

If # 3 is 'No', what season(s) of year do you typically spend at your Bear Gulch Lake Watershed property?

- 24 Summer (July – September)
- 10 Fall (October – December)
- 3 Winter (January – March)
- 11 Spring (April – June)

If #3 is 'No', do you plan to move full-time to your Bear Gulch Lake Watershed property in the future?

- 22 No
- 2 Yes
- 2 Unsure

If 'Yes', how soon do you plan to move full-time to your Bear Gulch Lake property?

- 1 Within one year
- One to two years
- Three to five years
- 1 Six years or more

5.) Is your watershed property considered waterfront on Bear Gulch Lake?

- 7 No
- 26 Yes

6.) How many years have you owned your current Bear Gulch Lake Watershed property?

- 1 Less than one year
- One to two years
- 6 Two to five years
- Five to ten years
- 3 Ten to twenty years
- 22 More than twenty years

7.) Does your Bear Gulch Lake Property include a septic system?

- 3 No
- 29 Yes

If 'Yes', how do you classify your septic system?

- 26 It is in good operating condition
- 3 Unknown
- It is not in good operating condition (have experienced problems)

Would you have your septic inspected if the service was offered for low or no cost?

- 8 No
- 19 Yes

If you have a septic system, do you have it pumped out?

3 No 24 Yes

If 'Yes', how often do you pump out your septic system?

- 9 Every one to three years
- 3 Every four to six years
- Every seven to ten years
- Every eleven years or greater
- 12 Only as needed

8.) Do you think faulty septic systems negatively impact Bear Gulch Lake?

3 No 24 Yes

If 'Yes', how do you prefer to handle private septic systems in the Watershed?

- 13 Each private property owner can deal with it (as currently handled)
- 10 Offer financial assistance for private property owners to upgrade their septic
- 2 Explore establishing a sewage district
- 6 Unknown

9.) Would you support establishing a special taxing district in the Watershed to raise funds to be used for specific projects that would improve the Lake and/or condition of the Watershed?

23 No 9 Yes

If 'Yes', approximately what additional tax amount would you deem to be reasonable to help fund projects in the Watershed?

- 1 \$1 - \$25 annually
- 2 \$26 - \$50 annually
- 2 \$51 - \$75 annually
- 1 \$76 - \$100 annually
- 2 an amount equal to % of my annual Town/County taxes

(fill in)

For example: 5% of a \$1,500 tax bill equals \$75.00

an amount equal to 5% % of my annual Town/County taxes

an amount equal to 10% % of my annual Town/County taxes

If 'No', how do you think projects that improve the Lake and/or Watershed should be funded?

- 10 Fundraisers
- 10 Annual dues
- 4 Federal government
- 6 State government
- 5 County government
- 6 Town government
- 5 Divide needed amount between all Watershed property owners
- 3 Do not undertake projects that cost money

7 Other – Please describe: Bear Gulch Lake Association
Bear Gulch Lake association
As decided by landowners
septic/residents pay for it
Don't know
pay into all of the above
paid by lakefront property
owners

10.) How would you describe the condition of Bear Gulch Lake?

13 Fine the way it is
18 Worse condition than when I became a property owner
 Better condition than when I became a property owner

11.) Please check your views on the following issues in the watershed:

Issue	Poor, needs attention	Poor, needs to be monitored	Not an issue	Excellent, no attention needed	Don't Know
Lake water quality	17	5	5		5
Well water quality		2	17	9	5
Well water quantity		1	17	8	5
Lake depth	1	1	17	3	9
Dam condition	4	5	14	1	8
Septic systems	6	9	9		8
Fish population	7	5	7	2	10
Recreation access	4	2	19	2	3
Erosion	1	2	18	1	9
Roads	5	6	14	4	2

12.) What types of activities do you undertake on your Bear Gulch Lake Watershed property or within the watershed? Check all that apply.

11 Motorboating/Jet Skiing
15 Canoeing
18 Kayaking
16 Warm weather fishing
1 Ice fishing
21 Swimming
7 Snowmobiling
15 Wildlife watching
3 Hunting
2 Motorcycle/ATV riding

13.) In your opinion is Bear Gulch Lake currently under private ownership or public ownership?

23 Private 9 Public 2 Unknown

If ‘Public’, who do you believe is the owner?

The state owns the water - The land around the lake is privately owned - The land under the water is dam owned by Richmondville water which no longer exists Bear Gulch Lake Association pays taxes on land so unsure legally who owns and who is responsible
Town of Summit, Richmondville Water Co.
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BGLA
unknown by me but lake association knows
unclear
combined public and private

14.) Are you a member of the Bear Gulch Lake Association?

9 No 24 Yes

If ‘No’, why not?

3 Was not aware an Association existed
2 Not satisfied with the way the Association operates
1 Do not believe membership is helpful
6 Other – Please describe: My property is not on the lake (not lake front or has a lake view)
We don't have voting rights because we don't have lake front property
Don't own waterfront property
Not satisfied with the way the Association operates, shallow minded
Was not aware an Association existed, New owner since January 2023
Not satisfied with the way the Association operates, Do not believe membership is helpful
Was not aware an Association existed
Was not aware an Association existed
Not a lakefront propery

15.) If it was necessary to drain BGL to complete projects such as dam rehabilitation or water quality improvements, would you be supportive of this?

5 No 15 Yes 13 Maybe, dependent on details

If ‘Yes’ or ‘Maybe’, what season of year would you find such work to be most appropriate?

4 Summer (July – September)
20 Fall (October – December)
9 Winter (January – March)
4 Spring (April – June)

16.) What is your opinion of using the Bear Gulch Lake dam for hydroelectric power?

18 Not supportive
6 Supportive
5 Supportive if the power generated is used locally
4 Supportive if revenue is created for Watershed projects

21.)Comments:

1	Without watershed intervention poor/illegal septic systems will probably never be addressed
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3	Note on #8 Not a major factor Note on #10 Much worse Bear Gulch has been neglected and we need to find a way to get everyone to do and pay their fair share to fix it
8	question #20 is too subjective to answer
9	One man created this problem no one wants it
10	Less troublemakers with private motives, like private developers out for their own gain. They come on as Mr. Nice Guy but all out to increase their wealth and the hell with the other owners that just want to enjoy the lake as they have for many years L.L.M.
12	Has a letter and resolutions attached regarding a conditional release done in 1983. I have come to the lake for 63 years the water looks horrible & nasty etc. Something needs to be done
13	Access to the lake should be available rather than discouraged - chained off no parking
15	This nonsense was started as a result of one mans desire to develop the area. (Name Omitted) first makes claim of faulty dam to create a problem, then looks to finance his "vision" by digging into everyone else's bank account. Any issues at the Bear Gulch should be addressed by the lake association and the town. Maybe (Name Omitted) should look into other locations to create issues
16	#10 wrote in same
18	Note on #7 - New System pumping 700g in? from lake. People will swim in their own cesspool before they let a higher power control them
19	Note on #19 - question is answered with understand new uses removed current green space. We advocate for restoration of the dam and hydro power for the innovation and continuation of the watershed. This is a special place and we are willing to put in the work to keep it that way. Would be interested in any support for upkeep of property and (septic/well/lake access) and community education on rain scaping
21	The carp need to be totally removed. Long term lake treatment plan supported by DEC. Algae removal and control, carp removal, and vegetation added Dam issues need to corrected. Large grants. Town of Summit needs a general store. Further land development should be discouraged around the lake it will put more stress on the lake! we do not need another taxing gov't agency - we need grants by gov't and private funds with EVERYBODY paying their fair share
22	Been fine the last 41 years I have been there. Every lake gets green in the lake summer and early fall Enough buildings around the lake
24	Like to see something done as soon as possible to revitalize the lake - it will take many years to see a positive change
25	1. Recreational access for lake front and watershed residents ONLY 2. Trespassing on private lands especially waterfront is an issue in terms of debris and damage
27	Thank you for your interest in this matter Summary - does have septic issues bc of lack of use - taxes are TOO high - Run off is an issue after rainfall - Not enough run off for hydroelectric
28	New septic systems via grants for those grandfathered. Drain lake periodically to clean out muck, weeds, and carp. Has been done twice since owner in 1965. Much improved after each drainage
32	This survey was dropped off at town hall and is a draft version that was not released. Added Small motor to the question about the use of motors on Bear Gulch Lake