



## Purpose and Need

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The purpose of preparing this EA is to evaluate PWC use in Lake Superior at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to ensure the protection of park resources and values while offering a variety of visitor experiences consistent with the NPS Organic Act, the park's enabling legislation as amended, and the park's mission, purpose and significance as articulated in the park's 2004 General Management Plan (GMP). The NPS needs to take action at this time to address the inadequacies in the previous Environmental Assessment for PWC use at the park, as identified in the 2010 U.S. District Court opinion.



## Project Objectives

- Evaluate whether PWC use is consistent with the park's purposes and values as identified in the park's 2004 General Management Plan.
- Provide a variety of visitor experiences, including primitive, backcountry, and wilderness experiences.
- Ensure the safety of all park visitors and reduce the potential for conflicts between uses.
- Provide protection for threatened, endangered, and other protected species and their habitats.
- Minimize adverse impacts to water and air quality.
- Minimize adverse impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- Protect cultural resources from adverse impacts.
- Minimize operational needs and costs associated with the management of PWC use, if PWC use is authorized.