



Toolik Steering Committee Research Assistants/Technicians

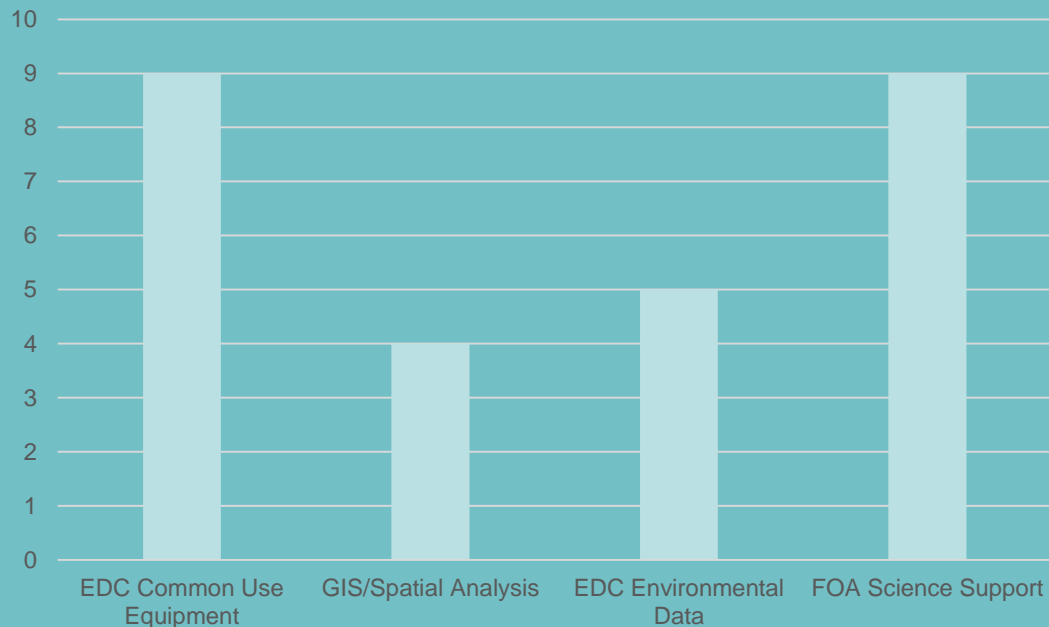
**Portland, Oregon
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RA Survey

- List of emails associated with RA reservations supplied by Brett
- 43 surveys sent
 - down from 81 last year
- 12 responses

Resources

- 9 respondents reported using EDC equipment
- 4 used GIS/Spatial Analysis Support
- 5 used EDC Environmental Data
- 9 used Science Support



EDC Equipment

- Most popular item drying oven and balances. Several request was made for more balances to be available.
- Autoclave had problems
- Freeze dryer leaks and is hard to maintain vacuum.
- Hydrolab DS5 may need to be replaced

EDC Environmental Data

- Weather station data very commonly used
- Sensor data
- Phenological data
- Spectral data
- Naturalist journal
- Webcams

GIS and Remote Sensing

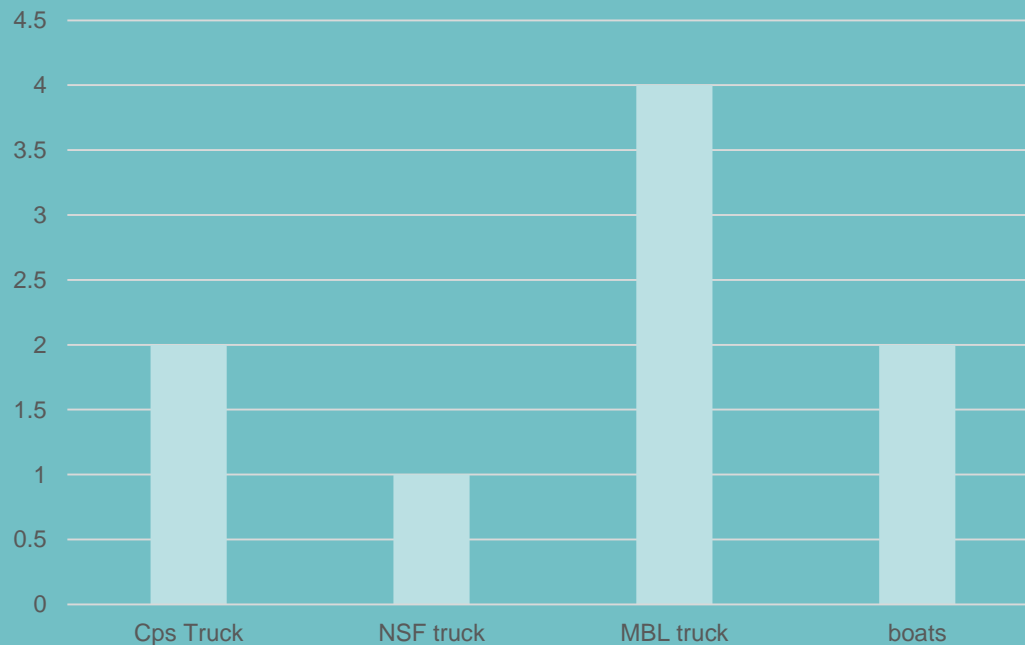
- Services and products used:
 - Spatial analysis
 - Drone imaging
 - Online maps
 - GPS handheld Trimble
- No complaints about quality or service

Science Support

- Snow machine support
- Truck and boat maintenance
- Moving and trailering of propane tanks
- Carpentry and construction assistance
- Assisting with data collection

Transportation

- 2 respondents reported using a CPS Truck
- 1 used NSF Truck
- 4 used MBL Truck
- 2 used MBL/Toolik Boats



Logistical and Facilities Support

- Everyone Compliments the Kitchen
- Easy access to a wide variety of tools
- General appreciation for cleanliness and upkeep
- The orphan science equipment tent was appreciated

Working Conditions

- Most respondents reported Toolik as a positive work environment
- Many comments praising the easy access to equipment and expertise
- Complaint that there were times when there was no EMT in camp.
- Some of the labs require maintenance.

Living Conditions

- The general impression is that Toolik is “Outstanding” place to visit.
- Everyone loves the food
- Request for “upgrade” to some of the boarding facilities
- Complaint about loudness during quiet hours, some of the signs were being used as sawhorses to hold gear
- There was a complaint, from someone having “many” years experience at TFS, that there is “less a sense of community than we used to have”

Title IX

- 11 out of 12 respondents stated that they understood TFS Title IX policies. With 1 not responding.
- There were no comments having to do with Title IX issues.

Request

- Greenseeker (instrument to measure NDVI)
- New engine for Smooth Ride TFS boat
- More balances (I'm still trying to figure out what kind)
- Replacement/improvement of long-term housing
- A “general use” lab that could be signed out through the EDC

Request

- Screened deck area
- Water cooler in sauna
- Better coordination of freebe shelf, orphaned and up-for-grabs science equipment and supplies
- Outdoor pull-up bar
- More coat hooks in Dining Hall
- Sewing machine

Request

- Outhouse door locks that display “Occupied” (like on airplanes)
- Foam ring in outhouses
- “sit-down” policy for outhouses

Shout Outs!!!

- Jeb, Justin, Chad, Faustine, Travis, Amanda, Barbara, Ben, Jade, Collin, Randy, Jorge, Seth
- Polar Services
- Kitchen Crew
- EDC & GIS Staff
- Toolik Staff as a Whole!

“TFS is the best place I've ever worked. Sometimes you don't realize how many hours you put in and how hard the work is until you take a step back at the end of the season and realize. But that's just a testament to the support, resources, and overall safety of the general workplace.”

-anonymous respondent