DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAY - Office of Environmental Services x5771

## Office Memorandum

TO

L. A. Korth, Director

Design and Right of Way Division

DATE: January 2, 1976

FROM

L. E. Foote, Director

Office of Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

Thompson Hill Rest Area Usage Study:

A report regarding the above is attached. During the five days of the study, the travel information center-rest area, served about 5,000 people or 1,000/day. About 2,400 people were serviced with travel information. All the various usage figures are about as we expected. The low percentage stopping is a reflection of the commuter traffic and the nearness to a large urban center. The large percentage - 28, of people entering the site for other purposes, is a reflection of the scenic quality and view from the site.

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L. E. Foote, Director Office of Environmental Services

Attachment.

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TO

: L. E. Foote

DATE: December 19, 1975

FROM

: R. B. Doerr

Intermediate Highway Technician

SUBJECT: Thompson Hill Rest Area Usage Study

S.P. 6982 I35

Date Aug. 22-26, 1974 Hours 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Weather Cool scattered showers Vehicles on main line T.H. 2 (19,706) I35.NB(15,491) 1359, B. (16,931) Total 52,129

Vehicles entering 1,590 Percent of vehicles entering (3.1%) stoyed %. Out of State vehicles entering 31.4% Avg. persons/vehicle 3.15 Avg. time in area 19.53 min.

#### Purpose for Entering

Get travel info	34.7 %
Other	28.0 %
Use Rest Rooms	20.2 %
To rest	8.7 %
To eat	7.0 %
Use telephone	.8 %
Get water	.4 %
Sewage disposal	.1 %
Waste disposal	.1 %

#### Percent of Persons Using

Rest Rooms		59.2 %
Water		40.3 %

#### Percent of Vehicles Using

Travel information	48.4 %
Waste disposal	11.8%
Picnic tables	7.0 %
Telephone	3.3 %

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## Highway Vehicles Entered Duluth on \*

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Goose Creek	7.6 %

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Kettle River			7.0 %
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Day	Vehicles Entering	<u>Vehicles on Main Line</u>	% Stopping
Thur.	301	10,098	3.0
Fri.	331.	11,539	2.9
Sat.	313	10,115	3.1
Sun.	416	9,496	4.4
Mon.	229	10,881	2.1
Total	1,590	52,129	3.1

### Vehicles Entering

Passenger car pulling no trailers Vehicles pulling trailers Pickup Campers	77.6 %
Single Unit Trucks	3.4
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Other Vehicles	2.2
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Robert Doerr, Intermediate Highway Technician Office of Environmental Services

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