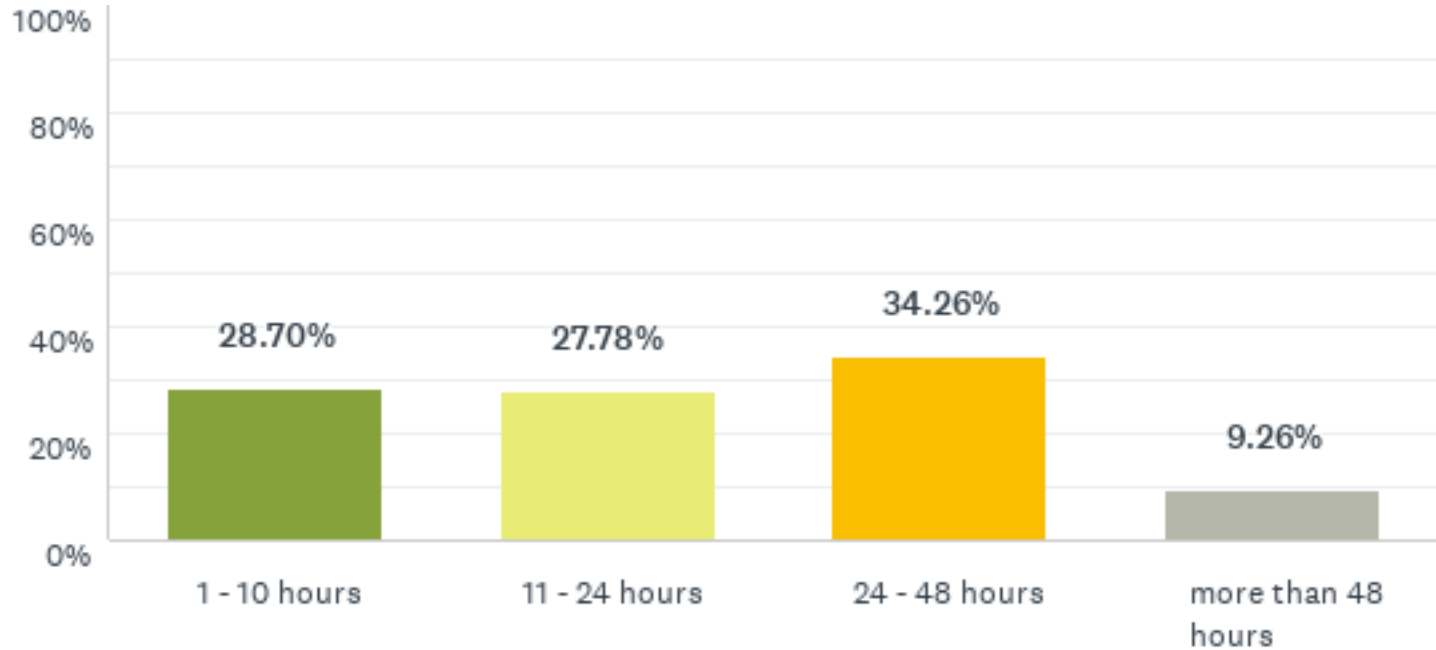
Q18: Do you usually schedule the ignition phase of your project's pile burning to be conducted in one day?

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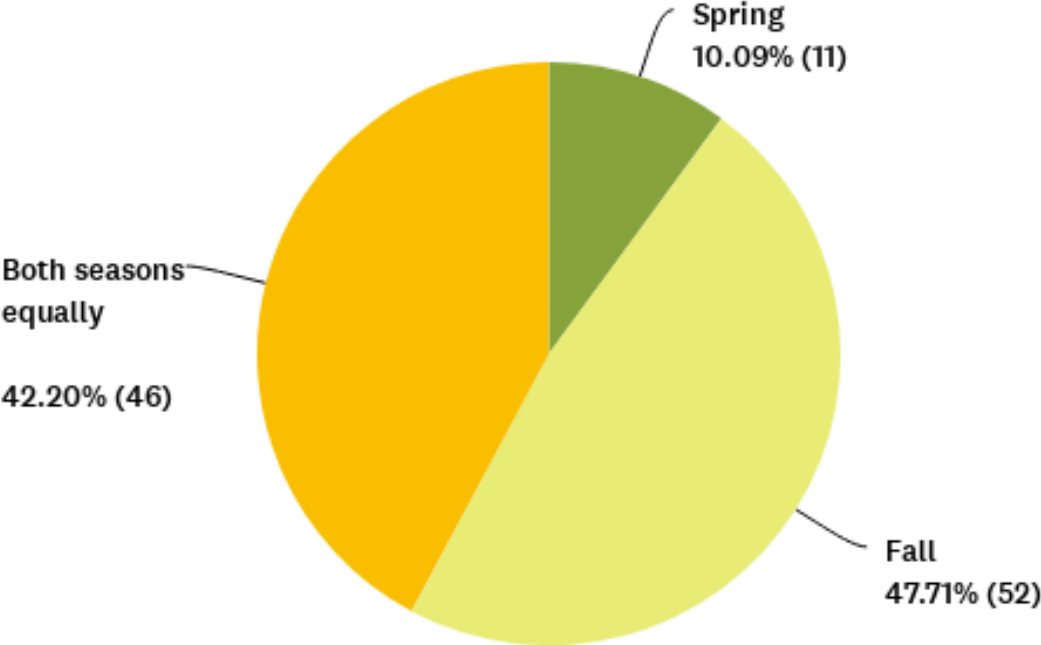
Q19: How long does it take for your piles to typically burn out?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 3



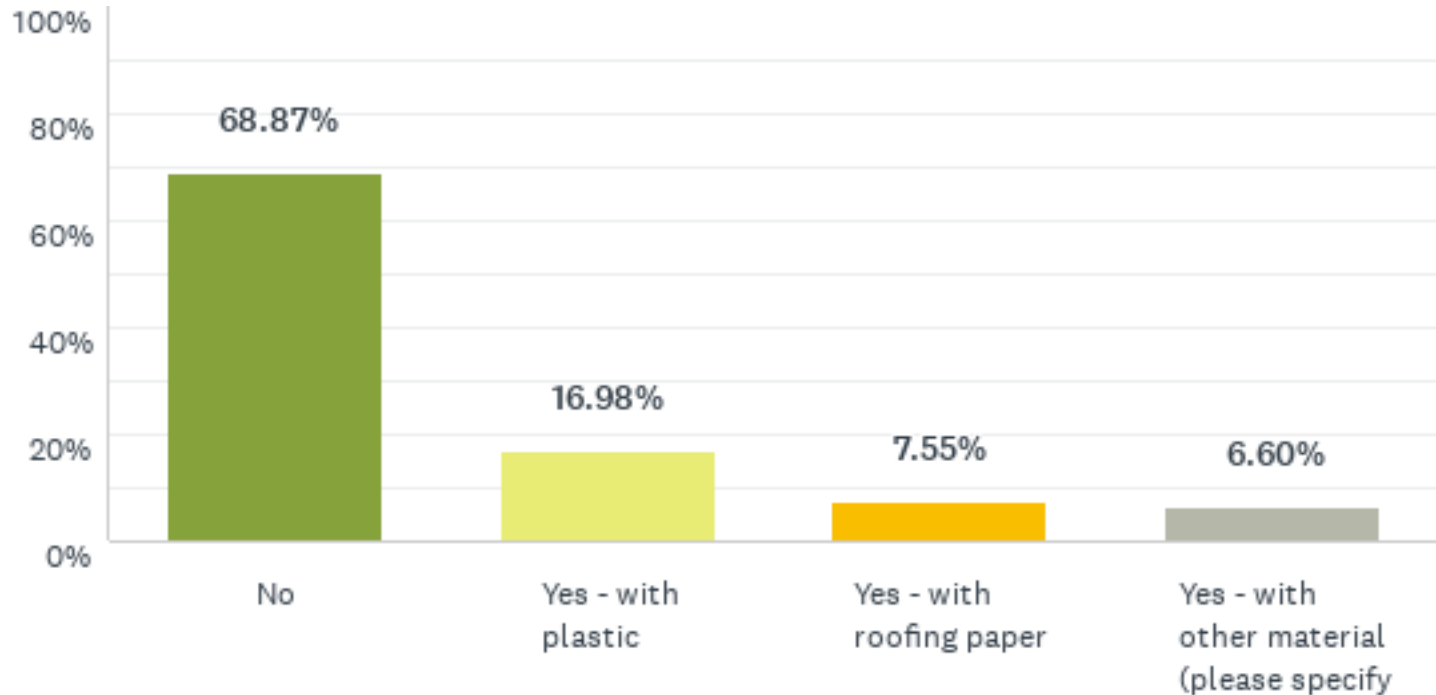
Q20: When do you typically burn?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 2



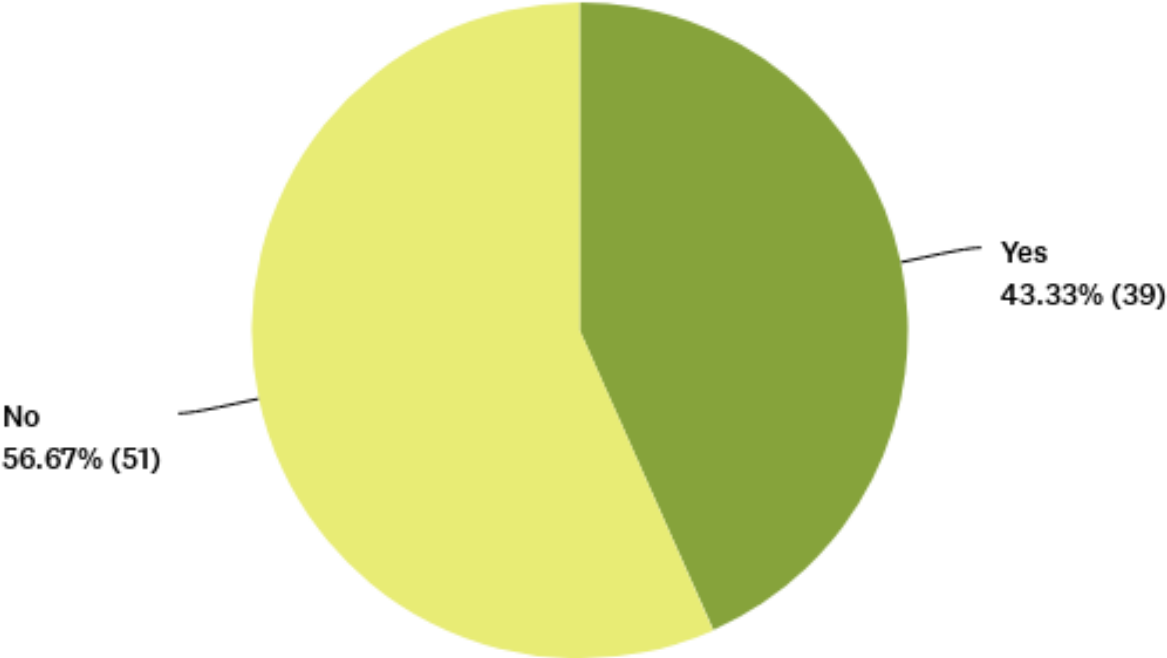
Q21: Do you cover your slash piles to keep them dry to improve combustion?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 5



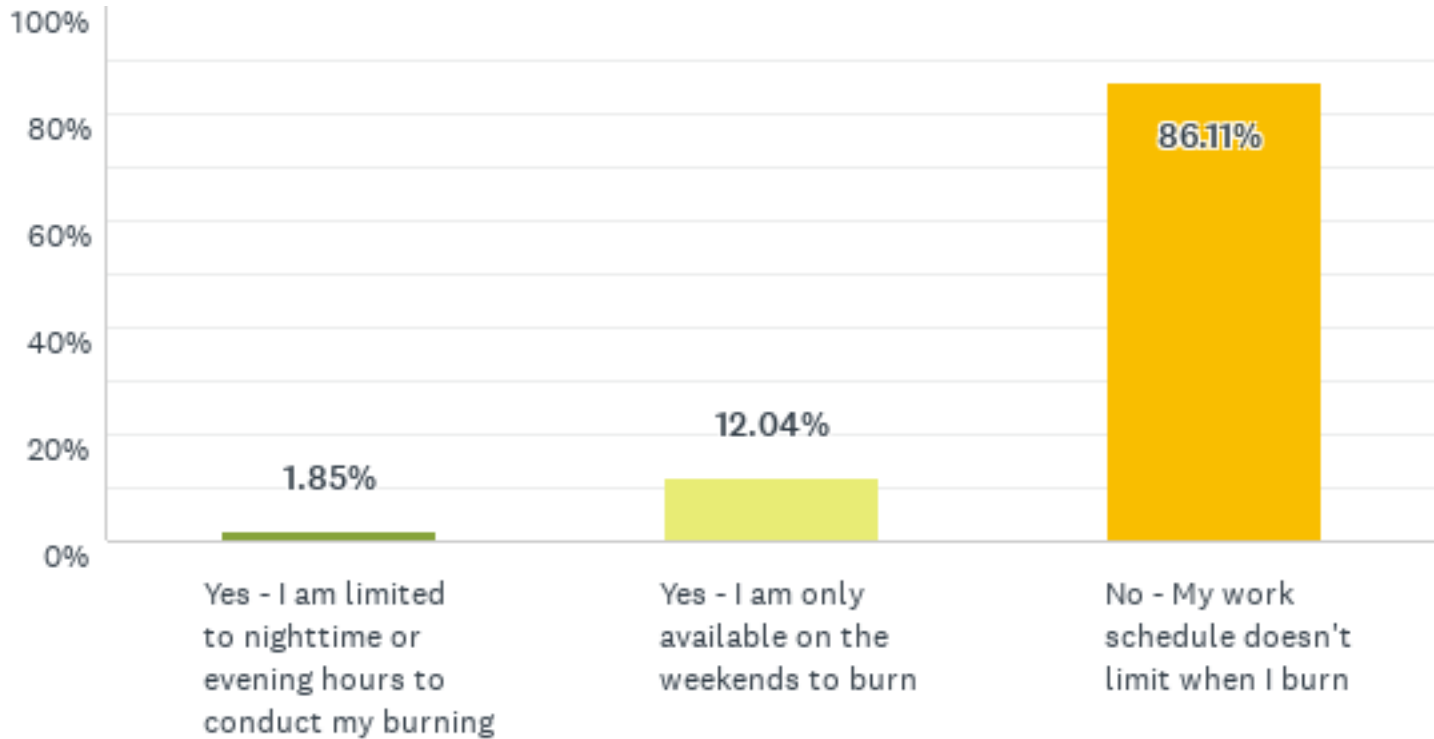
Q22: Do you remove the material before burning?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 21



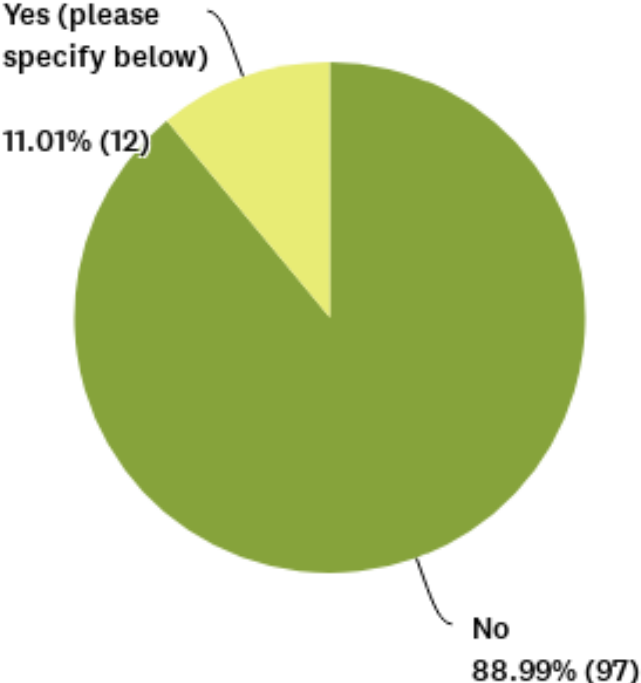
Q23: Does your daily or weekly work schedule limit when you can burn?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 3



Q24: Do you conduct understory or broadcast burning?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 2



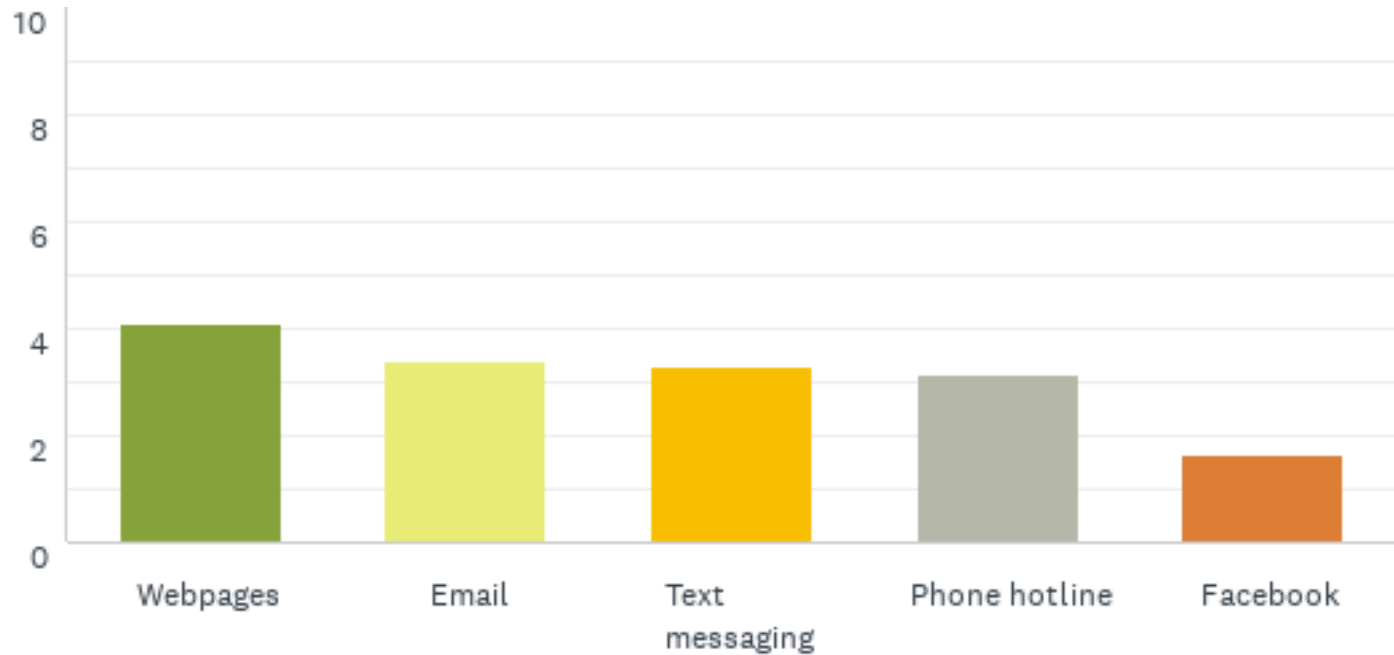
Q25: What additional information or tools would help you determine when and how to manage smoke while continuing to burn safely and efficiently?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Finding and understanding smoke related weather forecasts	54.17%	52
Learning additional fire and burning techniques	44.79%	43
Securing cost-effective alternatives to burning	42.71%	41
Pile construction techniques to improve burning results	40.63%	39
Identification of sensitive populations such as nursing homes, schools, hospitals that are near my project	7.29%	7
Total Respondents: 96		

Q26: What communication tool would you be most likely to use to find weather or smoke information?* (Please rank the following options with 1 as the mostly likely to use.)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 6



* Weighted Average (Score)

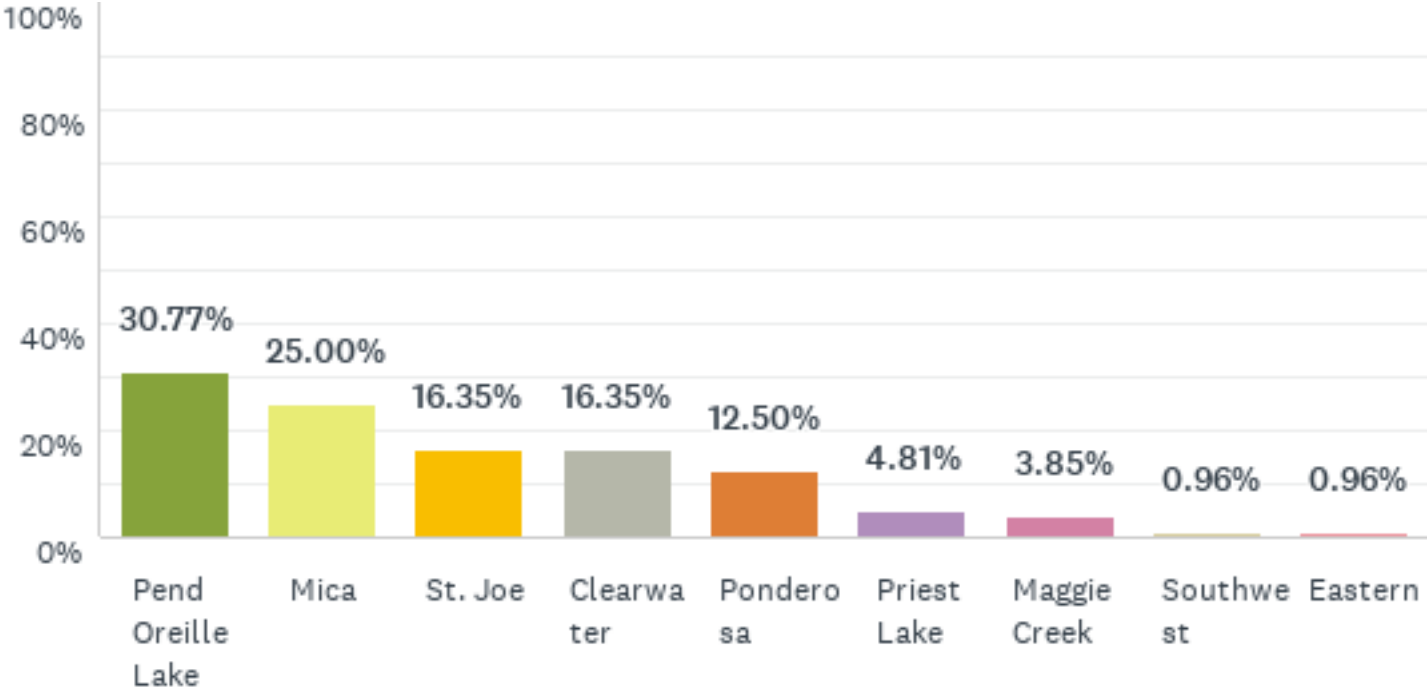
Q26: What communication tool would you be most likely to use to find weather or smoke information? (Please rank the following options with 1 as the mostly likely to use.)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 6

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Webpages	58.43% 52	12.36% 11	13.48% 12	13.48% 12	2.25% 2	89	4.11
Email	22.22% 20	26.67% 24	23.33% 21	23.33% 21	4.44% 4	90	3.39
Text messaging	15.19% 12	34.18% 27	22.78% 18	21.52% 17	6.33% 5	79	3.30
Phone hotline	17.28% 14	27.16% 22	20.99% 17	20.99% 17	13.58% 11	81	3.14
Facebook	4.17% 3	5.56% 4	9.72% 7	9.72% 7	70.83% 51	72	1.63

Q27: In which IDL supervisory area do you conduct prescribed fire burning? (Select all that apply) [Click here to see the IDL supervisory areas map](#)

Answered: 104 Skipped: 7



Q28: Have you heard that Idaho is establishing a prescribed fire council to help promote the safe and effective use of prescribed fire for healthy forests and rangelands, wildlife, and fire resilient communities across Idaho?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 0

