

Reasons we did a survey

- Lack of objective trail data from which to make a decision- last survey took place in 1989
- To objectively identify and quantify the nature and degree of conflict between user groups
- To gain a broad representation of user group demographics and opinions, not just those of the individuals who came to the meetings

How the survey was conducted

Surveyors spent 8-10 hours each at the bottom trail heads

- Total number of trail users surveyed: 365
- This survey was conducted between 2/17 and 4/24, 2007
- Between 4 and 6 separate days were spent at each T.H.
- Usually during busiest hours of use –weekday: late afternoon, weekends: between 10am – 6pm
- People were given the questionnaire as they exited the trail

Romero Canyon: 127 People

Cold Springs: 96 People

San Ysidro: 50 People

Tunnel Trail: 92 People

SANTA BARBARA TRAILS SURVEY

Tunnel/Jesusita, Cold Springs, San Ysidro, Romero Trail, Santa Barbara, CA _____ 2007

1. Today I...hiked/ran biked horsed(circle one)
2. Rate your trail experience today: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1=worst, 10=best, please circle one

3. What could have made it better?

4. How often do you use the front country trails? (check one)
 More than once a week
 Once a week
 Couple of times a month
 Couple of times a year
 This is my first time (you may skip down to the "name" line)
5. How many years have you used local trails? _____

6. When I use the trails I like to: hike/run bike horse(circle all that apply)

The following question pertains to all of your experiences on the SB front country trails, answer only those that apply and circle only one answer per line. You may leave comments about each category below.

7. Rate your overall experience with the following user groups on the trails :
- Hikers : Positive Neutral Negative

-Cyclists : Positive Neutral Negative

- Horses : Positive Neutral Negative

Comments :

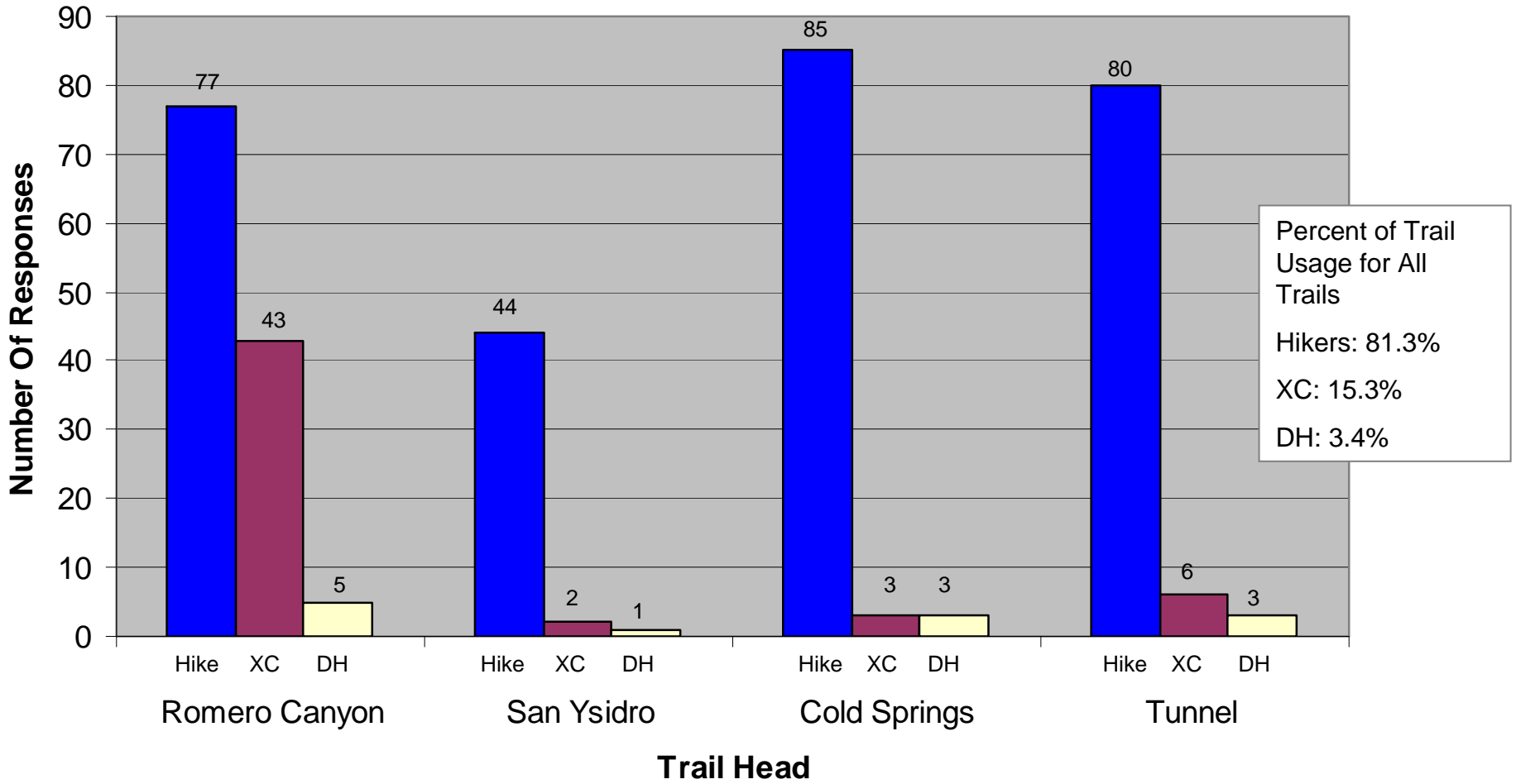
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Age

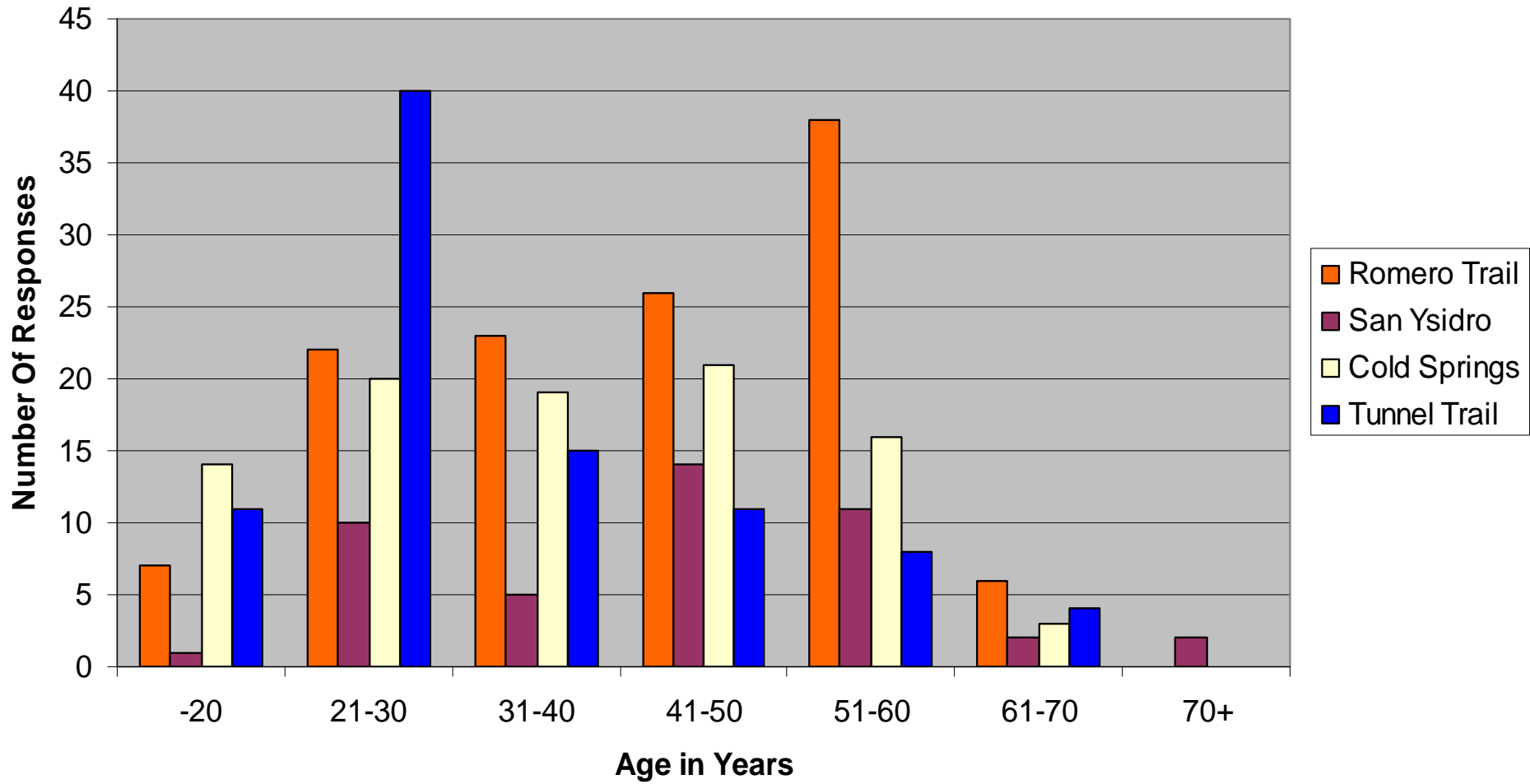
Phone(for verification purposes only- no solicitation)

Thank you for your time in taking this survey. This information will be used to make positive changes to the trails making them more enjoyable for all.

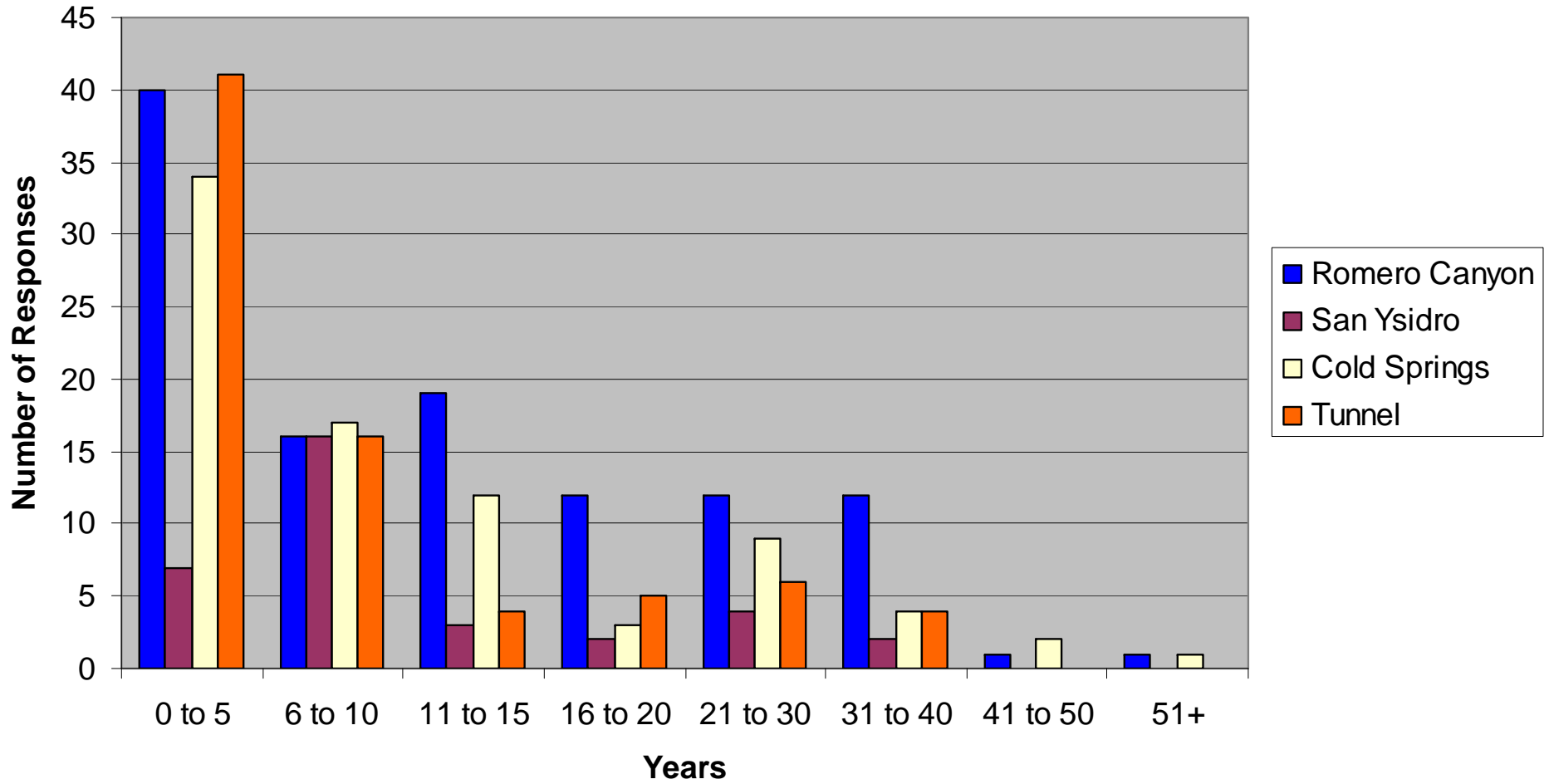
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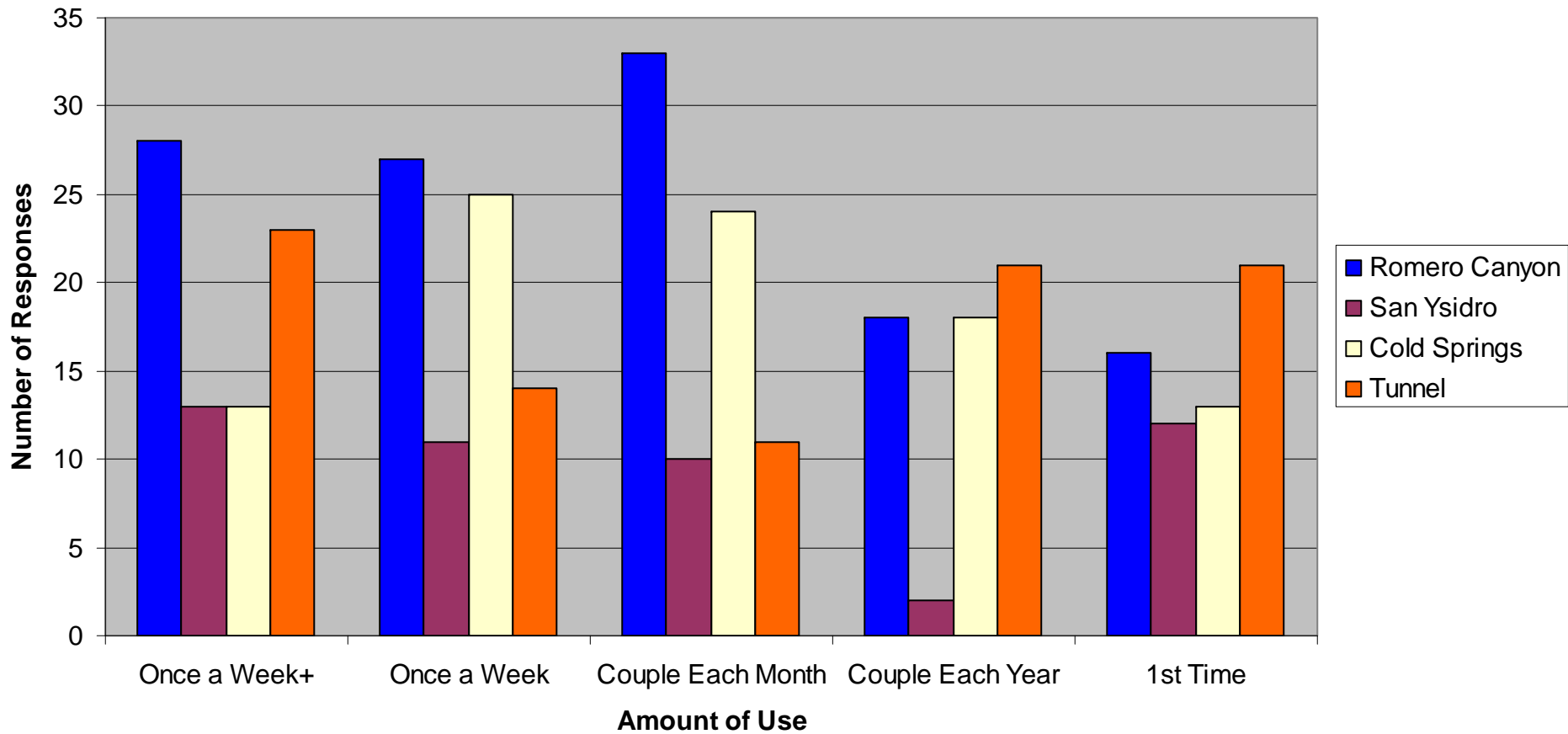
Age Of Trail Users



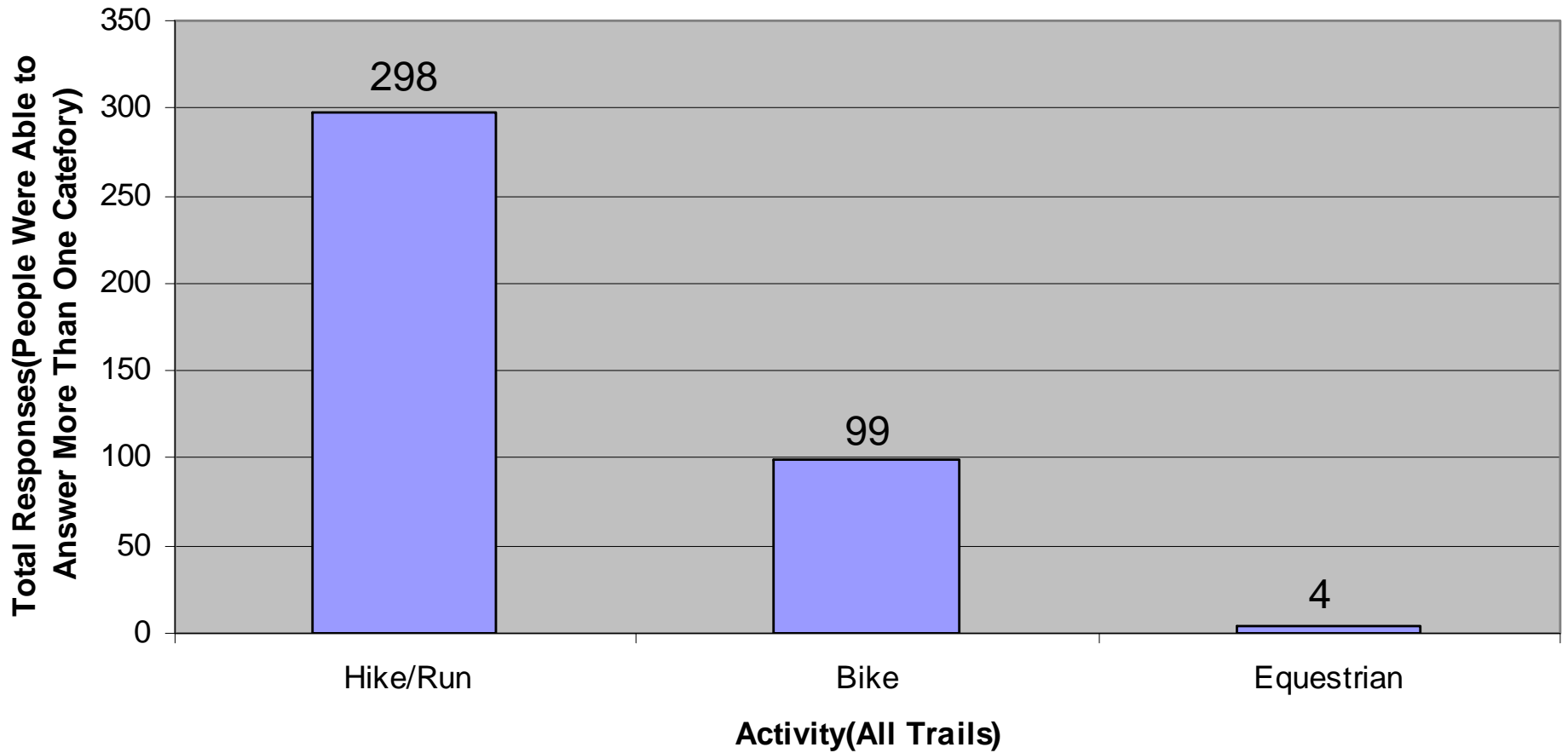
5. How Many Years Have You Used The Local Trails?



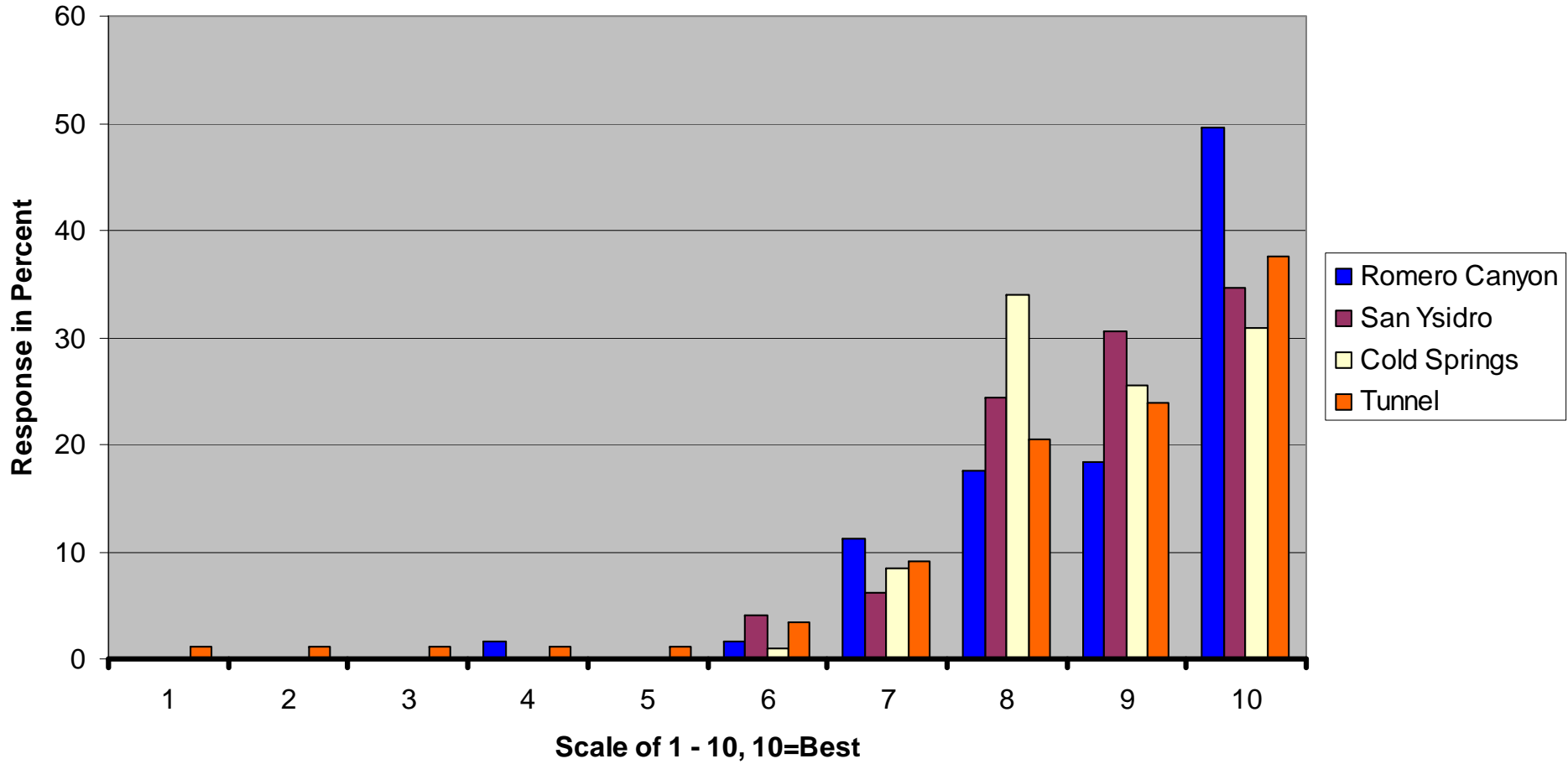
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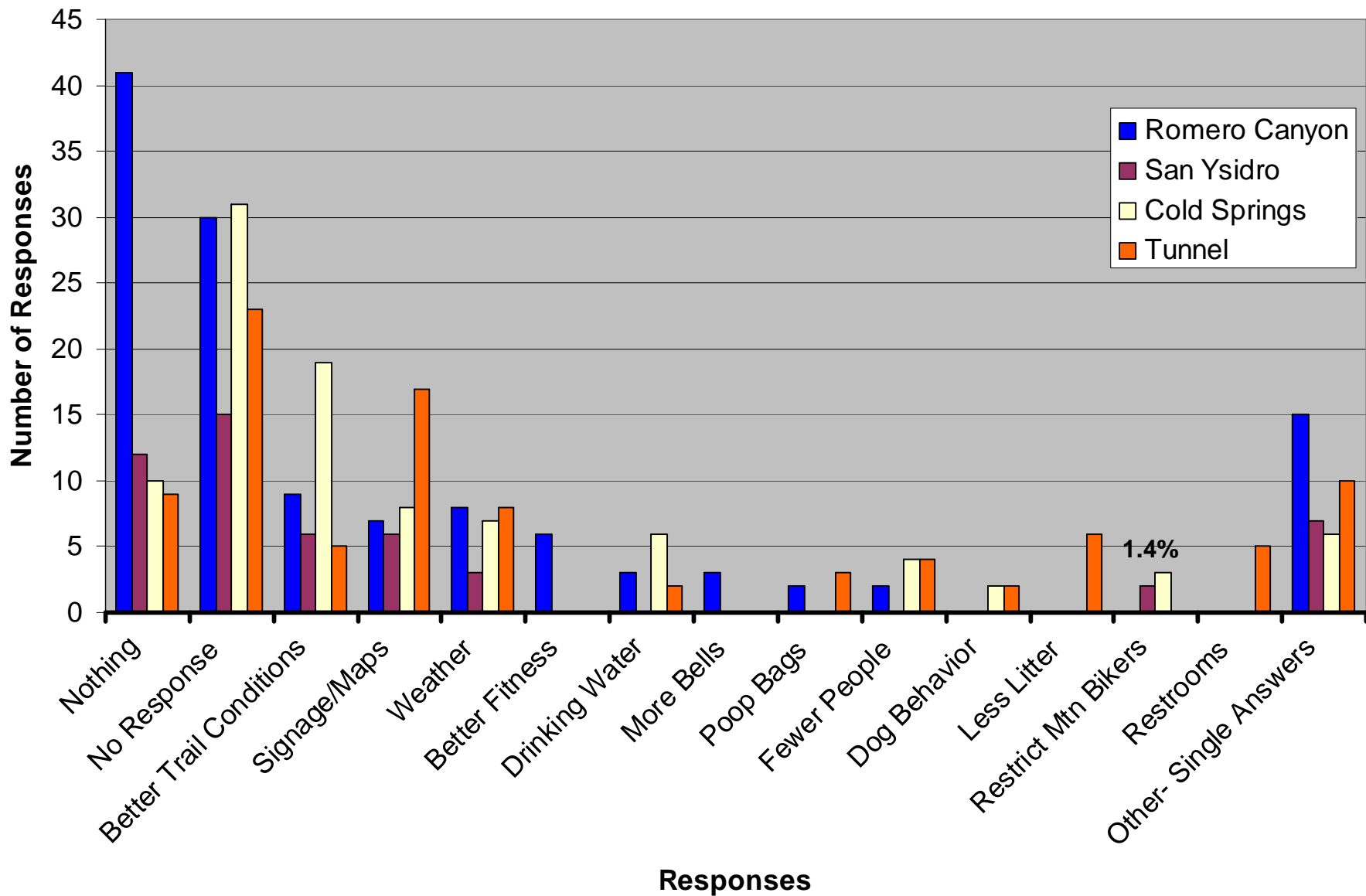
6. When I Use The Trails I Like To:



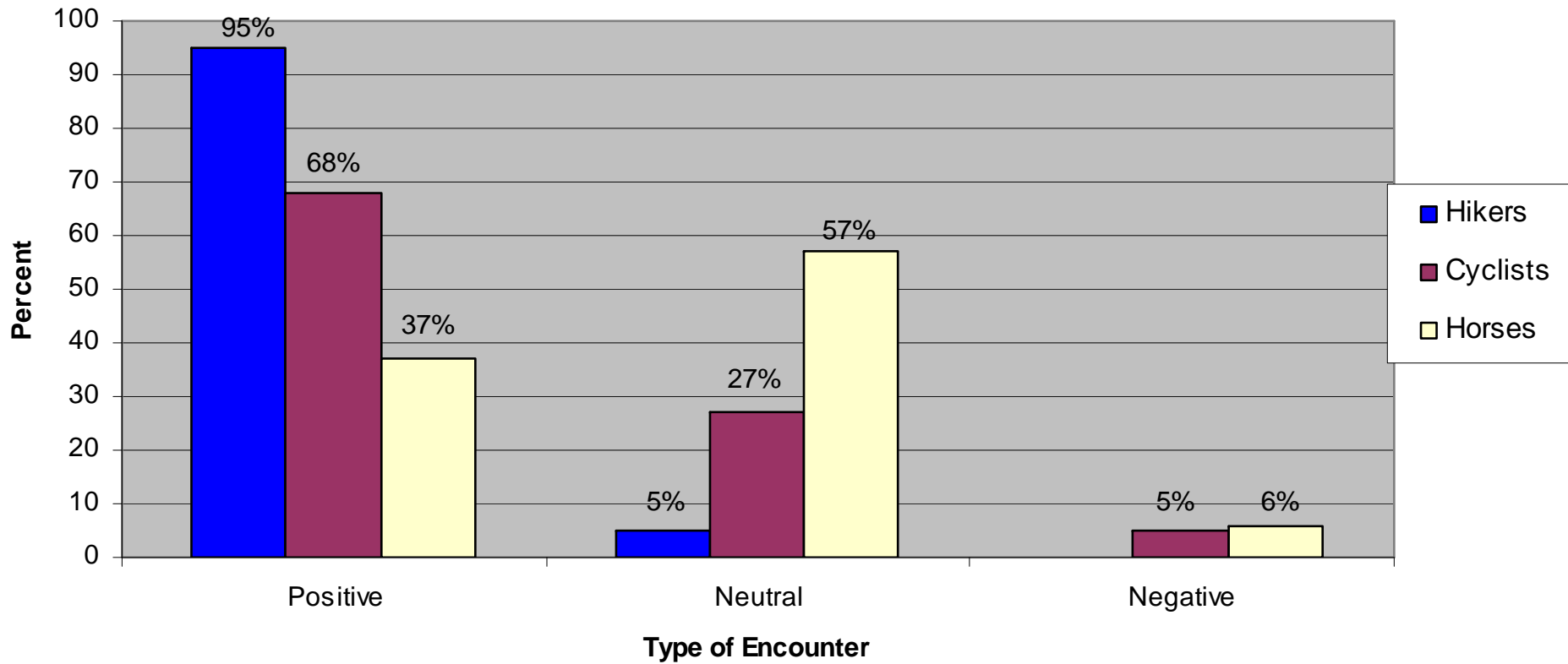
2. Rate Your Trail Experience Today



3. What Could Have Made It Better



7. Overall Experience With Other User Groups For All Trails



What we have learned from this survey?

- The level of conflict between bicyclists and other user groups is low
 - the vast majority of respondents rated their trail experience an "8" or better on that day
 - only 1.4% responded that restricting bikes would improve that experience.
 - most users surveyed (68%) said that their experience in general with bicyclist was "positive" or "neutral" (27%), and few (5%) characterized it as "negative".
- Most of our respondents had been using the trails frequently (more than twice a month) for years.
- Approximately 1/3 of these users spend some of their time biking on the trails.
- It appears that a small percentage of the bikers on the trails are causing the majority of the problems.