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Michigan

Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

**All Comments Submitted for the Draft EIS
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Correspondence ID: 1Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,28 2023 14:39:41
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Correspondence: I am in support of Alternative B. As long as CUA holders who already practice and emulate Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, Stewardship practices are given first priority when reserving Group Sites in the Backcountry and Wilderness Areas. This would also preserve backcountry practices and minimal impact as the NPS holds such groups to a higher standard as directed in their CUA's.
This practice is done in many of the other NPS parks. This allows continued partnerships with these organizations and allows for a more manageable and documented list of campground use statistics.

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Correspondence: Option A. No changes needed/wanted. If visiting became too restricted, I can see the ferries ceasing to exist or cost becoming a bigger challenge. The island already served as a resort for the wealthy and it should be reasonable for all to visit in perpetuity. Adding new island sites and winter opportunities are great ideas

Correspondence ID: 3Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,29 2023 19:17:15
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Correspondence: I would like to see Alternative B in action. It is a progressive step forward for a national park to create more accessible options as well, seeing the increase of people with disabilities who are getting out and around more. The option to accommodate larger groups is a good idea. Additional cabins, picnic tables, fire rings and hibachis would generate even more revenue for NPS. In my experience, 99.99% of visitors respect the rules and the concept that is Isle Royale. Maintaining old life leases and historical structures is an important project for all of humanity-- preserving history is incredibly important! Increasing amenities benefits both the park AND visitors. As the most revisited NP, it is for a reason! The Isle Royale team does a fantastic job, and this gem benefits people of any age or ability!

Correspondence ID: 4Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,29 2023 19:37:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The No-Action Alternative is the best out of three options. Many return visitors do not feel a need for a change in how the park operates even with the (temporary) increase in visitors to the park in recent years. The number of visitors is already restricted by the limited means of transportation to the island.

Although I understand that the alternatives B and C are meant to preserve the park, I fear they would do more harm than good in the eyes of park visitors.

Alternative B would be less damaging but it may harm visitors by forcing them to abide by a schedule rather than being able to explore the island at their own pace. Hiking on the island is strenuous, so overzealous hikers may not be able to reach their reserved campsites leading to less efficiency in the permitting system if many campers are off-schedule. I do believe that adding more campgrounds/campsites would be a positive for the island, mainly near Rock Harbor where campsites tend to fill up the quickest.

Alternative C would be absolutely detrimental to the park. Vault toilets, shelters, and other campsite amenities are valuable services for many visitors, especially new campers, those with families, and those who would prefer a more modern approach to camping. For those wanting a more reserved experience, they can already camp outside of established campsites with a permit to get more solitude. Furthermore, if visitors want more solitude, removing trails would force

hikers onto busier trails and away from more secluded routes.

As for addressing the park being open during the winter season, I don't see how that idea couldn't be approached under the No-Action Alternative plan. If there is demand for park access during the winter season, then it should be offered if possible.

Correspondence ID: 5Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,30 2023 06:26:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have traveled and backpacked Isle Royale since the early 1970's. My choice for the upcoming decision to improve the island's wilderness experience would be the "A" proposal, but with more NPS presence on the trails and at the campsites. In the past rangers would travel the trail routes and maintain awareness of the parks solitude and wilderness qualities. Most recently this practice seems to be non existent and visitors have become oblivious to the nature of peace and solitude in the park. I would choose plan "A", however the 85/15 percent option may help to reduce overcrowding as well as the presence of rangers to control overstaying at campsite abuse.

Correspondence ID: 6Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,30 2023 08:45:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a visitor and lover of Isle Royale, I support proposed alternative B. Although this may impact localized areas of wilderness, it appears to be the most sustainable option for both human and non-human futures of the park.

Correspondence ID: 7Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,30 2023 11:24:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Some may disagree, but I'd love to see IRNP get rid of the water taxi service, and figure out a way to perhaps add another camp somewhere between Daisy, 3mile or Moskey, while also putting a 2 night cap on stays per site. But the water taxi makes parts of the island far too easily accessible, and those who spend a good portion of the day backpacking to their destination are outcompeted by those who simply hop on a water taxi, and as a result a lot of the time have to camp in the far less scenic overflow sites. There could also be restrictions on how many people can be on the island at one time, though I'm not sure how that could implement that or what it would look like. All I know is when we did our return trip last year it was bananas. People camping on the docks at Moskey and McCargo, even Chickenbone, Todd Harbor and Hatchet Lake were over crowded (though this was at the tail end of a wildfire that had Lane Cove and part of the Greenstone closed or limited access)
There's no one solution to please everyone, but I'm all for limiting access so that the island retains a remote wilderness experience. It's similar to the issue rising about e-bikes on state mountain bike trails.. people argue those with limited physical ability should be allowed access, but I also believe those seeking a remote, rugged and natural experience should have places they can go for that too. Isle Royale was one such place but this past couple years have seen that change. All that being said, I am a bit intrigued at what winter access would look like, and I absolutely abhor the idea of a reservation system.. it's already near impossible to get decent if any sites at some of the more popular campgrounds in northern Michigan. We need more first come first serve places to camp, as the reservation systems are often abused and are not conducive to backpacking.

Correspondence ID: 8Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a visitor to Isle Royale and many other national parks, plan A and B seem prudent but plan C makes absolutely no sense as a short or long term solution to the overcrowding issue. Since the park is experiencing record numbers, the plan is to REDUCE campsites, trails, etc? Effectively making the park less accessible in a time where it is becoming extremely popular? This doesn't make any sense and as a regular visitor it makes me fear it difficult to visit again or introduce my friends and family to the park's beauty. Even if we do manage to snag a rare reservation, my favorite trails and campsites may not even be there. The solution may not be to figure out how to pack more people on the island, but it's DEFINITELY not to reduce accommodations and accessibility to that extent .

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Received: Jul,31 2023 07:37:56
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Correspondence: Option A is the only option I agree with at this time.

Correspondence ID: 10Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Jul,31 2023 13:55:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A appears to be the best. The park already does a good job of providing access to wilderness and recent attendance numbers are recorded as roughly within "expected averages"; since 2016 for 2022(between 24k and 28k visitors). Seeing as how that range is not being exceeded with any regularity, the case for making any changes seems moot.

Correspondence ID: 11Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,01 2023 11:18:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The gray wolf is an iconic resident of Isle Royale National Park. The park is one of the last refuges for the gray wolf in the lower 48 states. Biologists conducted extensive research on the park's wolves during the 20th century. Wolves should be a key element in the park's planning process since the park provides an important refuge for gray wolves and other wildlife species.

Amphibian populations are declining worldwide, and amphibians are experiencing high extinction rates due to habitat loss, chytrid fungus, pollutants, pesticides, and climate change. Amphibians are the most threatened class of vertebrates and merit special attention in the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. Wetlands and forested areas in the Isle Royale National Park are suitable habitats for amphibians.

We support Alternative C. This alternative has reduced human impact on wilderness areas, which would benefit wolves, amphibians, and other wildlife species.

Aquatic resources, wetlands, terrestrial wildlife, and threatened and endangered species are issues that should receive detailed analysis in the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. Visitors to Isle Royale National Park, as well as park developments, have the potential to impact aquatic resources, wetlands, terrestrial wildlife, and threatened and endangered species. These issues should be discussed in the affected environment and environmental consequences sections of the plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence ID: 12Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,01 2023 14:07:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative plan C should be adopted for the park.

Correspondence ID: 13Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,01 2023 20:19:10
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: I'm a big fan of Alternative B.

Nice work.

Correspondence ID: 14Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C which seeks to enhance wilderness character by improving solitude for visitors. Some of the proposed changes under this option include reducing the number of campsites, eliminating some trails, implementing a camping reservation system, creating a more primitive feel by removing shelters, picnic tables and other structures from wilderness areas, and reducing visitor encounters with large groups by decreasing day use group size and eliminating commercial use within the wilderness. This alternative would also open up winter access to the park.

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Correspondence: Alternative B.

Correspondence ID: 16Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 12:32:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone who has backpacked on Isle Royale before and hope to do so again many times, I ardently support Proposal C to help keep the park's wild feel alive.

Correspondence ID: 17Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 12:37:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan B is best in addressing the needs of the historic structures and features of the island. Although I'm in favor historic preservation when it makes sense to support interpretative programs otherwise I'm in favor of removing

abandon building and structures for safety reasons and help promote return of more natural features and spaces.

My wife and I spend three days and nights on the island in 1997 and hope to make a return trip soon. Keep up the great work. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 18Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 12:53:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C seems best in my mind. So many campsites have become less wilderness and more so just a social club. We go camping to get away from that all and reducing groups and keeping it more backcountry is ideal. Less people hopefully means less of an impact on the natural beauty.

Correspondence ID: 19Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 13:09:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that some areas need to open for enjoyment of the less physical fit or handicap individuals. Yes, some areas need to be more remote for the younger and or physical fit people. A happy medium should be able to be reached. Like skiing trails. Not everyone can or should go down a double black diamond slope. Please do not exclude those people that are physically incapable to reach some of these remote areas - open the areas up. Here in Michigan, they are trying to put things back to the way they were 100 years ago. They are closing access points for hunters across the state. I'm 61 years old and I'm limited to where I can hunt by the distance, I can drag or pack a deer out of the woods. In my younger days I could drag or pack out a deer several miles, I cannot do that anymore. I cannot fully enjoy deer hunting like I once did due to changes in access to public land. Do not do the same for a national park. Please open the park up more for people to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 20Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 13:17:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone who has visited the island and camped twice. Only the first few camps west of Rock Harbor are busy, the rest are already rustic enough. Im in favor of leaving the Island and experience the way it is.

Correspondence ID: 21Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 13:37:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

This is comment on Wilderness Stewardship Plan 508 for Isle Royale National Park.

I've backpacked both sides of the island including a full loop of Minong and Greenstone.

I've been to many national parks and Isle Royale is for sure my favorite.

Option A, not ideal, something needs to be done to preserve and maintain what's there.

Option B not a fan at all of a permit system coming to the park. A big part of the draw for me is that it's a place to be flexible with planning and itinerary and that all does not need to be planned far in advance like other parks, If B was unfortunately chosen the unbooked 15% flexible seems like too little. Maybe it's a 30% flexible/70% bookable system or 40/60 etc. I also disagree with increasing the group size.

Option C disagree with the reservation system, removing all shelters, tables, or reducing trails, agree with decreasing day group size/large groups, winter access, historical structure preservation, and focus on enhancing wilderness character.

If these three as is were the only options I'd pick C. If option C could be done without a reservation system, or one with the above system changed to 30% flexible/70% bookable or 40/60 etc, while keeping the current camp sites and trails, even if shelters and tables were removed, I would be fully for this option.

Best,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: Prefer Plan B with a reservation system and additional camp sites on Wright Isle and John's Island. (With docks at both for boat in campers). If a few other sites (for boats/with docks) could be established it would certainly improve access there the park for boaters. Possibly something between windigo and Todd Harbor along the north shore?? Could a shelter be added to Grace Island? Maybe even just a spot that was cleared to put up a tent back away from the existing shelters etc. For private boaters, it is many times a challenge to find a place to stay. It would be very helpful to possibly reserve a spot with dock to help with trip planning. I would gladly pay an additional fee to reserve a spot. I feel that having some extra places to boat/dock/camp would also reduce "wear n tear" on the current sites. How about allowing a boater to stay and tent camp at Washington Island, Crystal Cove etc and utilize the docks if available?

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Correspondence: I vote for proposal A. Having just returned from a back packing trip we thoroughly enjoyed, we feel no changes are needed.

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Correspondence: I'd like to see things remain the same at this time. I would be in favor of extending the season if open water permits. I'd also be in favor of holding controlled moose hunts if the population remains too high.

Correspondence ID: 25Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: No Action - Please.

Isle Royale is perfect the way it is. Why mess with perfection? I have enjoyed each visit I have had. IR always leaves me wanting more.

Correspondence ID: 26Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A is definitely the best to preserve the wildness, opportunity for itinerary flexibility, exploration, and education of the history of the island. The history is one of my favorite aspects of the island and I feel as though it is extremely important to learn about the people that came before us to make this beautiful island their home.

Correspondence ID: 27Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re camp site reservations

... delays in plane flights or boat transportation to Isle Royale due to weather could keep you from meeting your reservation, bad storms could make you need to wait a day or so before you hike onto a different campsite again missing your reservation... Too many variables in trying to be at a certain campsite on a certain day when backpacking in the wilderness!

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Correspondence: Alternative a

Correspondence ID: 29Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been going to Isle Royale for the last 25 years. I have lived locally for 20 years & am in favor of no changes be made to Isle Royale. I believe that is proposal A.

Making reservations would be challenging due to unforeseen events while backpacking including weather & injury.

One other experience I have had the last couple years is hearing demands & complaints made by several guests of the lodge about wanting better accommodations & more modern facilities. Isle Royale I believe is unique & designed to be a rugged outdoor experience for all who adventure there. Having it remain that way is definitely my vote! It is not a place to just check off an NP bucket list. It's is my favorite spot for solitude & serenity! Absolutely love it just the way it is!

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear sirs my wife is a native of the area and we have been returning to the region ever summer for over 40 years. We are ADAMANTLY opposed to any changes to the current process for accessing and using Isle Royal. If there is to be any change what so ever it should be to simply reduce the number of people allowed to access the commercial boats and air system by 5-10% this improving the experience while also reducing stress on the ecosystem!

The idea of going to a reservation system is simply not realistic do to weather issues and water concerns !

Correspondence ID: 31Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Option A is the best. I understand why people want to be able to reserve campsites. I also understand that doing so is difficult when conditions are constantly changing (algae blooms, beaver dams, dried up creeks) which makes moving on to the next campsite necessary at times. I also think that have it FCFS keeps numbers at bay. So many people are worried they won't get a campsite that they don't ever leave rock harbor. Which is great for those of us that like

some solitude in the wilderness. Reservation system is inviting it to be fully booked, like other NPs, and greatly diminish the value that so many of enjoy about IRNP: aloneness.

Correspondence ID: 32Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 15:59:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see option B, increasing #'s and access. Seeing as it is already the least visited park, I doubt this would have a dramatic impact and would be nice to make the park available to more people. It's a bucket list trip of mine. Thanks for taking comments! - (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 33Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 16:29:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a first timer to the island and 20+ years living in the reservation system of the west, I strongly support option A - keep as is. There are too many variables that impact the ability to move throughout the island. What happens in the inland lakes can't provide drinkable water? What about storm that comes through which limits a day of hiking? How about a tough day and recognizing your body needs a break? By forcing people into selecting and reserving a plan, I believe injury will increase throughout the island. Just in the 9 months my travel partner and I planned our trip, we continued to fine-tune and ended up with 3 trips based on the time we actually get in, the weather, and how we're feeling after the first couple days of hiking. For example, one day we are planning on Moskey Basin, but with alternates to stop at Lake Richie if we need to stop early, and continue to Daisy Farm if we are moving faster than planned. We've also altered our plan as housing opened up at Rock Harbor, something we could not do if we were forced into reservations a year in advance. Unless there is a major issue with overcrowding, changing something for the sake of changing doesn't seem like an approach that is inline with the wilderness of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 34Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 16:31:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I dont think the island needs any changes to how things are run, I give my opinion as option A, no changes to the park plan.

Correspondence ID: 35Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 17:03:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alt. C all the way. Please keep Isle Royale wild and promote solitude.

Correspondence ID: 36Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 17:30:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Visiting 21 of 63 American National Parks, as well as 43 other units in the NPS system has offered an opportunity for me to develop an awareness of and appreciation for the unique character of each property protected by the National Park Service. Each park has a unique balance in its protection of ecology and culture, and each faces unique challenges as they work to strike a balance between public access and preservation principles; this has been a subject of debate since the Park Service's inception, when Stephen Mather advocated for a Park to Park Highway.

I live in Arizona, which means I'm blessed to have the Grand Canyon as my "home park." When Theodore Roosevelt gave a speech advocating preservation of the Canyon in 1903, he expressed concern about plans to build a single hotel at the South Rim of the Canyon, claiming that even a single structure would detract from the natural magnificence the Canyon had

to offer. While the infrastructure and concessions at Grand Canyon Village and Tusayan allow many people to experience and appreciate the Canyon, it absolutely has detracted from the wilderness quality of the place-- a visitor must venture deep into the Inner Canyon to witness the vestige of the magnificence that early explorers discovered, and that the Havasupai and Hualapai have known for centuries.

Isle Royale offers a singularly unique experience in the continental United States: a space for natural solitude that early wilderness protectors like Theodore Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Young would recognize. The fact that the Island remains in comparable conditions to those that existed in the mid 19th century might not be a source of great comfort to Angelique Mott, but it does represent a rare triumph of conservation in the Great Lakes, a region that has been totally terraformed by agricultural and industrial settlement.

The wilderness quality of Isle Royale offers an opportunity for adventurous visitors to experience something they may never have before: strenuous adventure. Visitors must chart an itinerary with rangers, pack and plan accordingly, filter their own water, pitch their own tents, prepare their own food and ensure it's rationed. They MUST do these things, because after you've left Rock Harbor or Windigo, there's truly no option BUT to see these tasks through. There are few places and circumstances in the contiguous U.S. where this is true-- more often than not, modern conveniences are just a short walk or drive away.

I spent my 30th birthday exploring Isle Royale and it was the best birthday I've ever had. My sister, brother-in-law, and some friends working at the Rock Harbor Lodge did some of the most extraordinary exploring I've ever done. I saw the Northern Lights for the first time. I foraged for fresh berries a matter of minutes before seeing moose foraging themselves. I heard a lone loon calling as mist slowly rolled over the silent waters of Lake Superior. I experienced solitude the likes of which I haven't felt since living at McMurdo Station in Antarctica.

The solitude Isle Royale offers contributes to the unique character of IRNP and makes it one of the most extraordinary units in the entire National Park Service system. For that reason, I'm glad there's an alternative that explicitly seeks to retain the solitude quality. I'm writing to offer emphatic support to Alternative C, and hope decisionmakers in this process will continue to protect this natural refuge for solitude and silence in our world of ceaseless artificial noise.

Correspondence ID: 37Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 17:56:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Comments for Isle Royale
I like option A best - do nothing other than maintain the current sleeping structures, bathrooms and trails.
It's one of the few places I can go and NOT need an entrance time.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 38Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,07 2023 18:24:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I absolutely love Isle Royale, I have backpacked the island countless times and I truly would hate to see a huge drastic change. I love the building and structures, I think the stores and restaurants are wonderful after a grueling hike, I also think it keeps day visitors and those who aren't there for a big excursion to those areas. I love the trails and I love that I rarely see people on trails. Fewer trails means more people on others which would ruin the seclusion feeling. I also hate the idea of a reservation system, I think people who are not informed will make ridiculous itineraries and ruin others. I also love being able to change my itinerary because of weather or how I'm feeling. I have backpacked in multiple places and there is nothing worse than a reservation system, a certain amount of permits I think would be beneficial, but limited where people stay really takes the fun out of it. I hate waiting at the computer for reservations systems, I think they work for larger parks but Isle Royale has the most returned visitors, and those visitors don't need to rely on reservations

systems. Reservations would open the door to more chaos I think short term and long term and would ruin the experience. It's a very unique park and if there worry is more visitors visiting (which there are definitely more now than ever) I think limiting the amount of permits would be the best option, however there are only so many boats and so many planes that can fly there, the amount of visitors cannot uptick too much. I do think a limit on permits could be the best option kinda like the BWCA, doesn't need to be reserved way in advance but just a way to ensure not every campground is overly crowded. I think the group sites are fine, it opens the door for Boy Scouts and Girl Scout groups, and also keeps the in their own area. I have also been to backpacking sites where big group just take over the individually sites and don't care about anyone but their group which is so sad and ruins the experience. I really hope you guys decide to not include the reservation system, a few more campsites or campgrounds (especially for boating) could make the experience even more incredible as there is so much to explore by water too. I also think keeping it open isn't the winter would be a very cool experience, and would be nice for those who want to experience the island in the winter. Thank you for your consideration!

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Correspondence: Alternative C also seeks to enhance wilderness character, but by improving solitude for visitors. Some of the proposed changes under this option include reducing the number of campsites, eliminating some trails, implementing a camping reservation system, creating a more primitive feel by removing shelters, picnic tables and other structures from wilderness areas, and reducing visitor encounters with large groups by decreasing day use group size and eliminating commercial use within the wilderness. This alternative would also open up winter access to the park.

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Correspondence: Alternative C also seeks to enhance wilderness character, but by improving solitude for visitors. Some of the proposed changes under this option include reducing the number of campsites, eliminating some trails, implementing a camping reservation system, creating a more primitive feel by removing shelters, picnic tables and other structures from wilderness areas, and reducing visitor encounters with large groups by decreasing day use group size and eliminating commercial use within the wilderness. This alternative would also open up winter access to the park.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No changes to the park. Reservation system would not work as there are too many variables with transportation and day to day back country hiking. Need to be flexible with your itinerary.

Correspondence ID: 42Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,07 2023 19:22:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello. I've taken the Ranger III with a 19' over about twenty times. The last time was in 2021. It seems most of the chatter I hear is about over crowding at the campsites. The only proposal that will address this is C and it's the one I hate the most as it seems it's purpose is to make the island a less desirable place. It would seem to make it less crowded is to bring less people over. The plane doesn't carry many passengers, the Ranger III only has two trips a week. Private boats I assume are a very low number when looking at the big picture of guests. Meanwhile the Queen makes a run everyday. You limit commercial guides on the island, why not set a lower limit on passenger coming over where I believe is probably from the Queen. On my last visit in 2021 I was at Daisy farm and went across to Caribu island and there was an open shelter. I tagged it and went back to DF to get our gear. When we returned to Caribu a couple of female kayakers

were in the shelter and claimed there was no tag on it. We had to scuddle back to DF and reset up there. What a day that was!

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Correspondence: I have backpacked on Isle Royale 3 times. One of the things that made me fall in love with this place was the feeling of solitude and the experience of being in a (relatively) unspoiled wilderness. Our most recent trip was last month. On my first two visits, several year ago, we barely saw anyone. This most recent visit was very different. I was shocked at how many more people were there, both in the front and backcountry. Two of the backcountry campgrounds at which we stayed were completely full. Backpackers who came in later had to make their own campsites. I know that "overflow camping" is permitted but that has to be contributing to environmental degradation. This could be avoided by providing a reasonable number of designated campsites and making them (at least popular ones) reservable. I understand that parks need to generate income and I am ok with that to a point. I visit too many National Parks where the wants of people have clearly far outweighed the needs of the wilderness. Good intentions became clouded by the love of money and the result is wilderness that has been carved up and tamed to accommodate what we want. I love that IR has something for those who don't want to backpack so that everyone can experience this wonderful place. I don't believe that removing all structures would be beneficial or even practical. In fact, I would worry that removing shelters, in particular, might lead to further degradation of soil and vegetation. In other areas where I have been, backcountry shelters even appear to reduce the impact that tent camping leaves. Further, by making campsites/shelters reservable, you eliminate the need for "overflow" camping. But there should be a limit on what I call "creature comforts." I fear that if the trend of development (new camp store, more amenities and tourist activities, camper cabins) I have seen over the past few years continues, my beloved IR will soon be a ruined tourist resort. There need to be limitations in place, or we will lose the essence of what makes this place so unique and special.

While I do not support the removal of shelters and picnic tables, I would support a total campfire ban, including the removal of fire rings. We stayed at Island Mine and were shocked at how bare and denuded the ground was there...presumably due to people collecting firewood. None of the other locations we stayed at were that degraded. Finally, I would support winter visitation on a limited permit basis and only for backcountry use. The very last thing I want to see there is a year-round lodge/resort.

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Correspondence: I support the No Action option of leaving the park, it's wilderness and it's wildlife as it is now. My 8 year old grandson is now on his second annual back packing vacation there and I would like him to enjoy that rustic wilderness adventure well into the future.

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Correspondence: It is always a balance between access and protecting the environment. Having read through the plan I think Alternative B is the best option, but there are a few things that don't make a lot of sense in that alternative to me. First is the solution to campground overcrowding and the second is trail maintenance and conditions. As the report states, though with very old data, the congestion is always in the Rock Harbor to Daisy Farm area. Obviously, the majority of the visitors arrive into Rock Harbor. It seems that most of those that are camping stay in 3 Mile, Daisy Farm, or Lane Cove. Since the 2013 study should that Lane Cove and 3 Mile are the most overcrowded. What I don't understand is that Alternative B tries to solve that problem by adding campsites rather than campgrounds. While I fully understand the difficult of adding campgrounds, I doubt it is much easier to add campgrounds. I think that by adding a Campground a the end of Tobin Harbor, where the Tobin Harbor trail meets the junction trail between Greenstone and Rock Harbor trail. Yes, this camp

would be close to 3 Mile, but it would provide an alternative to 3 mile and relieve the over crowding. The other campground could be added West of Lane Cove. When the Lane Cover trail drops down from the Greenstone the trail curves to the East to Lane Cove. if a new trail curved to the West to Lake Superior a new camp could be added there. This new camp would alleviate the overcrowding issues at Lane Cove. These two new camps would also provide more opportunity for those that just aren't strong enough to get too deep into the backcountry. The other issues is the trail maintenance/boardwalks. I just recently came off my 3rd backpack on the island. I would have to say, I have no idea where boardwalks could be removed that would not have hikers walking in water through all the swampy areas on the East end of the island. The plan of placing "rocks or logs" to cross these areas is honestly laughable. I would have to say anyone who thinks this makes sense has not hiked much on the Island or at all. Rocks and logs are far more difficult and dangerous for hikers and will cause a lot more injuries. It is far easier to slip on a rock than on a board walk. If the intent is to protect the public, then rocks in place of boardwalks is not the answer. This is just a few quick comments, hopefully will have to time to put together a much more detailed analysis. Thank you for your time, (b) (6)

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Correspondence: The focus of Isle Royale National Park should be to maintain and enhance the wilderness aspect of the park. That means, "NO" to increased human presence and activity in the park. If Alternative C does that, then go with C. If not, maintain the current system.

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Correspondence: I've been to the island the past two years. I do believe there are a lot of people but compared to anywhere else I don't believe it's a bad amount. I saw roughly 20 people each day of the Greenstone Ridge and it was a fine amount. I had solitude most of the time and enjoyed the current campsites and shelters. East chickenbone could've used more sites as we had to bunk up with another group. That ruined the solitude compared to us having our own site. I would say option A is the top choice but some of option C could be desirable.

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Correspondence: I like the second option that discusses allowing larger groups and more campsites. As a scout trip organizer, it was difficult to put together a trip to accommodate all my scouts and parents. As scouts, we have a dedication to the preservation of nature and always leave a place better that we found it. I do not feel there would be a negative impact with your proposed changes but think it would allow more people to enjoy the park. We would even be open to a conservation project while visiting. We, and other scout troops, would donate out time to help with projects in the park. This is how we manage our Philmont ranch in New Mexico. The scouts get additional opportunities if they agree to donate hours of communities service. I think a program like this would really help get things done at Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: I hope NPS will continue to explore a wilderness permitting system, as in our experience, group camp sites were often used by 2-3 separate small groups out of necessity. Or there was never really time to enjoy the wilderness because each hike is a race against other hikers. However, the style of system that would meet user needs may depend on how it is integrated with transportation reservation systems. If campsite and ferry/plane systems are not in sync, it seems

likely that someone could reserve campsites when the desired route is available and then not get transportation, or reserve transportation and then not get campsites at the desired route. For us as a family with children, only a limited number of routes are possible. Aside from the need and challenge of avoiding overcrowding at camp areas, I would favor alternative C with an emphasis on solitude.

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Correspondence: Alternative c

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Correspondence: I vote for option C. After visiting twice now my latest experience in June was that of having to hear and deal with partying people at every campsite I visited that had tent and shelter campsites. It robbed what makes Isle Royale so unique

Correspondence ID: 52Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I strongly support plan A. One of the wonderful things about Isle Royale is it's open access nature. Being able to show up on the island and have a flexible itinerary is very unique. If advanced permit reservations are needed to manage the number of people then do that, but please don't require reservations for specific campsites. There are things about plan B that would be nice like increasing the group size and adding additional campsites. Please don't implement plan C! Isle Royale is quite remote to begin with due to the accessibility of it. Reducing campsites or removing shelters or other amenities would seriously detract from the usability of the island. It is currently a wonderfully unique place for many reasons and I suggest leaving it as is.

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Correspondence: I favor plan one of the plans for Isle Royale. Plans two and three require campground reservations, which are not always possible on the island. Injury, weather, and other factors impact hikers and paddlers ability to maintain strict reservations in campsites. If the lake is too rough to paddle, would a paddler be forced to consider potentially unsafe conditions just to maintain an itinerary planned six months prior? Would hikers be forced on the Greenstone Ridge in dangerous lightning storms? What happens to hikers who become sick or injured, requiring an extra day of rest or a diverted trip? The current stay rules need to be enforced before any new rules are put in place. People often violate stay limits, especially in Rock Harbor. They arrive on the island with gear not suited for hiking and set up with the intention of never moving, but spending the weekend like a typical campground. Until the current system is enforced, how can a new system be put in place?

Limiting visitors is one way to alleviate the crush of people visiting the island. Have lottery systems for popular times like Arches and Zion do for popular hikes. Require visitors to submit plans ahead of time, alerting them of stay limits and what the consequences are for violating them. Perhaps fine campers who violate stay limits and prevent them from revisiting for a year.

This summer, I was injured on the island and my cross island hike became a short trip to Daisy Farm and Three Mile. It's not what I wanted or planned for, however it's the reality of the island. I was not injured enough to require removal from the

island, however I could not hike more than a mile or two and even then, at a very slow rate. I was able to alter my trip and 'fly by the seat of my pants' in regards to where I slept each night. I visited the National Park office and alerted the staff to my injury and was given permission to stay an extra night in Rock Harbor, I shared my shelter both of the nights I was there and felt guilty the whole time for taking up violating the limit.

To end my rambling, keep the island as is, adopt a permitting system for busy times, and start enforcing the rules that exist with consequences. Thank you.

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Correspondence: My opinion is Option A - leave the park the way it is. We spent 3 nights at the lodge in June and loved the experience. We crossed paths with a Boy Scout group that was backpacking for 7 nights on the island. They were excited for the challenge! The rustic campsites with protective huts are perfect in the event of extreme weather.

We were able to do day hikes from the lodge and encountered moose along the way. I would be concerned on opening up more access or campsites would endanger the moose and wolf population.

The only recommendation would be the addition of more accessible activities for elderly or disabled. We encountered an adult daughter with her elderly mother and was frustrated about all the steps at the lodge and unable to find something she could do. Or better communication prior to booking.

Thanks for asking!

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Correspondence: I would have to go with no action I guess. I wouldn't mind a reservation system, the island can get a bit crowded at times. However, people seem to over estimate their abilities and that could lead to issue with a reservation system if people can't make it to their site. I do not think that shelters should be removed, that would be a horrible idea. And I do not like the idea of adding campgrounds. But I'm not a fan of eliminating campgrounds either. Some of the less traveled campgrounds offer unique opportunities for viewing wildlife and enjoying solitude.

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Correspondence: Plan a is first choice.

Plan b is second choice

No to plan c as written

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Correspondence: I urge no changes to the current usage of this national treasure. Our family spent several seasons hiking all over this island and we all have great memories of our trips. It should be considered sacred ground - once you start messing with the current setup, you'll be on a slippery slope .

Correspondence ID: 58Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 07:07:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think option B is the best way to go, possibly with some tweaks like reducing the 85% booking capacity to something like 70%. When we were there in 2022 we experienced a number of issues with our group site reservations where the group sites at locations like Daisy Farm were full even though it was on our itinerary.

With this option, the enforcement and having clear policies around how you handle situations where the sites are full due to weather and people not following their itinerary (staying longer than they planned) would be key.

I also think that it would be a better experience if there were less completely full camps.

I would suggest that you reconsider the 85% and lower that number to:

- 1) Ensure people with reservations don't run into scenarios where the campsites/shelters are all taken
- 2) Limit the overall reservations based on capacity at key sites that are the primary point of entry for a high % of backpackers (3 mile, Daisy Farm etc.) and ensure that these campsites are not over-crowded. The feeling of remoteness is ruined right away when you land in a huge tent city or can't find a shelter because everything is full.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 59Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 07:12:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,
I appreciate the three options to the park experience. I would personally lean towards Alternative C. I think the option to offer winter camping is an incredible opportunity for campers. I've been winter camping, hiking in the UP for the past 5-6 years and it's a totally different world in the winter. It offers a different level of wilderness experience as well as an entirely different set of conditions to prepare for. I think winter camping on IRNP would be another level of intensity above the UP. I also think the opportunity to bring or rent a canvas tent, possibly with a stove, would be an awesome experience.

Ideally, I would like to see a combination of Alternatives B and C. I love that the island is a time capsule and relatively untouched. But I've also heard people speak with the same reverence of the island as I do and they were only able to make a day trip, but instantly fell in love with it. I like the idea of two more, remote campsites, but I do fear that it could quickly become overcrowded and seem more like Great Smoky Mountains or the Grand Canyon.

For what the island is and what it's intended to offer visitors, I think Alternate A or C is the proper option. While I don't like restrictions on things or people I believe the island should be preserved as a remote, untouched wilderness as much as possible. There are plenty of family or group tourist sites in the U. S.

Correspondence ID: 60Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 07:30:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I certainly like Alternative B. It is time to throw a bone to the boaters!

While the majority of visitors to Isle Royale are hikers, boaters expend the most effort and money to visit. Fewer and fewer boaters enjoy going to Isle Royale. The park, in recent years, has catered to the squeaky wheel, which has been the hikers.

CUA's have certainly been a benefit to boaters, but there certainly needs to be more boater only camp sites to accommodate the increase in boating related charters.

It would also help to repair docks and also keep historical structures intact and maintained.

First and foremost, the America dock. It seems like the park just allows mother nature to erode away any historical significance under the guise of returning the park to a wilderness, claiming there is no money to do anything, then turning a blind eye to it all, hoping such a historical part of the island will be soon forgotten about by the next generation of visitors.

Structures on Wright Island can be preserved, (the same for those at Crystal Cove as well as other places in the park,) and possibly turned into museums or even commercial lodges. Creating an additional campground on Wright Island may bring enough interest from others to feel that those historical structure mean a bit more to the island's visitor than they do now.

The opportunity is there to generate revenue by utilizing and increasing boater only sites, while keeping the wilderness aspect that the hikers want separate on the main island.

Correspondence ID: 61Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale in 2022 and I had the most magical experience of my life. I got to see tons of wildlife, the Northern Lights, and experience great amounts of solitude. I really wish nothing would be changed about the park in this upcoming new plan proposal. I fear some of the proposed changes could alter the amazing wildlife experiences you can have there, as well as increase risk of the destruction of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 62Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale in May of 2019 with my friend. One of the things we most loved about the park was the "adventure" of figuring out where to camp during our four days, chatting with the rangers about their recommendations and touching base with other campers/backpackers. I am concerned that making campsites reservable will get in the way of the spirit of an Isle Royale adventure. Additionally, I have been to several national parks with camping reservation systems in which people reserved campsites that they never filled -- just as a "place holder", likely reserved months in advance. For these reasons, I oppose the implementation of a camping reservation system.

Correspondence ID: 63Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I think it would be nice if the campsites for boaters were smaller and more spread out. Like the "Hay Bay" or "birch island" sites. I brought some friends to the park for the 1st time and they pointed out how strange it was that we boated 65 miles to one of the most remote places in the lower 48 and then ended up sharing our site with a group of 12 strangers. They were very friendly and everything but it very much detracted from our wilderness experience. If at all possible fires should be permitted at all sites, there is something about camping and a fire that really go well together.

I don't think there is any reason the park should close completely. How cool would it be to land a ski plane in a harbor and do some ice fishing?

Also a moose hunt would be absolutely amazing!!

Thanks!

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having been to the island a few times in my life, it is a place that is kept very natural and pristine in the way it is currently managed. While I would not like to see the island become largely changed, attracting thousands of more visitors, I would prefer that access be improved, rather than removed, so that future generations of my family can experience Isle Royale the way I did. To that end, I would vote for Option B, or fall back to option A if that does not succeed. The structures that exist on the island are largely beautiful to see, and are a part of history, so I would prefer that they not be removed. I would rather see them maintained. My biggest worry with option B is that with 85% pre-booked permitting, it could lead to blocking people from using the island on their schedule. As it is, I have not been able to coordinate a return visit for a few years now, and being restricted to specific dates that may not allow for boating with weather would make planning even harder. So I would urge to keep the park as accessible as possible.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I have backpacked on Isle Royale several times in recent years in early September, accessing the island via ferry and floatplane at Rock Harbor and Windigo. I have been favorably impressed with way NPS has managed the tricky balance between facilitating visitor access and preserving the wilderness character of the park. Of the three scenarios presented, I think "A", no major changes in park management, is the best course of action.

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Correspondence: I wish to voice my support for Alternative C, improving the wilderness character and improving the solitude for visitors. The concept of a reservation system has me intrigued especially as there are several different sites I find are a must to stay at.

The only issue I take with Alternative C is the removal of shelters and picnic tables. I don't see it necessary to expand them but having those available as possible alternatives at select sites as they are now is a nice alternative to tenting. And a picnic table on occasion does make it a nice break from logs or camp chairs and makes it much easier and safer I'd say for preparing meals.

Isle Royale was the first major backpacking trip I went on. I am going back September 18th for the week and my friends and I plan to take more trips to the archipelago in the future. There's no other place like it. If there's anything I can contribute as far as feedback, I can be reached at (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 67Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

If given the choice of the three alternatives posed for the future of said park "Isle Royale," alternative c most closely allies with my sympathies.

Correspondence ID: 68Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not change anything. Reserving campsites just turns my vacation into a lottery.

Correspondence ID: 69Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The study was missing visitation data and a comparison to maximum carrying capacity. The public has no way to gauge the need for a reservation system without this data. A reservation system should reduce visitation if visitation is near or exceeds the carrying capacity. Unfortunately, enforcement of reservations by NPS personnel is not possible due to the remote nature of the park. Ultimately, more conflicts may arise due to an unenforceable reservation system rather than reduce conflicts. The flexibility of the permit itinerary is a minimum requirement if a reservation system is implemented. Without data to support overcrowding, I have no basis to support the reservation system.

Increased campsites or new island campgrounds is a good idea to create more camping capacity and reduce camper density.

The seasonal use of cabins by volunteer organizations in Alt B is sufficiently vague to not warrant support of this alternative. If 'park-approved personnel may use (a cabin) for resource (people?) protection' means use by volunteers (partnerships?) in the Tobin Bay area then it should be so stated. Without a clearly stated alternative to the volunteer housing requirement, Alt B is not supportable.

Winter ice crossings (Alt C) pose an uncontrolled international border issue and is a total non-starter.

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Correspondence: I love the natural beauty and wonders that Michigan has and want to do all I can to ensure that they are protected and preserved. I haven't been to Isle Royale yet, but I want to in the future and regardless want to make sure that the island and its ecosystem remain natural and clean. I support tourism, but not at the expense of nature. If we continue to expand, we continue to risk what makes Isle Royale special, and may not have it how it is in the future. This is especially important to remember as the Great Lakes Region attracts more people to live there; we cannot let our environment be degraded. Therefore, I support a mix of plans A and C, where the park is made to be more rustic and/or not expanded upon at all. Thank you so much.

Correspondence ID: 71Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative C. I believe that this alternative is the best plan for the wildlife and island environment.

Correspondence ID: 72Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale by canoe. At the time, the majority of the visitors were on foot. Enhancing additional camping space for boaters will help preserve the already well used camp sites.

There are primitive camping experiences all over Michigan. I am not in favor of making Isle Royale any more primitive than it already is.

Correspondence ID: 73Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not make most of the sites reservation only.

1. Sometimes people over estimate their ability to hike as far as they think they can and have to stop at an earlier site.
2. Sometimes weather or illness changes plans.
3. It is already so hard to get camping reservations at state parks in Michigan. The reservation system will make it harder to gain access.

I would rather like to see a handful of campsites, scattered across the island, that are reservable.

Correspondence ID: 74Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,08 2023 19:47:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would choose alternative A. Keep things as they are. The island has enough interesting history on the trails as well as options for people to either tent camp or shelter camp. I believe the simplicity of what exists currently on the island is one of the reasons I traveled to and hiked the island.

Alternative B opens up the wilderness aspect of the island to far too much development. What the island provides hikers and boaters currently is a challenging enough adventure that keeps the mystique and draw to the island alive.

Alternative C would remove some of the history of island which I believe is important to travelers. Understanding what once existed on the island and why it is no longer there teaches a respect for the wilderness but also the trails that exist. It's possible to keep the island as is while maintaining the history of once was.

Correspondence ID: 75Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C please. I'll go to the gym if I want to exercise and get fit. Let wild be wild.

Correspondence ID: 76Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,08 2023 20:12:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello-

I've been to Isle Royale 5 times now, and I've had great experiences all but one time. I'd like to provide my unorganized thoughts on the proposed changes below.

I'm not surprised a reservation system is being considered. Site reservations do alleviate some stress of each day and the question of 'will we get a site'... that being said, I'm not sure I'm fully in support. I like the flexibility of itineraries on ISRO, and in other UP backpacking destinations where reservations are required, and hard to obtain in peak season.... it's very frustrating because you can't do spontaneous trips, and often sites have been reserved but sit empty. It's a major bummer when you had to book your trip in February due to reservation demand and then when it comes time to go the weather is downright dangerous and you can't just wiggle your trip plans and you end up having to cancel altogether. How would reservations take into account the days when the ferries/planes have weather delays? If you've reserved sites based on full days of hiking your whole trip could be ruined.

I'm absolutely not in support of removing shelters as I believe was mentioned in plan C... that's one of the perks of hiking here!!! The shelters are a life saver on multi-day trips where Michigan treats us to lots of rain. It's a good chance to get everything dried out, and as trips progress the extra space between hiking pals is much appreciated. It's also nice when its crowded that you can share with other groups.

I can see a benefit to requiring backcountry camping permits in advance, as a way to limit traffic. The one trip that I had a not-so-great experience was mostly due to ridiculous overcrowding at Daisy Farm (as well as rude people - not NPS's fault). It was shortly after COVID, so I'm hoping that was a fluke due to that. But I also have steered clear of including Daisy Farm in my itineraries since.

That's all for now. Thanks!!

Correspondence ID: 77Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 20:52:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please leave Isle Royale just as it is...hikers who plan a trip to this beautiful place do so well in advance..for the peace & quiet...pleas...leave things as they are!

Correspondence ID: 78Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 20:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to advocate for alternative A: no action. I do not like the idea of needing to reserve a campsite ahead of time. This would be challenging if plans need to change due to limited cell service. I like the structures and picnic tables as they are.

Correspondence ID: 79Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 20:56:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've had the pleasure and privilege to go once back in 2021. I was happy with the experience! had! I vote no. I'd like it to stay as is. Give the island a break from us humans in the winter.I stayed at the lodge for a week so I had no issues making a reservation but understandably first come first serve. There are enough camp grounds in Northern Michigan if someone wants the winter experience to camp and or hike.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express myself!

Kind Regards,

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Correspondence ID: 80Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,08 2023 21:19:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a graduate student at Michigan Tech, I studied with Robert T Brown and Ralph Peterson primarily about the geology, forests, mycology, and the wolf/moose predator prey relationships on the Isle Royale archipelago. It is a delicate ecosystem and during my nine trips out there, I have seen great changes due to increasing numbers of visitors. As a scientist and educator for 57 years, I'm concerned that opening the island to even more people during the year would not be healthy for the island. It needs time to renew and recover during October through April.

Correspondence ID: 81Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 01:28:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Love the current structure of the park. Leave the historic shelters, historic cabins and infrastructure alone. Add an extra camp site or two at popular areas. Winter access seems unnessessary but ok? If it really want to deal with it. NO RESERVATIONS. REC.GOV HAS RUINED MOST OF THE NATIONAL LANDS SYSTEM!!! NO RESERVATIONS!!!

Correspondence ID: 82Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 04:56:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel you should go with A. There is no need to reserve any sites, it should stay first come first serve. I'm betting the only people that don't like this are those that think they should have the better shelters because they have a big ego and feel like they are more deserving because of their social standings and money. I witnessed this many times from people on the island, even had one couple try to get me and my son to give up my cabin because they are more deserving of it since they've been coming for years or whatever bullshit they said. B and C both have something about reservations in them, so that's a no for me. A is the best answer in my book. Also if the island is still shortstaffed and that's also why the need to make changes, how about you pay the people a livable wage so more of the youth would be interested in these jobs.

Correspondence ID: 83Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 05:10:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Backcountry site reservations should be considered. The policy of "first-come, first-served" creates competitive and sometimes tense situations which can thoroughly detract from the wilderness experience. Knowing in advance you have a place to camp at the end of your hike completely changes the pace and urgency, allowing more positive experience.

Isle Royale has become too popular, and backcountry travel is now accessible to far more people than previous years. On a 2018 trip to the island, I witnessed a drove of "hikers" running from the Ranger to try to be first to secure a shelter at Rock Harbor. During a rainstorm, I was "encouraged" to keep hiking by a desperate hiker from Missouri, as the last site at Moskey Basin apparently was somehow "theirs". A reservation system, even for some of the sites/shelters, would truly enhance the wilderness experience and drastically reduce user conflicts. Limiting the number of visitor to the island would also go far to protect this treasure.

Thank you for taking steps to protect and improve one of the most special places on earth.

Correspondence ID: 84Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 05:34:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the Island as is. It works. The logistics the get there and lodging, be it in Rock Harbor or hiking helps keep the traffic down. Leave the shelters. Let 'her' sleep as is too. ie no visitors from mid October to mid May. The current system works. Please leave it as it is.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 85Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 06:11:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am strongly a proponent of option A - no changes. Improve/maintain current structures as needed but no changes to park management and regulations.

The issue with option B is a reservation system does not allow for flexibility in plans due to weather and other unpredictable circumstances. Also, larger groups will add to the already growing overpopulated feel on the island.

The issue with option C is that the park is becoming too popular with visitors and any reduction in accommodation/site availability will exacerbate the problem.

Option A is actually the middle ground here, and in my opinion, the appropriate compromise between options B and C.

Correspondence ID: 86Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,09 2023 07:15:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a multiple time backpacker visiting the island - the "magic" of Isle Royale is the solitude and the wilderness experience. It is a unique and wonderful experience to unplug, detach from the internet world, to slow down and connect with the natural world. I have shared this experience with friends but also my daughter in what has been one of our most memorable experiences. I would kindly request that the Park System either leave it as it is today or better yet pursue option C and enhance the wilderness experience. Thank you for allowing a moment for comments. And thank you for the awesome work the NPS does for the US. All the very best!

Correspondence ID: 87Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,09 2023 07:26:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, I am writing to provide comments regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plans proposed for Isle Royale.

The most important aspect of Isle Royale to me is how truly 'wild' it is. Although I understand that getting access to the island can be frustrating and sometimes not accommodating, I am completely against any changes that would result in increased human traffic to the island. (That includes myself...if I do not plan ahead, that is my problem. I am no more 'entitled' to visit than anyone else.)

Adding up to 2 very SMALL campsites on the EDGE of areas (islands) ALREADY frequented by kayakers/boaters would be fine with me.

Adding a reservation system for a % existing campsites at each location...if the reservation system makes provisions for no-shows (i.e. if no arrival by 5pm then it is up for grabs)...might be ok with me - but I have concerns. As a true wilderness, Isle Royale is truly a place where you MUST be flexible. Detours and delays DO happen and are necessary for safety. To have a delay result in impacting the remainder of the trip by being "off" the reservation schedule would make more people take risks they should not and result in frustrating (or dangerous) situations.

Removing shelters in the more remote camp locations is fine with me. I've never liked them. If I want to stay out of the rain for period of time, I bring a lightweight tarp.

Thank you for considering the welfare of the island, and listening to input from its visitors.

Best regards,

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Correspondence ID: 88Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,09 2023 08:05:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave it alone. Too many visitors will ruin the island. The complexion has changed already with visitors bring electronics and making too much noise.

Correspondence ID: 89Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 11:20:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is one of the last true wilderness areas in the lower 48. It is a small island that needs to be preserved, and opening it up to more people puts its natural resources at risk. I do not support expanding campsites or a reservation system - the challenges of accessing the island make a reservation system useless. There are other national parks that are easier to access that can accommodate higher volumes of people. Resources for expanding in those parks, like Indiana Dunes, or opening another designated park of similar topography in Minnesota or northern Wisconsin, would be a better alternative to maintain IRNP as a wilderness destination.

Correspondence ID: 90Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,09 2023 14:43:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A, is best to leave the park as is as it seems to be a great balance of nature and visitors.

Correspondence ID: 91Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 07:39:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been visiting national parks for many years with my family. My daughter, now in college is a junior ranger at many national parks 😊. I've never been much for camping, especially in a tent...and at the national parks, no shower 😞. Last summer I decided I needed a new adventure and time alone. I borrowed a friends tent and made a reservation on rec gov for a site in Acadia, my favorite place in the world. I had three amazing days hiking and camping on my own. I have another trip planned to Acadia this fall.

I enjoyed so much of the experience. I appreciated the well marked and maintained trails that give us an opportunity to witness and enjoy the beauty of nature. I appreciated a campsite with carved out space and amenities to feel safe and as comfortable as possible in a tent sleeping on the ground. I am so grateful that the national parks exist and for those that serve to maintain them for the benefit of nature and all of us to experience.

I am planning a trip to Isle Royale next year. A friend and I are hoping to hike across the island, very adventurous for us. The literature and stories of others I know that have visited make this park sound incredible. I hope that in your consideration you will keep it similar to now with camp sites and trails maintained.

Looking forward to a visit next summer,

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Correspondence ID: 92Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 08:57:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My preference is alternative B. I have made multiple trips to the island to take students on their first backpacking trip. Twice we have exceeded the max group size which required us to split into two groups. The impact of splitting up is we need to allocate extra spots for chaperones as each group needs two adults. If we could do one group size

of 12 we could have 10 students and 2 adults. As we are working with upper high school students this number has worked well at other locations. It would also allow us a cohesive experience instead of separate experiences.

If solitude is the goal additional back country campsites on the main island would also be helpful, not just new water accessible camp sites. I do not mind the idea of having needing advance reservations as long as the system is easy to navigate and provides timely feedback. The system for making reservations at Pictured Rocks is cumbersome, antiquated, and lacks timely feedback that is helpful when scheduling a group outing.

Correspondence ID: 93Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 09:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My comment or Vote would be for Alternative A: No Action.

You all have been doing such a wonderfull job on the Isle. I am a two time visitor in 2017 and 2023. We through hiked from Windigo to Rock Harbor both times. It was great to hear the Wolves up on the Ridge behind us on Lake Desor. Also awesome to have a wolf come through our camp on Hatchet lake. There was a dead moose in the lake that drew them down.

Correspondence ID: 94Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 11:34:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer any option that requires campground reservations. Since most campgrounds are reached via hiking, it should be possible to plan an itinerary fairly accurately. I remember on our first visit, we hiked all the way to Lane Cove to find all the campsites taken. Since most to reach my hiking weather shouldn't be an issue. Therefore, please require campground reservations.

Correspondence ID: 95Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 14:03:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello:

Thank you to all the professionals at NPS who are doing their utmost to protect Isle Royale National Park now and into the future. Having visited the park twice, the most recent in 2015, it is a treasure and I sincerely hope it remains that way.

I'm delighted to hear of the plan for the future of the park. My understanding is overcrowding, especially in campgrounds, has become an issue. I agree with that assessment - during my 2015 trip if a "hooch" was desired, I had to get to the campground before noon - and that was in September!

I urge the adoption of Plan C, which to my understanding includes requiring site-specific reservations for all campsites save a few held open for walk-ins. Plan C also includes a fixed itinerary requirement, which I also strongly support. My 15+ years of experience camping in Voyageurs National Park and doing so with a similar site-specific, fixed itinerary reservation requirement leads me to believe Plan C is workable and will go a long way to handling overcrowding. Plus, it changes the experience completely, and I think to the better. When camping in Voyageur's, there's nothing better than knowing for certain you've got a campsite waiting for you at the end of the day. And, to my understanding, there's a provision for "life and limb" where, if conditions are such that a camper must camp in a site reserved for another camper, an exception is made. That's a useful reassurance and I think should be incorporated into Plan C,

Finally, the idea of opening the park to winter camping is incredible! It is definitely something I would do!

Thanks much for this opportunity. And for all the marvelous work you all do on our behalf.

Best always,

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Correspondence ID: 96Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,10 2023 15:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I believe that option B is the best option. I say this because I noted that commercial guiding is prohibited in option C, which aims in increase solitude. While the beauty of Isle Royale lies in the desolate landscape, many people do not receive the opportunity to explore it.

It's important to understand that a large part of the National Park's initiative should be to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to experience the outdoors. By prohibiting commercial guiding, many people may lose access to public land that could have been accessible. For those with none or limited wilderness experience, going to a remote island for a wilderness trip might not be possible without a commercial guide.

Please consider how plan C perpetuates the ideal of who can be in a wilderness setting, and understand the opportunities you are limiting.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 97Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,11 2023 05:10:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think the idea of reservations for campsites is the most crucial aspect to the plans. It is by far the most disruptive aspect and hopefully would lead to less impact on the land if people knew they won't have a place to sleep if they go. I think keeping the solitude of the park is one of the most important aspects but I'm not sure that opening up winter access is a good idea as that is likely what helps the park rest and recover. So I think the third plan is the best option but would not think that winter access is a good idea.

Correspondence ID: 98Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,11 2023 07:44:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the future of Bangsund Cabin and its historic role as home of the wolf-moose study. As the "home base" for the world's longest running predator-prey study, it is a real time, living history monument. While Alternative plan B is appealing to me, I cannot support any action that would erase the history of the study, or impact its future, like the removal of modern additions to the cabin to support researchers. I hope the NPS can find a way to ensure the continuation of the study at Bangsund and support the research project.

Correspondence ID: 99Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,11 2023 10:35:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Vote for Alternative C

We were at Isle Royal NP July 31, 2023 and supposed to spend 8 idilic days canoeing in one of the least visited NP. What we found was an over crowded park full of people expecting to find solitude only to find hords of people. We left after 3 days! We found the stress of attempting to find a campsite, beg people unwilling to share their site, paddling from one campground to the next exhausting!. Not at all what we expected.

Alternative C focuses on enhancing wilderness character, but does so by focusing primarily on improving solitude. Solitude is generally preserved or improved by management actions that reduce visitor encounters, signs of modern civilization inside wilderness, structures and installations, and management restrictions on visitor behavior. The alternative would emphasize solitude by decreasing day use group size, reducing the number of campsites within campgrounds, eliminating some trails, implementing a camping reservation system, and allowing winter access to the park. The alternative proposes eliminating commercial use within Isle Royale wilderness, which would enhance solitude by reducing visitor encounters with large groups. The alternative would also remove shelters, picnic tables, and other structures and installations in wilderness to improve the primitive and unconfined recreation qualities. These actions would enhance the natural and undeveloped qualities of wilderness character. Like alternative B, historic structures and installations in wilderness would be classified for treatment as preservation, stabilization, mouldering, or removal.

Altenative C would make the experience at Isle Royal what we had anticipated and enjoyable for all. It also will preserve the NP for future generations instead of having the hords of people overcrowding the area destroy it in an attempt to find solitude and peace.

Correspondence ID: 100Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,11 2023 11:53:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In reading the Wilderness Stewardship Plan alternative proposals I find only alternative proposal A an acceptable alternative going forward. Many of the changes that would occur in alternative proposals B or C are in my view unnecessary and would not reflect the current needs of IRNP visitors. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 101Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,12 2023 10:09:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This reads like a document written by bureaucrats without any connection to the local community, conditions within the on-island campgrounds, and hiking and boating realities of the park. I would like to see considerations for stay limit updates and campground improvements in several locations. You say feedback was solicited previously, but it certainly was not widely publicized or available as I visit the Houghton Visitor Center frequently to the shop and take several trips to Isle Royale each year. This seems like an effort without any actual coordination within the park as rangers in the park seem to have little knowledge, and it does not seem that their experiences or perspectives have been involved or considered.

Shame on the managers of this amazing park for basically ignoring those who use, work, and appreciate the park most of all.

I do not support any aspect of this current "plan."

Correspondence ID: 102Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,13 2023 12:09:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank for the opportunity to comment on plan. I have just returned from a 6 day stay on the island during which I hiked from McCargove Cove to Windigo. It was my 11th trip to Isle Royale. Of all my trips this one was the most disconcerting one. After hiking the Greenstone, I descended into Washington Creek campground expecting to find a place to spend 2 nights before heading back to Grand Portage on the Voyager II. Much to my dismay there was no room for me, my son-in-law and grandson. Luckily we were able to share a shelter with four other people and pitch a tent. The stay was actually enjoyable with our new found friends. The whole trip was enjoyable as well as. We experienced Isle Royale at its best, saw Moose, almost saw a wolf, observed many birds of prey, enjoyed the solitude of the park and met many nice fellow campers and hikers. I introduced my campions to the beauty that is Isle Royale. The hiking was challenging, but that is part of the deal. I also appreciate the upgrades in Windigo. The new store is great and the pizza tastes really good.

What was disconcerting was the number of people. It just felt crowded and there were many people at Windigo who, quite frankly felt like there were at Isle Royale to car camp for a day or two, not wilderness camp. At one shelter there was quite a party going on. There were some people I spoke with on the way over, who just didn't seem prepared or ready for what they were going to do. Something has changed. I expect to meet people with those expectations in Rock Harbor where there are amenities - a restaurant and a lodge, not at Windigo where it is more rustic. I recognize that a factor in all of this is that the Ranger II made one of its infrequent trips to the wester end of the island so there were more people there than usual as well. It was very disappointing.

I don't want to sound like a wilderness snob, but there has to be more control over access to maintain the wilderness nature of Isle Royale. They're just too many people who had different expectations than the typical people who come to Isle Royale. I have read the three different plans and feel that Plan B will best serve the needs of the park. It seems to me that plan A (leave access as is) is not controlled enough. Leaving access control to the transportation companies is not enough. The campsites will become overcrowded and situations like I experience at Washington Creek will continue to happen. Also there will be more pressure to develop Washington Creek even more. Plan C is too draconian and will shut out people who deserve to have an opportunity to visit the park. Plan B is a good compromise as the Park Service will take control of access to the island and campsites. I'm a little uncomfortable with increasing group size from 6 - 10 to 9 -12 though and allowing guided commercial trips. If this is done the Park Service must enforce the rules and make sure people abide by them. This means more staff. Right now I believe that the group rules are loosely followed and in some cases flaunted by groups and the Park Service doesn't have the staff to do much about it. I think one of the goals should be to preserve the western end of the island for those of us seeking the wilderness experience and allowing the eastern end where the amenities are to be for the tourists.

There is a reason I have returned to Isle Royale 11 times. It is a special place where one can experience the wilderness and that means challenging yourself and taking some risk. It is also a place of solitude. The island should live up to the name given to it by the Ojibwa, Minong. It is the good place. Please try to keep it that way.

Correspondence ID: 103Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,14 2023 15:37:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think option A is the best of all proposed. Leave things the way they are now.

Correspondence ID: 104Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,14 2023 17:46:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative B. I think it's a good idea to provide more access to hikers, given the popularity of the park, and to provide a reservation option so that people can have more certainty in planning the rest of their trip. In

addition, I think the shelters are not a detriment to the wilderness experience, and can make camping more pleasant by providing an opportunity to take refuge from the mosquitos and the rain.

Correspondence ID: 105Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,15 2023 04:31:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to formally submit comment for the proposed changes for Isle Royal. I ask that option c be the consideration. The island is a small unique recreation space. Allowing for more access would negatively impact the island. Preserving the island should be the number one goal of National park.

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Correspondence ID: 106Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,15 2023 21:45:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support the maximum NPS protection for wilderness. The climate and extinction crises are already serious and rapidly getting worse. Wilderness provides significant benefits to help respond to these crises. Wilderness protects trees and other vegetation that sequester harmful atmospheric carbon. Wilderness also protects pristine habitats to maintain biodiversity and help the recovery of sensitive species. I urge NPS to adopt the strongest possible plan to ensure effective wilderness protection. Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 107Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,17 2023 05:14:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Winter camping would be rather cool on the Big Island, that said not a good idea. If emergency help is needed Lake Superior and cold temperatures and an unrulily lake good make assistance or rescue extremely dangerous.

Correspondence ID: 108Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,17 2023 13:04:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Bangsund Cabin should be preserved as a historic building. It is an excellent example of the fishing villages of the past. It's location in no way detracts from the wilderness experience.

It should also continue to serve as the headquarters of the moose-wolf research. In my many trips to the park, the ongoing research study has bolstered my interest in the park and driven my desire to return again and again.

The MooseWatch study provides an excellent volunteer opportunity for those that love the outdoors and love the park. The Bangsund Cabin provides an excellent starting and ending point, important for the volunteers to establish a sense of purpose and community. And through the experience, a strong reason to keep volunteers engaged and either returning or encouraging others to visit the park.

Correspondence ID: 109Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,17 2023 14:29:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't see any need to change the Isle Royal services nor how the park operates. I see Alternative A as the best choice. I am concerned about maintaining the docks on the island for use by the boaters. I would like to see more docks and more shelters at the docks for boaters. The fuel costs need to be addressed for the boaters to encourage a more diverse group of boaters so more people can safely enjoy the park via boat.

Correspondence ID: 110Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,18 2023 17:12:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I choose the following alternatives from those printed in the EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan of July 2023:

“Alternative B” for overnight group size, wilderness permitting, day use group size and campground management.

“Alternative A” for general management zones, winter closure, treatments for historic properties, conversion of potential wilderness and concessions.

Correspondence ID: 111Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,20 2023 07:55:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My first choice would be OPTION C, keeping the Island wild really seems like the best thing for our environment. I and my husband have been hiking the island for over 15 years and have traveled just about every trail and pitching our tent along the way. Isle Royale is a fragile wilderness and we don't need to compromise it with bigger groups, boaters, and more structures. I vote for OPTION C.

Thank you for taking my comments,

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Correspondence ID: 112Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,20 2023 09:15:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Ideally, I would prefer to have Isle Royale National Park managed in a completely sustainable way. No expansion of campgrounds or trails and more emphasis on preserving the wilderness aspects as well as the solitude experience for visitors. I would prefer to have visitor numbers limited and managed such that campgrounds are not filled to capacity by using a reservation system and an itinerary that is locked in. Strict enforcement would be needed in order to insure all campers / boaters realize that not following the rules and their itinerary will result in severe consequences. Everyone must understand that the primary mission of Isle Royale National Park is to preserve the wilderness and to allow for an experience of solitude for all who are visiting.

Maintenace of historical structures that are deemed “truly important” and not peripherally important should continue to be maintained. Structures that are historically inconsequential should be allowed to decay or be removed. Historic structure maintenance is secondary to wilderness preservation in my opinion.

There are many National Parks that are large enough to allow for high volume use and diverse types of activity. Isle Royale is too small and too fragile to accommodate that type of use. We must preserve some Parks for their precious quality of natural beauty, solitude and wilderness. With that in mind, I would support Option C as the best choice that is provided. It's not a perfect choice but comes the closest to what I would consider as optimal.

Thank You

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Correspondence ID: 113Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,20 2023 18:52:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am submitting this public comment regarding the adoption of changes to the current management of Isle Royale National Park. I am generally supportive of implementing the preferred plan (alternative B). It seems to hit the middle ground between what is happening currently and the much more restrictive alternative C. I volunteer at Seney National Wildlife Refuge and I can tell you that from my experience there, opening the refuge to increased and enhanced visitor experiences has led to a growth in public support of the refuge. It also leads to greater education and conservation opportunities- both desperately needed especially as we confront the impact of climate changes in this region. Isle Royale will benefit from increased visitor services as will the public that ultimately pays for its management.

Correspondence ID: 114Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,20 2023 20:20:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale decision makers,

Thank you so much for allowing me to comment. I have scouted the island to lead trips. I have participated in a Service trip with (b) (6) as our Ranger Leader. I have lead eight trips, some backpacking and some kayaking. I love Isle Royale. I am coming again in two weeks. Please let us lead groups there. I am a volunteer. Many people feel more adventuresome when they have a group to help them and they might otherwise not come. It is also safer for many people to be in a group. They may not have the technical skills to come alone. Plus it's fun to be with other likeminded soles.

Going out into the beautiful nature of Isle Royale changes many people for a lifetime. It will help them advocate for the planet wherever they are.

One of my most powerful memories is of an older couple sitting on a bench near the lodge. We asked if they needed anything. They said no. They were exactly where they wanted to be. I had a sense that they had visited many times before. Perhaps they backpacked and kayaked. Now it was their time to sit and watch. It was a beautiful thing. There is a love of place that brings you back time and again even when it is to sit and watch. Please help our citizens enjoy this special place. We cannot all go the way of solitude. Even in our groups, we sit quietly by the waters edge and think about our lives and our planet.

Thank you for caring for Isle Royale so that we may come there.

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Correspondence ID: 115Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,21 2023 14:02:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe after visits in 2019, 2021, and 2023, expansion of the campgrounds is needed which may include additions of shelter structures. I personally have not ran across any visitors that would not have occupied a shelter if it were available.

Restricting or reservation style camping will only make access harder for certain groups that may have time or ability restrictions to experience Isle Royale in the future. Having the ability as you encounter new areas to stay longer, recuperate from a trail injury, or just take a day to enjoy the nice weather at a campground a day longer than planned are part of the beauty.

Also exploring historic structures are a huge part of the visit for a majority of visitors I believe. All structure that can be saved/stabilized or preserved should be.

I'm somewhere between Alternative A and B, a definite NO on Alternative C

Correspondence ID: 116Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,21 2023 15:15:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've had the privilege of backpacking IRNP twice. My trip this year was thwarted by weather that canceled my plane. (I appreciate IR Seaplane's commitment to safety.)

If there is no ability to modify the current proposals after the comment period, Alternative A is the best option to preserve the pristine, unique and serene wilderness of IRNP.

Alternative C is a non-starter and I assume was included only to position Alternative B as a "moderate" option.

Alternative B as proposed would negatively impact the island and its wildlife because it would increase group size, the overall number of visitors and turn lighthouses and fisheries into "tourist" attractions instead of retaining their minimal footprint on the island.

We need to protect INRP by limiting the number of annual visitors. The pandemic surge of visitors is the maximum IRNP can handle and 2023-2024 numbers should be considered the maximum annual capacity going forward.

A reservation system may assist in setting an annual/weekly maximum but Alternative B's 15% "open" rate is not adequate to accommodate itinerary changes due to algae blooms, injuries and of course the weather that can change plans in an instant. The island can be a dangerous, unpredictable place and backpackers need flexibility.

Its remoteness has protected IRNP for decades. Why can't we limit transportation access to the island in addition to putting in place a flexible reservation system with daily/weekly/annual visitor limits? Seaplanes and ferries should have weekly/seasonal maximums. What checks are currently in place to prevent the expansion of plane/ferry fleets? If the NPS runs the ferries/contracts with providers it should dictate terms to limit access by limiting the number of trips/tickets.

Elements of Alternative B that could be appended to Alternative A (in addition to a flexible reservation system, limiting transportation access and establishing maximum number of visitors daily/weekly/seasonally as noted above):

///A VERY LIMITED number of additional, small campsites on a couple outlying islands so kayakers/canoeists have more options.

///Increased efforts to document and understand the use and importance of Ojibwe fishing and lifeways at Isle Royale.

///Working with tribes to enhance or revive relationships with Isle Royale.

///Enhanced interpretation of historic copper mining sites.

///Research information gaps in the Park's archeological record.

///Development of the Lake Superior Collections Management Center in Calumet, Michigan, as a multi-park museum storage and research facility, to include Isle Royale museum collections.

First-hand experience of this unique park should be required to propose rules and comment (past park visitors, the Ojibwe/other tribes whose ancestral lands included IRNP, and families with grandfathered properties there). People who have not experienced it are simply not qualified to weigh in.

PRESERVE and PROTECT this remote and wild park. DO NOT GO WITH ALTERNATIVE B.

Correspondence ID: 117Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,21 2023 20:05:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please provide the highest level of protection for wilderness. Climate change and other environmental problems are increasing. Wilderness is therefore very important to help cope with these problems and serve as a pristine environmental baseline for research. Many thanks.

Correspondence ID: 118Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 07:09:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I am commenting on the Isle Royale Wilderness Stewardship Plan, which I learned of on social media. My preferred plan is

“Alternative B:

Visitors would be required to obtain backcountry permits in advance of their trip. A new permitting system and monitoring program would be established, and campgrounds would be booked up to 85% of capacity in advance. The remaining 15% of

campsites would not be booked in advance and allow for flexible itineraries.”

Ideally, no change would be the best, but there has recently been reason to make a change, and since times are changing so other things must. I do not like Alternative C of all fixed itineraries because if there is one thing predictable about Isle Royale/Minong it is that things can be unpredictable. Leaving some flexibility is essential, but starting permits ahead of time can help control how many people are in each space. At least with any option, the ability to get to the island remains limited as planes and boats have limited capacity and can make only a certain number of trips per day.

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Correspondence: Please keep the permitting process the same as it is. I have gone to Isle Royale four times, twice solo. On both solo trips I sat with strangers on the boat who had massive hiking days planned. Both times those plans were greatly reduced once they experienced the ruggedness of the trails on the island. Of my four trips, I gave always adjusted my itinerary during my hike for several reasons. Doubling up in sites is not ideal, but it's better than not being able to go at all.

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Correspondence: It was an amazing experience backpacking from Windigo to Rock Harbor over a period of 6 nights and 7 days. My wife and I loved it.

What made it even better was the fact that we could change our plans on where we stayed if we needed or desired too.

We actually ended up going to Todd Harbor and McCargo Cove instead of staying at Chicken Bone because of recommendations from other Hikers and it was the best decision we could make.

I think finding a solution that still allows flexibility but could also help with reservations is your best option. So I think either keeping things the same or implementing Alternative B is the best case scenario.

We had a wonderful park experience and honestly didn't experience much crowds until we got closer to the Rock Harbor side, but even then we enjoyed the company and camaraderie of our fellow backpackers.

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Correspondence: As I see it the only rational approach is either Alternative A or B, as Alternative C presents a very real problem: the lack of predictability of trail conditions and weather impacting the ability of hikers to reach destinations. Given the inherent danger of wilderness hiking, it is imperative that NSP not increase pressure on hikers to take risks in order to reach their scheduled destinations to avoid being in violation of park rules.

Alternative C, pushing forward rigid adherence to a planned itinerary, will encourage hikers to push on even if confronted by poor weather, changing trail conditions, or physical exhaustion.

If crowding at campsites is becoming a common problem, Alternative B provides the most utility in managing campsite use while still providing hikers the ability to adjust their itinerary to weather, conditions on the ground, and their own changing physical ability.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Action A should be chosen. It's hard to choose that over B, but my largest concern is the island being open year-round and the potential loss of vegetation during development. This year, we learned that moose numbers are down, and not due to predators. It was due to a lack of food. While I agree that there are some pros from Action B, I think we need to remember this is wilderness. Is development good when an animal doesn't have enough food on the island? What can we do instead to revitalize the islands and limit human impact? There has to be a middle ground. I don't think the reservation system needs to change, but perhaps taking that and not developing would be a better option. A blend of A and B. We should try to limit the impact of humans and I think opening it in the winter would be incredibly dangerous to all of the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 123Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 07:26:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In two trips to Isle Royale, I've experienced both sides of the spectrum of busy and solitude. Both were very enjoyable experiences in their own right. However, I see opportunity in Alternative B to maintain a balance of solitude and human impacts to the wilderness campgrounds. The flexibility of an itinerary is important for backpackers, so alternative C seems too rigid in my opinion.

Correspondence ID: 124Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 07:27:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative B- benefits of being able to plan a trip, avoid overcrowding at sites and allow for flexibility!

Correspondence ID: 125Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 07:31:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I propose no change. The reason I loved coming to the island so much last year is that there was the option to change plans last minute and we decided to camp at a campground just before the one we had planned to hike to. The island is so special in this way and not having to have reservations is what keeps it "wild"
The only thing I could see helping is maybe adding extra camping spots around the popular campgrounds, so maybe adding more campsites further away etc etc.

Correspondence ID: 126Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 07:36:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Unless wifi were to become available on the whole island, options A and B would work best as these allow for necessary changes to backpacking schedules due to weather and fatigue.

Correspondence ID: 127Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 07:38:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer option A: No-Action or no change to existing permit system and no limit on total number of permits issued. The current method allows for the most flexibility to backpackers, canoers and boaters while traversing the island trailers or waterways. This flexibility is needed due to the volatility of weather on Isle Royale and Lake Superior even during the warmest and calmest of months. Individuals need to be able to make route and campground changes on the fly while on the island and the current system lends itself to the utmost amount of flexibility and generosity from fellow travelers. If a more rigid reservation system were put in place, it is possible that other travelers would be less likely to share

or accommodate those travelers that do not have “reservations” for a specific campsite/campground should they need to change course while on the island due to weather, injury, etc. The current system and Isle Royale in general promotes a sense of community and sharing that might be lost if a more rigid reservation system were put in place. While the number of visitors to Isle Royale have increased significantly in the last few years, the numbers are still limited by the transportation systems that can get them there by nature of the Island's remote location, thus naturally limiting the number of visitors at a given time. The main reason visitors “pile up” is due to weather related travel delays and the NPS has a great, well-established process in place to handle those situations.

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Correspondence: Hello. My husband and I completed 6 nights backpacking a month ago.. We had to deviate from our original plans because I fell and hurt my leg. If we had to make reservations I am not sure what we would have done. I do see the campsite filling up fast and the need to think of change but there should be away Incase of injuries or other mishaps that you can deviate easy.

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Correspondence: I would prefer Alternative B.
My family enjoys hiking and backpacking, but one of my sons deals very poorly with uncertainty. I am hesitant to undertake a trip to Isle Royale with him due to the uncertainty of campsite availability. Alternative B seems to provide the best compromise between pre-planners (like me) but still allowing for flexibility.

Correspondence ID: 130Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I am in favor of alternaive B. It seems the best way to compromise with all factors and all interested parties.

Correspondence ID: 131Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 08:06:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm coming up on my 4th trip to isle royale. I don't think anything needs to change with the campsites. When they have been full, I've doubled up with people and shared a shelter a few times. The open campsites is what makes this park so accessible.

Correspondence ID: 132Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 08:11:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This comment is in support of option A, no change. When we visited in Sept 2021 (8 days, hiking Windigo to Rock Harbor via Greenstone Ridge) we appreciated the flexibility to adjust our route based on water conditions (Chicken Bone was contaminated) and scenery (rather than going from Daisy Farm straight to Rock Harbor and skipping 3 Mile, we decided to stay at 3 Mile and it was probably our favorite spot!). By implementing most or all reservations, this flexibility will be lost. Option B may be acceptable if the proposal was reversed, for example, 30% reservations and 70% FCFS such that folks doing shorter loops at the higher trafficked areas have spots but through hikers still have availability and flexibility. As currently written, I oppose Option B. I strongly oppose Option C. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 133Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 08:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of alternative B. I like the idea of not showing up to an overcrowded campground. Would also allow for a zero day if needed.
I would also recommend limiting stays at shelter sites to one night. You have some "Campers" who come to the island and never leave a shelter.

Correspondence ID: 134Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 08:33:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale four times (three backpacking trips and once by canoe) across most of the parks open season (July, August, and September.) Every time I have enjoyed the solitude the park offers, even during the busier months.

I encourage the NPS to:

1. Maintain overnight visitors to the park at or just below current levels via permit lottery. It is a beautiful park and people deserve the opportunity to visit. I don't mind seeing like minded outdoors people on the trail. If I want a more solitary experience, I can go at the very beginning or end of the season.
 2. Change campsite management. The problem is less the number of visitors and more the race to claim a campsite each night. In busy areas at the high season, you need to stop hiking by noon to get a site.
 - 2.a. Reserve campsites ahead of time. I recently went backpacking at Pictured Rocks and reserved my campsites for each night in advance. I would love to be able to hike longer days, knowing a campsite was waiting for me.
 - 2.b. Make it clear that campsites and shelters are shared. The Superior Hiking Trail has posted signs at all campsites stating that campsites are shared. Grouping people in camp reduces their overall impact on the park. It is unreasonable for a solitary hiker to think they can claim an entire shelter or campsite for themselves simply because they go there first.
 3. Expand the season. I once went in September, taking the last ferry off the island. It was wonderful. Give people the option of traveling earlier or later in the year to have a more solitary experience.
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Correspondence ID: 135Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 08:43:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A is the most reasonable of the three options. A reservation system overlooks the problems of many inexperienced backpackers who cannot keep their itineraries and the issues caused by weather that prevents people from ascending the ridge for safety reasons. The current overflow areas in most campgrounds are sufficient even in peak season. However, forcing people to keep their itineraries creates risks of serious injury and increases the occurrence of SARs. Plans B and C seek to reduce chaos in campgrounds where people stop off, but these plans pressure them to continue on an itinerary which they should not attempt. An alternate to solve the problem would be to create one additional group site for overflow in Rock Harbor, Three Mile, and Daisy Farm campgrounds, where there is actual congestion.

Correspondence ID: 136Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 08:58:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for option A:

the island forces flexibility through weather-related ferry boat closures as well as through personal injury.

On our hike in 2009, some areas were crowded but we 4 shared a campsite with 2 we met and had a wonderful time telling stories and jokes. *That* could not have been planned.

Correspondence ID: 137Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 09:02:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just returned from a short backpacking trip on the island and the uncertainty surrounding the availability of campsites is stressful. We managed, but we also encountered other visitors who were having quite a lot of trouble themselves. I like alternative B as listed on the Facebook Post. We ultimately did not follow our planned itinerary, but instead hiked further on our third day because impending weather conditions made it advisable to get closer to our destination rather than split the hike into two days. So some flexibility in campsites is necessary. After all, who knows when you'll encounter a moose on the trail and not be able to get around it for a while... But I'd be much more comfortable obtaining my camping permit prior to arriving on the island and knowing that Isle Royale is managing the number of folks on the island to ensure that all of us have space to rest our heads at night. Much like visiting other busy parks who have instituted various crowd control measures, if you're "sold out" that's information that I need so that I can plan to go at a different time or to a different park. Being in the middle of a crowd in the wilderness defeats the purpose and not knowing if I'm going to even be able to pitch my tent is unsafe.

Correspondence ID: 138Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Plan A makes most sense with the dynamic weather conditions on the island. Campers seem willing to share space where necessary.

Correspondence ID: 139Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 09:09:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No changes!!!! Isle royale is a spontaneous, remote, wildly beautiful park. I think the first come first serve basis is exciting, frightening, and amazing all at the same time. I'm crowded times, I think it helps people come together. Having to double up in camp spots brings even more new experiences than what you'd have before. Some people won't like that, but even if, I think it'd be good for them. Meeting like minded people, while experiencing the great outdoors is a wonderful thing!! Please don't change the park, it's good the way it is!! Thank you for reading (:

Correspondence ID: 140Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 09:53:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternate A. No change would be my vote.

Correspondence ID: 141Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 09:58:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep reservation system the same! Don't mess with something that works. Thank you from an outdoor enthusiast!

Correspondence ID: 142Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 11:00:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't think advance reservations for specific campgrounds is a good idea at all. When visiting Isle Royale, my itinerary has always had to be flexible to accommodate weather and stamina. I vote against any changes.

Correspondence ID: 143Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 12:17:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have just returned from my first trip to Isle Royale and not having a reservation ahead of time like I usually do at other national parks made me very nervous, but then once I was there, and ferry delays and unpredictable weather meant that the current system suddenly made a lot of sense to me. At most, I can see expanding to have some reservable camping areas near each of the ferry terminals for people who want to camp for a few days but aren't able to carry all of their camping equipment to a more remote site. Or possibly have those sites and perhaps some sites that have docks that are accessible for people with mobility issues and reservable for people so that ability is less of a barrier to enjoying the park. Another thing that would be a good compromise in especially the larger and more popular campsites like Daisy Farm would be to have a larger site map at the dock where people can mark off their chosen campsite so that less wandering around looking for an empty spot is needed, like they have at say, Olympus where there are also no pre-booked spots. Then people can know to try the overflow spots. Maybe there could even be a way for people to indicate that they are especially open to sharing their site if things fill up so that it's less awkward to ask.

Correspondence ID: 144Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 12:31:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep as it is, first come first serve. Just like all the other reservations, a lot of the time they aren't even used or canceled. And it is part of the adventure, having your plans change at the last minute.

Correspondence ID: 145Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 13:06:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I had the good fortune to visit Isle Royale National Park in the summer of 2022 and am writing to support Alternative A - no action. During our 6 days on the island, we encountered what was pretty much a flawless trip save for one rather benign incident of cooking dehydrated eggs in camp resulting in an unappetizing egg soup breakfast. I can only estimate that if there had been a reservation system it would have been a far less enjoyable and far more stressful endeavor. The nature of IR requires flexibility which is antithetical to a reservations system. When we embarked on our six days we had three options for routes and various camp sites we may use as a result of conditions we might encounter on the island. The beauty and unpredictability of nature could not have been enjoyed if we were forced to make it to one site or another to honor a reservation.

I would readily support a higher permit cost, implementing a backcountry camping permit fee, or limiting the number of camping permits on the island. I would be less eager to support making the permits themselves bookable ahead of time, but no further action than that.

Finally, the reservation system in itself is flawed. I've tried countless times to book sites at other parks and have dropped out of the process due to site issues, completely full books, and frustration. I do not have any confidence that these issues would be remedied to accommodate bookings on Isle Royale. The added administration will only add costs for the NPS.

Alternative A is the only acceptable course of action for the WSP.

Correspondence ID: 146Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 14:23:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I visited the park in June 2022. I was there for a week hiking and did not have an issue finding a shelter/site. I would wake up at dawn and leave the site after breakfast - usually arriving at the next site by 1 or 2 PM. There was never a shortage of places to camp. At one camp, I stayed in a shelter for two nights because exhaustion from the hike to this particular camp. I had not planned that.

I would not like to see a change in the "first come/first served" system. In my experience, it has worked and I plan to visit the park again soon.

Correspondence ID: 147Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 15:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been unable to get reservations in the lodge or housekeeping cabins. I go now knowing that I am still able to access campsites or shelters, even with other parties already there. People have been nice and accommodating. To do Plan B or Plan C would severely limit the ability to visit the island for people like me. I love that I have been to visit this National Park and fear that if the current Plan A is changed I would never have the opportunity to visit again because I could not be confident in finding a place to sleep. Storms have hindered our plans in the past and we've had to regroup. How would we do that whole trying to make reservations with no cell coverage? Because of these reasons, I am in favor of Plan A.

Correspondence ID: 148Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 16:22:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A, no change.

Backpacked the island with my husband August 2022. Had no issues finding a spot or asking others to share a site for us to put up our tent. The island is rugged, and being locked into having to be at locations on a certain night would be difficult if something were to seriously happen; rolled ankle so forth. Being able to switch itinerary on the fly is the best move for the island. And that is exactly what we ended up doing.

Correspondence ID: 149Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 16:49:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In my opinion, an online reservation system that maxes out at 85% occupancy would be sufficient to ensure that the campgrounds are well-stewarded while also allowing for contingency flexibility. Isle Royale is a significant enough out-of-the-way destination for recreation such that having guaranteed reservation may actually be preferable for many visitors. However, one challenge this may pose is if all reservations for a whole season are available for reservation on the same day, there may be a scramble for reservation that prevents users from reserving unless they plan the trip nearly a year in advance. I propose only having a 45 day reservation time frame available at any given time to allow visitors who may not be planning as far out the ability to actually access reservations, rather than just those who plan six months out.

Correspondence ID: 150Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 16:53:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If you are wise you will look at the horrible situation that is BWCA permits. The amount of people who book in advance and never show is astronomical. The amount of sites and permits that are being reserved and going unused is a huge issue!!! first come first serve is the best way to do it, the reservation system will be a catastrophe just like it is in the BWCA permit situation which is horrible. The same problem exists in national forest campground. too many people booking ahead and never showing so people are turned away while 50% or more of the sites that were reserved go unused. horrible situation do not change what's working only a fool does that!

Correspondence ID: 151Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 16:53:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been to Isle Royal twice, and would love to go again in the next few years. Plan A makes the most sense yet as I love the way this island is set up. If permits needed to happen, place it during the busy time period. There are areas of the nation that just need to be wild with minimal impact of building. I would prefer nothing to change but if needed, a permit system could work as long as it's fair.

Correspondence ID: 152Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 17:54:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would prefer that no change be made to the current system. I am taking my first trip up there in a few weeks. Though I'm a tad nervous about finding a safe space to camp overnight, I'd be more concerned about my trip taking a turn, feeling stuck with reservations, and/or not making my return boat back. That adds a level of stress that would prevent me from moving forward or enjoying the trip.

Correspondence ID: 153Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A is a preferred choice for future action to continue the existing management of balancing the wilderness area and visitation. Although visitation has increased over the years, the flexibility offered by option A is one of the greatest aspects (outside of the nature itself) of Isle Royale. I, myself, have visited the island and I appreciated the flexibility to find and change camps based on weather, endurance, and curiosity. Being beholden to a specific campground would remove the flexibility and spontaneity that so many people come to the island to enjoy. Additionally, reserving sites would impede many from being able to come and enjoy all that Isle Royale has to offer. So often, reserving sites results in sites going unused, can be difficult to arrange with travel windows, and with the unpredictable weather and commute to the island would result in lack of accessibility or adjustment for weather, injury, etc.

Option B and Option C restricts flexibility, curiosity, and overall enjoyment of the island especially when adding tours and etc (while fun and potentially informative) to an otherwise untouched wilderness. Many parks have these activities and they give the park a different feel, more touristy, with less focus on the rugged beauty and solitude the island offers and has offered for generations.

Correspondence ID: 154Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,22 2023 19:28:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see a permit system like the BWCA. To allow for bad weather delays with Lake Superior, I'd suggest doing an entry permit with a 3-4 day window. (Mon-Thurs / Fri-Sat). Have it open months in advance. Have a set number sold to try and eliminate over use issues. No exit date required. I think this would give a good balance to protecting the area from over use, but still allowing flexibility that a remote access place like this requires.

Correspondence ID: 155Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 20:17:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would very much prefer the current system where no reservations are taken, and all sites are first come - first served.

Too many state parks require campsite reservations and they fill up fast. Planning a backcountry itinerary becomes very limiting when you have to try to stitch together available sites. Add to that obstacle then need to get ferry reservations which may only be available on certain dates, and that require specific drop off and pick up sites, and planning becomes even more nightmarish.

By keeping sites unreservable, folks are still limited by the ferry schedules and capacities, but can at least get off the boat knowing that they and everyone else has the same chances of getting a spot to camp there.

The only way that a campsite reservation system could work is if the timeframe for reservations is much shorter than that needed to book a ferry, say 30 days or less.

Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 156Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 20:41:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C would really ruin the experience of Isle Royale. A is my personal preference. When we visited with our Scout Troop in 2020 one of the planes we were on had a mechanical failure and was delayed 8 hours. We had to change our entire itinerary to accommodate that mishap. Option C would have forced us to send part of our contingent home without the opportunity to experience our incredible adventure. Please, please allow for flexibility and altered plans on the fly. That is the spirit of exploration and adventure!

Correspondence ID: 157Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,22 2023 21:23:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option c- 100%
Also most select specific site # and specific exact location from an online map in advance .
That way you can pick a site very close to visitor Center and one with a shelter. MUST BE ABLE TO DO THAT IN ADVANCE!!



Correspondence ID: 158Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 01:00:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support No Action: Alternative A. Based on my multiple week backpacking experience during June 2023, the itinerary flexibility of the existing system significantly helped to make my IRNP visit an enjoyable success. The few times I shared campsites with other backpackers was a positive experience;. Hearing other people's stories was a benefit.

Correspondence ID: 159Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 03:25:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel option B where 85% of camp sites could be booked and then 15% are left open in incase of change of plans etc. would be suitable at this time.

Correspondence ID: 160Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 03:57:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please leave IRNP AS IS! We backpacked it last summer and appreciated not having to have a reservation for every night. Sometimes the best laid plans need to be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. We had a place to camp every night and at the busiest camps people were gracious and shared space. Please don't mess with a good thing. Keep the tour groups off the island, the people who guide groups for money! Let us individuals who plan and figure out our own way stay.

Correspondence ID: 161Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 05:46:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative B but do not support the increase in group size to 12 as it would negatively impact solitude.

Correspondence ID: 162Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 06:12:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative B with flexible reservations of 85% capacity preserves flexibility but prevents overcrowding

Correspondence ID: 163Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 06:26:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale with 3 friends in June 2023 for 8 days. This was the first visit for all of us. Although we had done a lot of prior backpacking and Isle Royale research we were unfamiliar with the type of terrain we would encounter. This led to a very conservative backpacking itinerary. Once out there we experienced the terrain and had rain a few days, both of which led to us changing part of our itinerary and overnight campground locations. We were also able to use a shelter on the rain days which allowed us to spend valuable time together versus feeling trapped in our 1 person tents. We never ran into a problem getting a campsite at any of the 7 campgrounds we visited. Maybe this was due to the time of year but it felt as though the campgrounds were the appropriate size.

In all, I would not change the permitting system which allows for necessary flexibility for first time visitors. I also would not reduce the number of shelters which provide for a better experience in inclement weather.

Correspondence ID: 164Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 06:26:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Writing to express my support of option A as this option provides the best flexibility to users. Alternative B is the next best option, as it improves management of structures while also maintaining the flexibility of itineraries on isle royal.

Correspondence ID: 165Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 06:27:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In 2022, me and three others backpacked around the eastern half of the island for a week. It was a great time, but we ran into some of the issues you are trying to address. Space in some campgrounds was limited and some

days we felt like we were rushing to get a spot at the next campground rather than enjoying our time in nature. This was especially true for any campgrounds near any docks/harbors i.e. Rock Harbor, Three Mile, Daisy Farm.

Alternative A: To me, leads to overcrowding at the easy access campgrounds.

Alternative B: I like being able to reserve a campground, but it should still be first come first served for selection of specific camp sites. In the reservation you are guaranteed a spot, but then you choose the site upon arrival.

Alternative C: The idea of more solitude sounds nice but will probably lead to more problems. Removing shelters and opening up in winter would likely cause more rescues. Let the island have its peace and quiet during winter.

Structures: I can't say seeing old structures added or subtracted from my time on the island. Learning about the history of the island was interesting.

Costs: Being able to go to Isle Royale is already a privilege many people cannot afford. Between the ferry/plane, national park pass, and daily fee, it is very expensive to walk around the woods. Adding a reservation fee for campgrounds and transaction fee on top of all this is too much. Something needs to be considered for keeping the cost down.

Overall, I'd stick with A and try to better educate people coming to the island about where to stay. Or B, have a reservation system (continue to allow some walk-ups), but keep the price down.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the Alternative B option that allows for some flexibility in reserving backcountry sites. It provides the most realistic use case for wilderness camping. At times due to weather, injury, or other unforeseen circumstances plans can or must adapt, but reservations will also limit the number of visitors to a management size.

It is essential however to a wilderness area that commercialization growth be highly limited. Group day use for up to 40 people is well over the limits of a natural space. It literally creates a crowd that will take over an entire location in the park making it completely unusable for non-commercial visitors. I am strongly against the group size increase in the proposal. Rock Harbor is already commercialized to an extreme and extending that into any other parts of the island is not desired.

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Correspondence: I like Plan B

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Correspondence: As a parent who takes their children on backpacking trips our daily distance plans can change drastically due to weather and general kid unpredictability. Knowing that we don't have to make a specific distance each day to get to an overnight site allows me to make safe decisions for myself and my kids. Please do not require advance site registration at all.

Correspondence ID: 169Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the B plan of 8/15. When our group hiked there, we had to change plans due to weather conditions and party health. If we had not been able to adjust our plan due to reservation for certain camps the trip would have been potentially dangerous. This prevents over crowding but allows for unplanned changes. There is no way to just move on to another camp if you have to change paths, don't lock people into specific dates and locations, please!

Correspondence ID: 170Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please continue to allow first-come, first-serve options for backpackers coming to Isle Royale.

The reservation system is a broken concept that has made camping frustratingly difficult.

I don't have the ability to "camp out" on my computer six months in advance at midnight to book a campsite, which is how so many popular reservations function within Michigan now. (See <https://midnrreservations.com/>).

Backcountry camping is supposed to be an adventure, and it's supposed to be accessible.

Reservations restrict access to those who are privileged, extreme planners. What's more, those reservations are often canceled, costing the reserver money they can't recoup, and leaving an empty, last-second space that no one knows about.

Getting to Isle Royale is tough enough. Please don't make it any more difficult.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 171Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Plan A. Having visited Isle Royale multiple times I really enjoyed the flexibility to change my plans as the day unfolded. Backcountry experiences are influenced by so many things and are an opportunity to step away from the minute to minute driven schedule that we experience every day. I want to be able to reach an interior lake and enjoy it so much that we spend the day/night there and hike a few more miles the next day. Or on a day that you are just loving the rhythm of the hike you just put in a little extra time for that. Being bound to a reservation seems unnecessary and against the joy and release that hikers/kayakers crave. You have a unique gem of a park that goes against the hustle and bustle of modern life. I feel like it would benefit you to keep it that way.

Correspondence ID: 172Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,23 2023 09:19:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the idea of an established reservation system for campsites at Isle Royale-

As sea kayakers, our route and distance traveled on any given day is very much under the control of mother nature and the weather she brings. Making people feel like they must get to a reserved site is increasing the possibility that they might take risks which they would not otherwise. Doing this would create more potentially dangerous situations than those which already exist without a reservation system.

I strongly encourage the NPS to keep it's current path, and improve on it by creating an electronic system that tracks the INTENDED routes and schedules for each group on the island,, and makes that information publicly available at Rock

Harbor, Windigo, and on the IR website, so that visitors can work in their own regard to avoid the areas which are approaching capacity.

Correspondence ID: 173Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I agree, something needs to be done with the overcrowding. We are in our early-60's and would be "nice" to be guaranteed a site once we arrive at the campground. We were lucky this past June (2023) and were fortunate enough to find a decent campsite each night. We spent 7 nights on the Island and covered 100 miles. While there, we did hear stories of overcrowding at campsites. We were simply fortunate enough to be a campsite ahead of the overcrowding.

--> My vote is for Plan B.

Allow extra nights in a site in the event if a hiker falls off a boardwalk and into a swamp:) That did happen to a backpacker this June 2023:) He fell off the boardwalk between McCargoe Cove and West Chickenbone. That person had to stay extra days at Daisy to dry out their belongings and then return to McCargoe Cove to be picked up.

Correspondence ID: 174Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,23 2023 09:54:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative B makes a certain amount of sense, but when I plan to paddle it's difficult to make a firm plan before arriving on the island and seeing a weather forecast. It also helps to talk with others on the way out there to share ideas and experiences. Perhaps a tentative plan could be filed in advance, with an opportunity to amend it upon arrival.

Correspondence ID: 175Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,23 2023 11:07:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I prefer Option B: 85% requires permit and 15% left for flexible

Thank you for considering the improvements and preserving this beautiful National Park

Correspondence ID: 176Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,23 2023 11:11:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option B. Some changes need to be made, but nothing as sweeping as C. We sail almost annually around the island, usually doing several hikes, but also just exploring via dinghy. This past August, in fact, our dinghy brought us to a fascinating afternoon with (b) (6), who was up in the Barnum area working on further restoring the Johns Hotel, which has been in his family since his great-grandfather's time. (b) (6).) He was generous in his time explaining the work done, but also the history of his family's seasonal residence there and his great-grandfather's work as a commercial fisherman. While he expressed regret at being moved off Johns Island, he understands the needs of the NPS. Still, he expressed quite eloquently the sense that he, too, regards his family's relationship to the island as sacred. That while their tenure does not span centuries, it is nonetheless deep and respectful and emotional. We hope his link to Barnum can be maintained for as long as he or his heirs want it to be. Also, we hope that the Barnum area residents can come together as some sort of group that would make interaction with the NPS more efficient for all.

In other matters, we do not camp, so cannot speak to those issues.

But the idea of promoting wilderness and a sense of self-reliance, while admirable, will always have its pragmatic limitations in that getting to the island will always require motorized transport. I see the fine line drawn noting that the

seaplanes do not land in the wilderness areas, but their impact is large, up and down the island. Anchored in the almost always utter solitude of Lane Cove and hearing several flights buzz overhead always reminds us that wilderness will always be relative here. I see little way that these flights will ever be curtailed - the genie is out of the bottle there - but I use that example as a way to illustrating that however wild you can keep the island, wilderness is open to definition. Bottom line - Isles Royale is a beloved place that we find well-run, with friendly staff, and offering us a sense of solitude and occasional weatherborne terror that visitors have felt for centuries. It's not broken, so please don't go overboard fixing it. The vestiges of habitation over the years are evidence of factual history. Let history continue to unfold. Thank you.

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: I think it should remain as it is.

Correspondence ID: 178Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Option B! I hope it works - though people might take advantage of the "flexibility". If you're having problems enough to be needing an EIS, I think A is out of the question.

Correspondence ID: 179Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Do not change a thing.

Correspondence ID: 180Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Keep it the same as always. That's part of the adventure, getting into a campsite and meeting new friends who are also enjoying the adventure!

Correspondence ID: 181Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: I've appreciated the current permit process. It's convenient and flexible.

Correspondence ID: 182Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C - A reservation system would be established, allowing visitors to make night-by-night reservations of campsites for specific dates, and all itineraries would be fixed.

This is the best option. I have not camped at Isle Royale b/c I am scared I won't be able to have sites where/when I need them. I believe alternative C is what's used for Pictured Rocks backpacking and it works extremely well.

Alternative B would be my second choice - I believe this is along the lines of what Manitou Island does.

Alternative A is a terrible idea and makes it very hard to feel comfortable taking a camping trip.

Correspondence ID: 183Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 14:12:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I was last at Isle Royale in 2014. If a change is needed i prefer the flexibility of alternative B. Somebody who sprains an ankle needs the option to turn back early.

Correspondence ID: 184Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 15:41:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A- no changes. I believe the uptick in visitation is a trend which will begin to taper within the next one to three years. I base that opinion on decades of work as a sociologist. At present, we Return Visitors are quite happy with ISRO and do NOT wish to see it become more ilke any other national park in any way. The very essence of the ISRO experience is a raw freedom available nowhere else in the contiguous United States. Please, please, please do not alter this rare paradise. I have many times visited every other national park in the lower 48, and there is no other place like ISRO. As I look across our national parks and see all of them increasingly commercialized, I ask in near desperation, may we please just have this one place remain as it is?

Correspondence ID: 185Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 16:13:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A.
It was necessary to have flexibility for weather, health, and or endurance on the island. Also, some of the most unexpected and most precious experiences were sharing space with new friends.

Correspondence ID: 186Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 17:11:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative B gets my vote, for the most part. Although I don't agree that the group limit should be increased, I do agree that reserving camping spots in advance would alleviate overcrowding. Leaving 15% un-reserved is essential since conditions on the island can change quickly and drastically changing plans for hikers. An example; myself and my friends had intended on camping at West Chickenbone for 2 nights. However, upon our arrival we found out that blue algae had formed and the water was undrinkable, even though a few days prior at the ranger station we were informed it was still safe. We stayed one night with our remaining water, but had to vacate early for another campground with safe water.

Correspondence ID: 187Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 17:16:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not think online/advance registration should be required because many times long hikes and backpacking adventures change course and there is no cell signal on the island for many to access a website for changes. I think issuing backcountry permits would be useful, but education on appropriate backcountry camping would be absolutely necessary. Maybe consider limiting how many people can backpack or something. Can campgrounds be expanded or layout changed to accommodate? I think they should all be FCFS.

Correspondence ID: 188Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 18:21:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding campsites on Isle Royale.

We backpacked to 3 campsites in August 2023. After review of the plan options, and considering that campsites will continue to become more in demand, I would be in favor of Plan B. We actually were lucky to get a campsite each night, it was also the last one each time.

Since visiting Isle Royale already requires detailed planning in travel, scheduling of the ferry, and meetup with friends or family, I think getting a campsite permit before the park visit would be reassuring. However, if plans change the visitor would need to be diligent about canceling the permit. As a side note, I have to problem sharing a site with the 15% that did not obtain a permit.

Correspondence ID: 189Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 18:35:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't create a reservation system. It has created a race for sites and it just is so prohibitive. Manitou Islands issue ferry passes and camping passes for a number of days. If you get a pass, you get a spot, but you are NOT guaranteed a specific spot. Just figure out who is camping and who is staying at Rock Harbor or a cabin and then figure out from there. Make it part of the ferry reservation out of Houghton and Copper Harbor. Don't make people reserve campsites.

Correspondence ID: 190Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 19:26:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For varying reasons, I'm not fond of any of the options. I don't like plan A because numbers in the backcountry should be limited to preserve the wilderness character of the island. I don't like B because of the increased number of campsites and group size. The Plan C reservation system is too rigid. I backpacked the Green Ridge trail in July 2022. I took a water taxi to Hidden Lake to start. My campsites were Lane Cove, East Chickenbone, South Lake Desor and then Washington Creek. Except Washington Creek, the campsites that I picked were not very heavily used. I was alone at E Chickenbone and there were only 2 or 3 other people at the other 2. I do not like option C because the lack of flexibility can be dangerous. If a person is overly tired or the weather is bad, the flexibility to stop earlier than planned is much safer. However, certain campgrounds are very popular and from what I understand, overly crowded. I think heavily used campgrounds should have a reservation system. I just visited Olympic NP and backpacked the coastal trail. Some backcountry locations have a quota limit and some don't. I think a similar reservation system in IRNP would work well. A reservation system for the heavier use campgrounds nearer trailheads with the more backcountry sites being first come first served. I don't like B because of the increase in group size to 12. That is just too large. The bigger the groups, the more noise at the campsites which really ruins it for solo hikers seeking some level of solitude and enjoyment of the wilderness. I don't think more campsites should be added. The number of permits per day needs to be capped.

Correspondence ID: 191Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,23 2023 20:42:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If there is going to be a change made to the current wilderness camping process at IRNP, I like options B. It allows for people to set up their itinerary while still allowing for slight modifications to it should something change.

Correspondence ID: 192Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,24 2023 05:05:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think plan B is a great idea. It is frustrating not finding a site. (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 193Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 05:33:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternate A is the only choice that makes sense. The others are just dumb!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 194Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 08:58:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I prefer Plan B or something similar. Some degree of back country reservation while still maintaining the ability for flexibility in the face of changing weather and ambitions

Correspondence ID: 195Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 09:11:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not change the system in place. Less regulation is almost always better. It allows flexibility, promotes spontaneity and makes the park more accessible to many of us who are not planners. In addition, with increased regulation, there is a need for increased oversight, more hours spent overseeing and coordinating the logistics of reservations... there is the problem of settling disputes when someone uses the wrong site unwhittingly. Some will forget to reserve a spot or be ignorant of the rules and camp in reserved spots. This also would require policing. Presumably this would mean more hires which raises costs which is either passed on tax payers or turned over to park goers via fees. This all reduces the relaxing and freeing nature of our beautiful parks. Parks should be a place of freedom and solitude, of peace and inspiration. To me this feels like increased oversight and red tape. Americans are in general fiercely independent, any measures to increase regulation feels like treading on that independence. It would make me less likely to want to camp at the park.

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to park goers to find out their opinions on important changes like this. Our local parks have implemented similar changes with little public input and it has made our visits to the park less frequent and less enjoyable.

Correspondence ID: 196Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for plan B. As I have been there some yrs ago and paddling half way around to the NE. We had no problems with sites, as most were empty. But at any time weather could have forced us off the lake or kept us on land. So having ridged date reservations would be impractical. Another 1 of my favorite parks switched to reservations only and it ruined it D H day used to be first come first served. That was part of the fun . Drive at night get in line then in the am see if you got a spot that day.

Correspondence ID: 197Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 09:33:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for plan B. As I have been there some yrs ago and paddling half way around to the NE. We had no problems with sites, as most were empty. But at any time weather could have forced us off the lake or kept us on land. So having ridged date reservations would be impractical. Another 1 of my favorite parks switched to reservations only and it ruined it D H day used to be first come first served. That was part of the fun . Drive at night get in line then in the am see if you got a spot that day.

Correspondence ID: 198Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,24 2023 11:24:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Having reviewed the three options, my preference would be for Option A.

I have had the pleasure of visiting Isle Royale multiple times and I have had the opportunity to backpack and paddle the length and breadth of the park. For those wishing solitude, including the option of being the only person in a campground, there are presently multiple options for those willing to put in the work to get to them, either by choosing the time of year to visit the park, or by hiking on more challenging trails, or by paddling.

The congestion in Isle Royale tends to be limited to campgrounds along the Greenstone Ridge trail and to campgrounds in the extended Rock Harbor area. Those wishing to visit other areas of the park may avoid much of this congestion. The group campsites are often the campsite of last resort for those arriving later in the day and I would hate to see these reduced or eliminated.

I would also like to see structures in the park left as they are. It is very interesting to see the structures in Tobin Harbor and in the remainder of the 5 fingers. These structures do not degrade from my experience. Having shared ferry rides with some of the families who reside in these structures and the stories they tell has been a highlight of some of my trips to the park.

I would also be disappointed to see the foghorn building at Caribou Island removed. It has a sense of mystery about it and that part of the island is an interesting place to explore.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 199Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,24 2023 12:37:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Vote A - leave as is.

A permit system leads to anxiety registration which any open campsite will be assigned the day it opens, even if the user does not have a plan to use it yet. I know people that have paid \$50/day to hold a permit but not use it - "just in case".

My last IR trip in 2022 was over 6 days. Due to bad weather, on my second day I skipped campsites planned for night 2 and 3. Then did 2 days each at planned sites for night 4 and 5. My trip experience and enjoyment was overwhelmingly incredible. If I was forced to camp in the interim camp spots for nights 2 and 3 that were completely flooded out, my experience though likely still enjoyable, would not be the same.

I think the remoteness and the ease of access, already limits the number of people visiting the Island. I booked my boat reservation 5 months prior to my hike and had the 2nd to last available spot. I passed 5 different groups total on the trip, no areas were completely full and never felt like people were on top of me. What is nice about Isle Royale is that the campspots are spread out, never generally even see anybody else unless leave.

I know the record crowds from 2021 caused some pain, but my guestimation is the number of visitors have declined since. Albeit higher than before just because she is such a gem.

Correspondence ID: 200Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 12:56:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that the NPS is doing a fine job of maintaining the wilderness and as such support plan A or B.

B seems to be the better fit for what you say are the goals of this project. And from the daily interaction of parkgoers, A will be nearly as good.

Plan C seems to be generated in accordance with those who feel that humans are a blight on the earth. IRNP was preserved to display the grandness of the wilderness not to cut it out and isolate it. The reservation system, especially a strict interpretation, will be dangerous. A few bad actors are those of concern and the overwhelming majority of visitors treat and care for the park as a cherished legacy. Do not spoil it for those who care.

I do think the orientation of a few years ago better-prepped hikers for the responsibility of low impact. In a dataless opinion, micro trash seems to be on the rise, and the uber congested campsites Daisy, 3mi, and Rock Harbor have the most impacts outside the desired campsites. Prioritizing longer stays would increase the dedication of visitors and better balance the campers across the island. Private and corporate partners could be found for the preservation of individual buildings if needed. I'm confident these partners would be found if the opportunities were presented.

Having hiked every trail and paddled the southeast quarter, wilderness is right there. 6 feet off the trail is the same as 6 miles off. And with rapid overgrowth and windfall, even the trails are temporary. Anyone who tells you otherwise has not been there.

Correspondence ID: 201Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 14:05:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A (No-Action):

No change to existing permit system and no limit on total number of permits issued.

Correspondence ID: 202Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 19:44:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a MN resident, within the last 5-6 years there was a change in the MN state park reservations process where every site was responsible. There are flaws in the system. A. There leaves no flexibility for last minute trips. This includes the most desirable state parks. B. It leads to people over reserving sites they do not intend to use just to be safe. This takes away from others. C. A lot of people will make reservations then cancel last minute which takes away from last minute changes. Overall it turns into a type of mentality of hoarding. A reservation process also benefits individuals with resources.

Keep the process as is. Option A

Correspondence ID: 203Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,24 2023 20:05:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the reservation system, I believe that permits with booking campgrounds up to 80-85% full would be a good balance between protecting the park (and wildlife) from being overrun, but still allowing for flexibility in itineraries.

Correspondence ID: 204Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 05:26:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In regards to changing the way that back country campsites are managed on Isle Royale, I do not think that a rigid itineraries or mandatory reservations are the best path forward, yet. Isle Royale is too wild to not allow backcountry campers to be flexible with their plans, as I have greatly enjoyed the ability to do so myself. personally, I would rather see nightly stay limits reduced to encourage backpackers to travel between campsites. This would reduce some campsite congestion as multi day campers tend to take up the most space. I believe this would change the way that that back country campsites are used without forcing backpackers to maintain a schedule that may become difficult or impossible depending on situation specific circumstances like weather.

Correspondence ID: 205Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 05:56:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A (No-Action):
No change to existing permit system and no limit on total number of permits issued.
Thank you for your time.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 206Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 07:41:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe option A is the best course of action. The park didn't seem to be as overly crowded as I was told considering I was there late august (busier time of year). And I personally loved the flexibility of my plans because as a beginner backpacker I wasn't ready for as much mileage as I thought. Overall great time, a few times I had to share the group site. But it wasn't a bad thing, most people were very kind there.

Correspondence ID: 207Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 11:13:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Whatever alternative you propose, I write today to discourage the use of advance reservations for the following reasons: 1) Recreation.gov is terribly administered, and once popular places go on it, people with the fastest internet connections/most money win and reserve several weeks in advance just to get the day/time they want. I have seen zero evidence of this issue ever being meaningfully corrected. 2) Backcountry reservations encourage irresponsible behavior because as a wilderness traveler there are times you should pivot but find you are unable to or just disinclined to because "you have reservations." 3) A reservation system in general favors the wealthy because of the fees, the requirement to use a credit card, the ability to plan far in advance, and the equipment/logistics/native English language needed to make a reservation online or by phone. They are also rarely enforceable on the ground. We had advance permits for Mt. Rainier once and two of our three nights unpermitted people were in our designated campsites. Completely useless and just punishes the people who are trying to follow the rules.

Correspondence ID: 208Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 11:38:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose option A. You cannot control the weather and so anyone kayaking is unable to guarantee a specific site on a specific day. If you are camping at an island and get a big storm there would be no way to keep your site reservation system.

Correspondence ID: 209Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 12:06:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for plan B. I visited Isle Royale. I think that it is despicable how American citizens are being excluded from a learning and rewarding experience visiting this island. My experience was a very negative one. It really made me wonder if the people in charge needed some serious counseling. I think that with planning both needs can be accomplished. The impact of the visitors can be lessened and yet visitor experience can be enhanced. More children can visit and learn about the great wild out doors. These children will grow up to provide more enthusiastic voter support for the wilderness areas. One thing missing was information. There was so little yet this is such a unique location. Create more info pamphlets and plaques filled with information. A great concern was sewage. Well, provide facilities. Duh. I really think there needs to be a great change, a great improvement, in how Isle Royale is managed.

Correspondence ID: 210Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,25 2023 14:27:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that plan B would be the best, with a requirement to get permits ahead of time, with flexible campground reservations made. I really appreciate the flexibility on Isle Royale, as I went there for my first backpacking trip, and have brought my friends on their first backpacking trips there. The option to have a flexible itinerary is very helpful for first time backpackers, as well as for weather issues. I have also experienced Isle Royale's overcrowding issues though, and think this would be better managed by reservations. This year I hiked from Moskey Basin to Daisy Farm, to find Daisy Farm full with no spots to even share, but then hiked on to Three Mile and we got a shelter to ourselves. Booking reservations may even out the crowds, but flexibility still allows for the comfortable first time or inclement weather experiences.

Correspondence ID: 211Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,26 2023 11:58:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: First, I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work in composing this draft plan. I know endeavors such as this are never easy and the work involved is extensive.

I would also like to express my gratitude for your dedicated efforts in seeking public input. Everyone who visits Isle Royale leaves a part of themselves behind, and as a result, we all feel a profound connection to the land and its potential future.

I want to share my thoughts and feelings (I have many of both) about only one component of the plan. Specifically, the impact of the proposed changes to the use of Bangsund Cabin. This cabin serves as the staging area for Michigan Technological University's historic Wolf-Moose study and is an interpretive site educating visitors about all aspects of Isle Royale, including wolves, moose, and acting as a living legacy to wilderness values (a key component of the draft proposal)

Let's delve right into the emotional aspect. I cannot pretend that my initial reactions aren't emotional. I have strong personal attachments to this site, this project, and the people, plants, and (of course) the animals associated with it. Observing (b) (6) moving about in this space--never idle, always engaged in endeavors to advance awareness, understanding, science, love, and passion for every component of life encompassed on Isle Royale--you can't help but be inspired and awed.

(b) (6) spend approximately half of each year on Isle Royale, residing in Bangsund Cabin, a location with no running water. Water is collected, boiled, and filtered as needed. Electricity is carefully generated and maintained through wind turbines, battery packs, and meticulous usage monitoring. They have been doing so (with minimal upgrades throughout the years) since the early 70s when (b) (6) assumed management of the study. This has been their home for over 50 years. They raised their two sons at Bangsund Cabin and across this remarkable island. When sitting down to any meal with (b) (6), it's a rare dining experience that isn't "paused" (as I doubt (b) (6) would call it an

“interruption”) by the arrival of an island visitor. Without hesitation, (b) (6) leaps to her feet (it's rare to find an individual with as much energy and vigor) to greet the visitor and share her passion, knowledge, and deep-seated belief in the goodness of humanity. As of my last update from (b) (6), they had already welcomed over 1500 visitors to the Bangsund site this summer. Their days are brimming with activities all centered around advancing this historic study. In addition to their interpretive engagements, they manage all aspects of the study on the island--welcoming Moosewatch volunteers and coordinating their excursions, supporting and guiding Michigan Tech graduate students and interns, and personally venturing out to continue gathering data. After my last visit, as they waved goodbye to a few stowaways from the third Moosewatch group of the summer, they readied themselves and set out to haul a moose carcass recently found floating in a harbor, dragging it ashore to ensure its availability for study. Advancing this study and championing Isle Royale consumes their days. Their dedication is immeasurable. While I understand that this plan is intended to transcend individual involvement and is presented as impartial, I can't help but feel a strong sentiment: this isn't a fitting reward for such dedicated efforts.

Setting aside my personal feelings, after a careful review of the proposed draft, I find the rationale behind the suggested alternatives concerning the Bangsund site to be lacking. On page 17 of the draft, it is stated: “Research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin and associated structures would be relocated to nonwilderness as soon as an alternative site is available. After research activities are relocated and occupancy ends, the NPS would evaluate appropriate opportunities at the site, including interpretation.” This statement encompasses both Alternative B and Alternative C in the draft.

I identify two flaws in this proposal. Firstly, the only specific opportunity mentioned in this statement is “interpretation,” presumably highlighting its importance. However, I would argue that relocating the research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin is in direct contradiction to this opportunity. Currently, the attraction for visitors lies in the moose bone “museum,” the chance to engage with the research by visiting the central hub of on-island activity, and the interactions with individuals deeply rooted and integrated into the work. All of these opportunities would be lost with the removal of the study from the Bangsund site.

The second flaw I find in this proposal is outlined next. On page 49 of the study the draft describes:

*Bangsund Cabin and the associated structures and improvements would be evaluated to determine whether those structures are deemed historically significant for their use as a wilderness research site. If those structures are not determined to be significant, they would be removed. If the structures are determined significant, the main cottage and the Jack and Ace Cabins would be retained to enhance the other features of value quality of wilderness. The modern additions to the site would be removed.”

The topic of historical significance is elaborated on page 88 within the segment on “Cultural Resources,” where it states:

“Bangsund Fishery (Wolf/Moose Research Base). The Bangsund complex was originally established in the mid-1920s by brothers Jack and Bill Bangsund and was used as a fishery until the mid-1950s. In the late 1950s the location was reoccupied by researchers associated with the wolf/moose project. Since then, the complex has served as a residence and outdoor laboratory for Michigan Technological University research activities associated with the project. The complex now features a co-mingling of old and modern structures and installations, the former being in good condition. Although the older fishery structures have been determined ineligible for inclusion in the National Register, the park is considering a reevaluation of their integrity in relation to the wolf/moose research project, which itself is more than 50 years old.”

Throughout the document, Bangsund Cabin and its associated outbuildings are referred to as “a potentially National Register-eligible cultural landscape.” Based on the description on page 88, the National Register consideration for the cabin in its own right deemed it ineligible. It further states that its potential eligibility is linked entirely “in relation to the wolf/moose research project.” Once more, I cannot help but feel that removing the research from this site seems to contradict a proposed plan of identified significance with regards to future National Register sites on Isle Royale.

My strong preference, rooted not only in emotion but also supported by my dedication to education from my 20 years in public education and my personal belief in the significance of preserving our cultural heritage sites, is for the proposal regarding Bangsund Cabin and all components of what is referred to as the Bangsund Site to remain "as is" (Alternative A).

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Correspondence: I recommend Alternative A, specifically concerning the day and overnight use of Bangsund cabin. The Petersons and their colleagues do more to maintain and preserve the wilderness spirit of the island than you would do by banning their use of the cabin for their research purposes. Celebrate them and their work, for they are part of the living history of this island and to uproot them from Bangsund would be a great disservice to the park and the thousands upon thousands of visitors who've learned from them and those who would miss out on that opportunity if either plan B or C were approved.

Correspondence ID: 213Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Based on the proposal, I recommend "Alternative A". I believe it would be a detriment to the park to remove the Wolf/Moose project from Bangsund Cabin, as many visitors come to the park to see the site and speak with the researchers.

Correspondence ID: 214Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I favor Alternative B, because my impression is that it would reduce visitors and wilderness impacts back to the levels typical to 2018 and prior.

My second preference would be Alternative C, which would further improve the visitor impact situation. But I wonder if cutting back on visitors dramatically might be too much as a first step.

Correspondence ID: 215Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of option A. Visitation to the island is limited by the capacity of the various passenger boats and unless someone is starting up a new boat service or building a bridge I don't see how it can get more crowded. Add some sites to the big popular campgrounds and Rock Harbor, Daisy Farm, and McCargoes but don't overreact to a few complaints.

Correspondence ID: 216Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support plan A.

Correspondence ID: 217Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live in Keweenaw County and have been to Isle Royale several times. I favor option A, leaving the current system in place. If the island is being overrun with campers, perhaps the number of people allowed into the back country should be monitored and possibly limited.

Correspondence ID: 218Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I like Alternate A.

I kayak when I go there so I like the new campgrounds under that proposal. Also like the John's Island location. Could use something half way between Siskiwit Bay and Grace Island, that is a long stretch if the wind is bad. Could use something in Tobin Harbor. Would like more small camps for kayak/canoe since weather can be so limiting, power boats can often motor elsewhere if they need to. Keep Duncan Bay camp.

Rock Harbor area is busy but that won't change with any of the proposals and it is ok. A couple more campsites to relieve the pressure on the most popular ones and some more small ones on islands and in the nooks and crannies would be great. Tent sites are fine. There is plenty of space out there if you want to find it.

I like having the research group(s) (b) (6) and others) there so I would like to see those activities continue to be supported.

The world isn't as wild a place as it used to be 50 years ago and that's not all bad. Give people a chance to spread out a little bit and there's plenty of space for all since the location/conditions are limiting enough.

Correspondence ID: 219Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A- No Change. This should allowing research use and occupancy of historic and support buildings within the park so that importance research can continue. I also support public visitation of historic buildings within the park. Interpretation and visitor experiences should remain and be expanded.

Correspondence ID: 220Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Maintain all current wilderness parts of the park in the most pristine condition possible. With that approach, the native plant and animal species have the best chance of long-term survival in this age of global warming.

Correspondence ID: 221Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write in support of Alternative A: No Action.

I backpacked Isle Royale in 2018 and in 2022. On both trips, I had a planned itinerary from which I needed to deviate due to unforeseen circumstances, including dangerous weather conditions and physical exhaustion. Alternative A allowed me to make these changes without risking harm.

Under Alternative B, I would have felt pressure to follow my initial itinerary for concern that the remaining 15% of available sites would already be full. Under Alternative C, I would not have been able to alter my itinerary and would have continued

on my initial plan, despite the unforeseen circumstances that risked my health. Either option would have increased the danger I experienced while backpacking.

While I have experienced overcrowding when staying at the Rock Harbor campground, this could be addressed by decreasing the group size without changing reservation requirements.

Correspondence ID: 222Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I appreciate the intent of the stewardship plan, I question why both action alternatives remove the research project from Bangsund Cabin. The cabin is the physical and symbolic home of the Moose and Wolf Study. This long running study is why so many people know about Isle Royale in the first place, I realize its existence has created bureaucratic challenges with the Park Service but relocating the study to another facility on the island (or removing it all together) and changing the utilization of Bangsund would diminish the cultural value, educational utility and enjoyment of the south shore of the island for a great many future visitors (particularly those coming from Rock Harbor), as well as the scientific community that interfaces with the study. With 99% of the island already wilderness, i think this one human made element and its use should be left as is, particularly if its status on the National Register is still being considered.

Because of this i support the no action alternative or a amendment of the action alternatives, thank you very much.

Correspondence ID: 223Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been backpacking on IR every year since 2007 except for 2009 and have logged approximately 110 nights, much of them off-trail, all over the island. After careful reading, I'm most in favor of C. I have to presume that you will still offer backcountry wilderness backpacking permits to those like me that apply and go through the suitability orientation. Improving solitude attracts me, and so does winter access. You really nailed it when you mentioned some of us go for self-reliance, even with the dangers. To me, true wilderness has to have risks. Removing that big bridge on the Siskiwit fits nicely.

I disagree with some things here and there that allowing a structure to molder detracts from the wilderness, vs. removing it. It's okay to let things molder, even if it takes decades for them to eventually be gone.

Please oh please don't ruin this special park by allowing cellphone service there! There aren't many places left where I can get away from people fiddling with their phones and that's one of the reasons I keep coming back.

The shelters aren't necessary and I don't care if you get rid of all of them. Not doing as much trail clearing, or doing so early, is also fine.

As to Bangsund, and Windigo, I don't want anything done which would detract from the Mich Tech's wolf/moose study. Having this amazing project is a feather in the Park Service's hat and attracts a lot of us to IR. Please continue to allow and foster this world famous study.

I have never seen an overcrowded campground except at 3 Mile and Daisy after a new ferry had arrived.

Sincerely, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 224Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,28 2023 12:22:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Good People;

I have thoughtfully read your Stewardship Plan and compared Alternatives A, B and C. Though I am not entirely in favor of any of the alternatives, my choice is Alternative B. That said, please realize that without limits on the influx of visitors by private boat and float plane, your wilderness will not be able to be maintained. We visited in early August 2023, and were shocked at how crowded the island was in comparison to August 2018. Contrary to what you have reported in this study, we weren't just told we might have to double up but TRIPLE up! We experienced people "partying" with loud music and voices, and evidently lots of alcohol. We were told this group of well over 12 people had been exhibiting this behavior in campsites from Rock Harbor to Windigo. Even though they were in separate campsites, they joined up for their evening party time. At least at Windigo (Washington Creek), I would have expected park personnel to monitor the campground after their quitting time of 6:00 p.m. so that the rest of us respectful people could enjoy our evening. Not so! The orientation spiel needs to include something more forceful than a mention of "quiet hours." People were also on the trail with their music audible instead of silently playing into their airpods or earbuds. This needs to be mentioned too. Loud talking by any group of campers should be discouraged.

The number of people on the island MUST be limited. You cannot exempt private boats and sea planes from this. The number of boats/ferries coming in must also be limited so that this wilderness can be preserved. The mention of allowing groups of 40 to enter just seems ridiculous whether it's for camping or a day trip. That number of people on top of the people who just happen to be at that spot before their arrival makes for quite a mass of humanity. Again, not wilderness, not solitude.

Lastly, word needs to get out that this is not a party spot despite what the article in Outside magazine made it sound like. This is a place for small, respectful groups of people to experience something unique and beautiful. Though this was my third trip to the island, my husband has been visiting since the late 1970s. He was disappointed and appalled by what we saw on this latest triip.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 225Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,28 2023 16:38:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is one of the rare spots on Earth that you can attempt to achieve solitude. I have hiked the island 5 separate times and tremendously enjoyed the experience. The only thing that could have improved the experience is improved solitude and immersion in Nature...I support Option C for increased solitude and wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 226Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,29 2023 07:39:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see isle royle left how it is, the shelters are great for campers and help out during extreme weather shifts. The outhouses could be maintained better at some of the camp sights, but I love the wilderness as it is ❤️.

Correspondence ID: 227Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: I think the park should remain closed, option A. It is such a beautiful island and I think opening it up would take some of that magic away. I like that the island gets a chance to hibernate.

Correspondence ID: 228Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A leave as is

It is the people's park but it is nature's first and should be allowed to slumber and regenerate. If people go out and get stuck who bears the cost, the people.

Let nature claim the island for rest.

Correspondence ID: 229Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,29 2023 08:27:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is an amazing park in our NPS. I have personally enjoyed spending 3 separate trips to the park with one being intensively focused on rebuilding park ranger housing facility. Given the remoteness of the island and extremely limited park ranger presence in the winter, I believe the park should maintain option A and be closed for the winter. Having grown up in Marquette, Michigan I am very aware of the treacherous nature of Lake Superior and the difficulty between the weather, ice, and open lake conditions in the winter months. I believe this is the safest option for visitors and for park staff that would be called upon to provide rescue services in a very hostile and remote area. Thank you for your continued stewardship of Isle Royale for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 230Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,29 2023 09:30:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Winter visitor used should only be allowed if there is reasonable safe access and presence by SAR and park resource management staff, therefore I am in support of Option B, winter closure remains in effect unless there is consistent and sustained open water access to the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 231Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Aug,29 2023 10:48:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that the park should remain open during winter without visitor assistance. The geographic location of the park should be celebrated with access in the winter. The upper Midwest offers a ton of outdoor winter activities and I believe it's important for everyone to take advantage of outdoor winter activities, Winter camping and snowshoeing are some of my favorite activities and part of the reason I choose to live in the upper Midwest. I also think winter participation on the park would be fairly limited even with it open. Winter camping is not a really common activity in my experience over the last 30 years. The winter would offer a new unique view of the environment during this time. Also with the season, the park itself would be less affected from visitors because of the snow cover and reduced fire risk. Thank you for the consideration and taking care of the island!

Correspondence ID: 232Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe Isle Royale should be open to the public during winter, without visitor services.

A small helipad should either be constructed, or opened to the public, to assist with transport, particularly in winter.

Also, airplanes outfitted with Bush tires or skis should be permitted to land during winter on certain interior frozen lakes, as well as in the harbor, once sufficient ice has been accumulated, with reports being made by nps staff or visiting scientists as to ice conditions.

Correspondence ID: 233Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge to go with option A. Don't change anything.

The boat and sea plane already limit the amount of people that can get to the island. There is no crowding, it is one of the least visited national parks. I highly enjoyed my trip back in 2022. We stayed at Daisy Farm over Memorial Day Weekend and there were still empty shelters.

There is no need for reservations. Especially on a remote island with no cell service, they wouldn't even work. In addition, you need total flexibility for weather. It would be dangerous to force people to stick to their reservations if there was a storm. Hence, the current permitting system works great, where you simply tell the ranger what your plans are. Reservations can add up and make a camping trip really expensive. Please do not make NPS experiences only for the elite who can afford them. Keep permitting free so people of all economic classes can experience it.

I also do not think shelters or trails should be removed to preserve wilderness. It would be a waste of resources to remove shelters and it would scare away wildlife, making the area less "wild".

Please do not change anything about Isle Royale, the current system works great.

Correspondence ID: 234Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe alternate 1 would be the best choice. I think the reservation system would be difficult to enforce without a much larger staff.

The several years that I have been on Isle Royale , the current system seems to be working well.

I have been to the island on all the commercial boats that go there, sea plane, around the island by private boat and have hiked most of the trails, some several times. I have also stayed in house keeping, so believe that I have a whole feeling for what the island is like.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 235Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a casual backpacker (usually 3-4 days at a time; 3 trips a year). I have wanted to visit Isle Royale, but have not scheduled a trip due to the open system for campsite occupancy. I've seen several reports, youtube videos, etc. over the past couple of years about the overcrowding at campgrounds on Isle Royale and the difficulty in getting a spot --- and often having to share a camping spot. I'm a slower backpacker, and so I have not scheduled a trip as it would cause high anxiety to rush to each campground to make sure I could get a spot, and I would not be able to enjoy the wilderness experience that is so unique to Isle Royale.

I am in complete support of a new system for campsite reservations. I like Alternative B as it provides a compromise between the current system, but also provides reservations for backpackers such as myself that are slower, desperately

want to visit, but are deterred by the current campsite/campground system. Alternative C I think would also be a good option over Alternative A.

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RE: EPA Comments - Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Isle Royale National Park, Keweenaw County, Michigan
CEQ No. 20230091

Dear Ms. Swanke:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the National Park Service's (NPS) June 2023 Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Isle Royale National Park (National Park). This letter provides our comments on the Draft EIS in accordance with our authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Isle Royale National Park is an island archipelago with roughly 450 smaller islands in the northwest portion of Lake Superior. Approximately 99 percent of the National Park, including 132,018 acres of land, is Federally-protected as a wilderness area under the Wilderness Act of 1964. The purpose of the National Park as stated in its Foundation Document is to "set apart a remote island archipelago and surrounding waters in Lake Superior as a national park for the benefit and enjoyment of the public and to preserve and protect its wilderness character, cultural and natural resources, and ecological processes."

According to the Draft EIS, NPS identified the need for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan for the National Park based on the following:

- the 1998 General Management Plan (GMP) specified that a wilderness and backcountry management plan was needed to guide management of wilderness resources and ensure consistency in such management over time;
- NPS Management Policies 20061 directs that each park containing wilderness must maintain an up-to-date and approved wilderness management plan to guide the preservation, management, and use of wilderness resources;
- changes in wilderness use, management actions, increasing visitation, and associated human-caused adverse impacts suggest an underlying need to more proactively manage human activities that directly or indirectly affect wilderness character;
- the National Park currently lacks a management strategy for the treatment and use of historic structures and installations in potential and designated wilderness; and
- as nonconforming uses (e.g., occupancy of cabins through life-leases) end in potential wilderness areas, management planning is essential to ensure these lands meet the qualifications required for conversion to full wilderness designation.

The Draft EIS analyzed potential impacts associated with three alternatives as they relate to wilderness character and cultural resources:

Alternative A - No Action Alternative: The No-Action alternative would continue existing management practices as described in the 1998 GMP. Under Alternative A, the National Park would continue to address wilderness stewardship needs in accordance with the GMP. The GMP does not include an overarching stewardship component designed to enhance wilderness character.

Alternative B - NPS's Preferred Alternative: Alternative B focuses on enhancing wilderness character with specific emphasis on improving visitors' wilderness experiences and providing for additional access opportunities consistent with the public purposes of wilderness. A new permitting system and monitoring program would be established with visitors required to obtain backcountry/wilderness permits in advance. Two new wilderness campgrounds would be established and various areas of the National Park would be rezoned to reflect current and proposed uses. Historic structures and installations would be classified for treatment as preservation, stabilization, mouldering, or removal.

Alternative C: Alternative C focuses on enhancing wilderness character, by focusing primarily on improving solitude. Solitude is generally preserved or improved by management actions that reduce visitor encounters, signs of modern civilization inside wilderness, and management restrictions on visitor behavior. Solitude would be emphasized by decreasing day use group size, reducing the number of campsites within campgrounds, eliminating some trails, removing shelters, picnic tables, and other structures in wilderness, implementing a camping reservation system, and allowing winter access. Commercial use within National Park wilderness areas would be eliminated, further enhancing solitude by reducing visitor encounters with large groups. Historic structures and installations would be classified for treatment as preservation, stabilization, mouldering, or removal.

The two action alternatives consider strategies to address increasing visitation, including limiting certain uses and/or altering infrastructure (e.g., campgrounds, shelters, trails) to accommodate expanding demand, while maintaining high quality wilderness character. None of the alternatives propose changes to current types of uses or regulations in wilderness areas.

Based on our review of the Draft EIS and appendices, EPA offers comments regarding: (1) alternatives, (2) project features, (3) minimum requirement analyses, (4) education, and (5) non-native, invasive plant species. Please find EPA's detailed comments enclosed.

We look forward to working with you as this project advances and to reviewing future NEPA documents prepared for this project. Please send electronic copies of future NEPA documents pertaining to this project to R5NEPA@epa.gov. If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter further; please contact Kathy Kowal, lead reviewer for this project, at kowal.kathleen@epa.gov. Ms. Kowal is also available at 312-353-5206.

Sincerely,
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Enclosures: EPA's Detailed Comments for Wilderness Stewardship Plan and
Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Isle Royale National Park

EPA's Detailed Comments
Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement,
Isle Royale National Park, Keweenaw County, Michigan
August 30, 2023

ALTERNATIVES

The Draft EIS explains that the three alternatives provide a reasonable range of options for managing wilderness areas in the National Park, and that the two action alternatives consider strategies to address increasing visitor numbers, including limiting certain uses and/or altering infrastructure (e.g., campgrounds, shelters, trails) to accommodate expanding demand, while maintaining high quality wilderness character. However, the Draft EIS does not provide information regarding whether a carrying capacity¹ has been identified for the National Park.

Recommendations for the Final EIS: We recommend the Final EIS address the following:

- discuss whether a sustainable number of visitors per year was established for the National Park that would not result in negative impacts to wilderness character. EPA recommends the methodology used to determine sustainable visitor numbers is included in the Final EIS;
- discuss whether a sustainable number of visitors was used to determine the maximum number of backcountry/wilderness permits available each year under the proposed permitting system. If a maximum number of visitors has not been set, explain how the National Park will determine the appropriate number of permits available annually;
- The Draft EIS speaks to the number of visitors in Alternative A: "Visitor use levels would be managed in accordance with the GMP through the management of concession and NPS-provided (e.g., Ranger III or future vessel/s) transportation limits. Additional clarity on transportation limits would be provided in future contracts." Discuss how expanding demand would be managed in light of future concession transportation limits. Without understanding how concession transportation might change, reviewers are unable to determine whether visitors would be able to experience solitude and isolation. EPA recommends NPS discuss a realistic range for concession transportation to provide reviewers with an understanding of: (a) the extent of proposed transportation limits, and (b) and a potential timeframe covering future contracts;
- discuss whether future unpredictable changes to the National Park (e.g., due to climate change, wildland fires, etc.) could impact the number of available permits. EPA recommends an adaptive management plan is included in the Final EIS that includes trigger points (e.g., overcrowding, trampled resources, etc.) that would indicate a revision in the number of available permits is necessary;
- discuss the monitoring program identified for Alternatives B and C that would focus on determining whether the suggested permitting system results in less crowding with benefits to wilderness character. Discuss whether the monitoring program consists of simply reviewing campground reservations or whether it would include monitoring of trail encounters, vegetation damage, trash, human waste, etc. at campgrounds to determine impacts to wilderness character;

1 Carrying capacity: the maximum number, density, or biomass of a population that a specific area can support sustainably.

- explain how increasing the group size limit from 10 to 12 visitors under Alternative B would reduce visitor conflict and provide opportunities for solitude; and
- acknowledging the Draft EIS indicates rationale for selecting Alternative B as the preferred alternative will be provided in the Record of Decision, providing an explanation of why Alternative B was selected would provide readers with a greater understanding of the advantages and disadvantages and NPS reasoning at the time the document is written. EPA recommends a clear explanation of the rationale for selecting Alternative B as the preferred alternative is included in the Final EIS.

PROJECT FEATURES AND DETAILS

The Draft EIS indicates several new amenities will be considered.

Recommendations for the Final EIS: We recommend the Final EIS address the following:

- explain the process used to determine need for and siting of amenities. For example, new campsites may be established at various sites (e.g., a new group campsite may be established at Belle Isle under Alternative A; removal of Duncan Bay campground dock and new trail segments in Tobin Harbor under Alternative B; removal of shelters under Alternative C). The process by which new campsites were determined to be necessary and the possible location of new campsites should be included in the Final EIS;
- explain the potential impacts to opportunities for solitude, embracing personal challenge and self-reliance, and freedom from the constraints of modern culture from additional commercial services under Alternative B2; and
- Alternative C indicates some group campsites would be removed, putting greater demand on remaining group campsites within wilderness. Acknowledging the removal of some campgrounds would benefit the opportunity for unconfined recreation, explain how this action would affect opportunities for solitude for those visitors looking to use campgrounds.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS (MRA)

The Draft EIS indicates all actions taken in wilderness areas, regardless of the alternative implemented, would require completion of an MRA. A MRA would be used to determine whether administrative actions, projects, or programs undertaken by NPS may affect wilderness character, if resources or visitor experiences are necessary, and if so, how to minimize effects.

Recommendations for the Final EIS: We recommend the Final EIS address the following:

- discuss whether a category of activity(s) expected to result in minimal impacts would be considered to receive an MRA, similar to a categorical exclusion, to ensure those activities could be undertaken without delay. If so, include a list of activities (e.g., some preservation methods, retention of existing installations and structures in wilderness, long-standing research projects, etc.) that could be considered as "categorical exclusions."
- 40 CFR 1508.4: "Categorical exclusion" means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a federal agency in implementation of these regulations (§1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

EDUCATION

The Draft EIS indicates visitors would be required to obtain backcountry/wilderness permits via email or online in advance of their trip under Alternatives B and C.

Recommendations for the Final EIS: We recommend the Final EIS address the following:

- consider creating a video to educate potential visitors which must be viewed before requesting a permit. The video could address proper procedures at campsites and trails, impacts from not following proper procedures, campsites or trails that are closed permanently or relocated, wolf research, etc.

NON-NATIVE AND INVASIVE SPECIES (NNIS)

The Draft EIS indicates the National Park has an 'active invasive species prevention program,' but does not reference existing or proposed monitoring or removal of NNIS. Monitoring and removal will be particularly important to prevent degradation of the natural quality of wilderness by NNIS.

Recommendations for the Final EIS: We recommend the Final EIS address the following:

- clarify whether a NNIS monitoring and/or removal program exists. If not, EPA recommends the National Park implement both monitoring and removal programs for NNIS.

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Correspondence: Hello - I have been a regular visitor to Isle Royale for 40+ years with roughly 2 dozen trips to the island since 2002. I have been all over the island and - for what it is worth - I like the mix of trails, wilderness, "civilization" (i.e., Windigo and Rock Harbor) and the occasional old historic building (e.g., lighthouses, fisheries, cabins, and such). Knowing and seeing historic structures is interesting and engaging and provides educational opportunities to learn about the island's history re: mining, fishing, lumber, and so on.

I see in the EIS that Bangsund Cabin might not make the cut? Seems odd to me as it is both important from a scientific basis (60+ years of the wolf-moose project - worldwide known research) as well as an example of an old time fishery. Even the National Park Service website says so (and I quote):

Today, the Bangsund cottage remains an important structure in the park for its representation of Isle Royale commercial fishing and its association with the wolf-moose study (URL = <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/bangsund.htm>).

I also know that visitors often will take boat trips (e.g., from Rock Harbor) to visit the Middle Passage Lighthouse, Edison Fishery, AND Bangsund and the wolf-moose project. Three attractions in one trip. If Bangsund were removed from the equation, likely the number of visitors to both Edison and the lighthouse would also drop; the 3 work together as an attraction worth taking a boat to see.

I strongly encourage the park service to keep and maintain Bangsund Cabin (Alternative A).

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Correspondence: 1. Overnight group size: Alt A- no change. As groups get larger they get noisier and create a larger impact on the land and facilities (bathrooms).

2. Wilderness Permitting System: Alt A- no change. It would be nice to know in advance if a campground is full, so your itinerary could be altered, but there is no enforcement of who is where or how long they stay. My opinion of Alt B & C is mute if it can't be enforced.

3. Day Use Group Size Requirements: Alt A- no change. As our population ages, some of these tours are all our older visitors can do. Many people like led tours and it is a good source of income if NPS gets a larger percentage from the fees.

4. Campground management: Alt A- no change. There is no campground management! To ease overcrowding you need to limit the amount of people on the island at one time. Most hikers also have no means to move to the island campsites. We need to increase the amount of campsites or open more campgrounds on new trails to spread people out. No shelters should even be considered to be removed. Although chilly, they are a wonderful site for weary hikers.

5. General Management Plan Zones: Alt A- no change. To comment further I would need more details on various areas being rezoned. Why are the buildings on Belle Isle, Malone Bay and Daisy Farm not being used? We need more backcountry rangers and more NPS personnel. This comes down to a need for more money from the federal government for our National Parks. This seems to be an administrative/NPS want not a visitor/camper need.

6. Winter Closure: Alt A- no change. Are you kidding? There are people who get themselves in trouble during the current months the park is open. This is a subject that should be never considered due to the lack of emergency response and liability to the park.

7. Treatments for Historic Properties in Wilderness: Alt B- let's preserve our history, culture and encourage historical tours. This would cost money upfront, perhaps funded with grants, but I think you could make the money back in giving tours or renting out cabins.
8. Conversion of Potential Wilderness Additions and Nonconforming uses: Alt A- no change. This subject would need more details and be address on a case by case basis. What other areas beside Amygdaloid and Davidson are being considered? Why are the buildings on Belle Isle, Malone Bay and Daisy Farm not being used? Instead of adding more buildings, let's take care of and use our existing structures.
9. Concessions and Commercial Services: Alt A- no change. This subject would need more details and be address on a case by case basis. As I stated before, ISRO and NPS needs to increase the percentage of revenue from these services in order to provide adequate maintenance from the impact of these tours/services. As our population ages, some of these tours are all our older visitors can do. Many people like led tours and it is a good source of income if NPS gets a larger percentage from the fees.

Conclusion: More funding is needed for maintenance and interpretative personnel, enforcement and forest management. Let us also remove fire rings and grills, and ban twig stoves to prevent human caused wildfires. A limit to the number of people on the island at one time is urgently needed due to infrastructure limitations and further impact to the island ecology.

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Received: Aug,26 2023

Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: I strongly urge the National Park Service to keep existing buildings on Johns Island. These structures hold historic significance especially related to the restoration of the Johns Hotel on Johns Historical Point in Washington Harbor. A removal of these buildings would remove 6 generations of family connection to this land. Often the government removes buildings to create roads, infrastructure, or safer housing in spaces that simply cannot accommodate both the existing structure and the proposed new structures. This is not the case with Johns Island. There is room for creation of campsites around the existing structures if needed. It is a large island that can accommodate wilderness and not destroy these historical homes.

These buildings help represent the fishing and entertainment industry of Isle Royale, they have been used by 6 generations of Johns. Not only are they historic, but they are actively used to house volunteers that work on the Johns Hotel. This is currently the only safe site for Johns Hotel volunteers to have a base site that includes a wood burning stove and bathing facilities. There are no other options for volunteers to warm-up/maintain a dry environment/stay clean for extended stays while working on the Hotel. Long term, housing volunteers at the Johns Hotel itself is not feasible as the site should be set up as a museum, and the public will have access to the site.

The Johns family has historical ties to Johns Island, it is appropriate to allow their structures to stay in this site to facilitate the continued work on Johns Hotel Historical Point.

The Johns family has left footprints on this island for over 100 years, starting with John F. Johns. I hope that my 3 year old daughter (b) (6) and newest baby (b) (6) (4 months old) will be able to continue the legacy that John F. Johns began at Isle Royale. I hope they will be able to stay in the buildings that have housed their ancestors while they help preserve one of the few historical buildings on Isle Royale. In a park with 132,000 acres, let these small buildings stand as not only a symbol of the past generations that have lived on this land, but also as a functional site for those working to preserve the unique history of this park.

Additionally, I would like to note that entrance into the Johns Island Harbor (gap between Johns Island and Thompson Island) is treacherous at times and could be exceedingly unsafe for small boats and especially for kayaks.

According to the wilderness plan, some family's historical sites will be preserved while others will be destroyed. It simply

isn't right to destroy some family's homes but not others.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 240Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Aug,03 2023
Correspondence Type: E-mail
Correspondence: "Wilderness Stewardship Plan"

Regarding our family home on Johns Is. for 6 generations. Here are my public comments that you have asked for. I will note that I am most appreciative with all the help and support from the NPS over the past 80 years.

It is with extreme disappointment and heart breaking sadness that I respond to the wilderness plan of today. In the 1950's and 60's the NPS simply burned down the family homes and buildings on Isle Royale. Then they changed to just letting them rot away. Maybe a less painful approach to the situation. Then in recent years they became more human and allowed the family members to keep up and restore many historical buildings and their family homes. I thought the NPS was really done destroying family homes that are around 160 plus years old. Sadly the NPS is going backwards. Today it is called "careful and comprehensive disassembly" of historical homes. They are still destroyed. They are not just buildings. The people making these decisions need to put themselves in our shoes. What if it was your great grandparents home, your grandparents, your father's or mother's home or YOUR home that has been in the family for 100 plus years. Would you like your home and happy memories destroyed. No, you would probably feel sick about it. The word "sacred" gets used a lot these days. Well, all these historic sites are "sacred ground " to the real life people who have lived and sacrificed and laughed in them. They should not be torn apart, destroyed or carefully disassembled. If the family's or volunteers or the public can keep up these homes, they should be allowed to. My grand parents have used the historic building on Johns Is as their home at various times in the past. This has been used by my father, mother, myself, my children and wife and granddaughter for the past 100 years. Note, I am not against some type of public access at this site but am against our removal from the Johns Is.

Wilderness is wilderness as far as I am concerned. It appears in reading the list of camps that certain people can preserve their structures/ homes etc. and certain others are not allowed to. This is dicrimination at its best. One persons camp is just as "sacred" to them as another persons camp is to that person. I will simply refer to the past treatment of the Native Americans and slavery by the US govt. Years later now in 2023 the govt. and the people are seeing the injustice that happened and are trying to correct it in a variety of ways. By removing certain people from certain wilderness sites the "injustice" continues and is alive and well! Sad. Really sad. I thought as a country over the past 3 years or so we were moving beyond those past distructive situations.?

In my observation at this point, looking at the names of preservation/ stabilization status etc. and removal that it has been more beneficial for people to have apposed the NPS rather than work with them.

Also, I recall years ago when the public and then Supt. Bernard met at the hotel in Duluth to get public comment and input regarding historic sites and developing a 20 year plan. The supt. had already decided to remove the Johns Is. camp and stated that in the plan. He would NOT allow any comments from us or any public comment regarding Johns Is. site. This was very inappropriate. That is how it got on the destroy list way back then.

Here are the dates I would be available for a meeting: (b) (6)

I may have more comments that I will send to you in the next few weeks.

(b) (6)

We can accomplish more by working together.

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Received: Aug,30 2023

Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: Further public comments on wilderness plan.

I just got back from the island and finally have time to comment some more.

I strongly disagree with any plan that removes or destroys any past and present family homes on Johns Island or elsewhere on Isle Royale for the following reasons. These are my individual feelings and opinions. Not the JHHPA

1. There is so much unhappiness in the world and we wonder why? Is it really necessary to destroy people's homes in this day and age simply so another group of people can use that site? The island is about 98 plus percent wilderness already. Are people that greedy that they cannot share what we have? There is plenty of space on the island to welcome all groups of people. These camps, homes etc. are our SACRED places which hold traditions, rituals, proposals to marriage, honeymoons, family memories over six generations.They should be welcomed and celebrated! Not removed and destroyed as is done in a Communist country or a dictatorship. This is the United States of America. How would YOU feel if they were taking YOUR home?

2. The historic buildings and people do not interfere with any aspect of depriving any other group from having their desired experience on Isle Royale.

3. The placing of a kayak campground on the northeast end of Johns Is. is inviting a serious danger for kayakers as has happened in the Apostle Island. The waves in the gap can be as high as 10 feet plus with a strong north wind that they will not be expecting and take high risk attempting to get out through the gap. It is not the best place for a campground. It is very rocky and uneven ground. A much better place would be in the small bay on the east side of the island around the point of rocks if you want to keep people safe. It provides a very nice sandy beach and a very grassy, gentle slope to pull kayaks up onto land. The huge waves coming through the gap become very small as they approach that location. Much safer for the unexpecting visitor.

4. The NPS and the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Associations have taken the family histories , pictures and homes etc. and used them to portray past history of the park. (This info was voluntarily provided by most families) It seems they want the history and money from the pictures and book sales etc. but in some cases not the family members or their historic buildings. This is one of the proposals to remove buildings.

5. If the buildings on Johns Is. are destroyed, we have no place to store our artifacts , supplies and equipment needed to finish the Johns Hotel project, the Cottage and the proposed dock and marine museum or a place to provide shelter while volunteering that is well set up over the past many years for that purpose. The hotel is not ready for use in that way and not appropriate for a place to reside while having public access into the museum. We strongly prefer to remain in our own historic structure on Johns Is. and not in someone else's.

6.The various groups of people ask, why are families allowed to continue to use their homes and the general public cannot. Well, they can now experience what we have had by volunteering. They can spend their time,energy and labor for free as volunteers as we have done for decades. They can find transportation to and from the island at their expense. They can

provide a boat and motor to transport supplies etc. from Windigo to the Hotel or Johns Is.. They can pay extra to the ferry for overweight baggage. They can bring their own food and supplies and clothing etc. to last 2 to 4 weeks. They can experience living in a tent, using an outhouse, cooking their food on a small coleman stove, stay in a building and tent with no wood stove or cook stove. They need to provide their own tools, water and everything else to do a project. They need to purchase at their expense all the materials such as lumber, stove pipes, screws ,gasoline etc. etc.. They will need to haul all of this to Houghton to have the NPS transport it to Windigo. Then figure out how to transport their supplies to the Hotel. They will have to get certified for chainsaw use, harness use on a roof and take a safe boating 3 day class at Rock Harbor to use an NPS boat in Washington Harbor. We are willing to share our experience with the public as well as providing tours. So, if people ask why we are still at Johns Island and the Johns Hotel, you can list the above reasons since we have been doing all of that to preserve the history for the public for the past 60 years of my life time.

7. All the people who have already been preserving the Park's structures for many, many years should be considered an asset to the Park and not be removed from any of their camp sites. Last June of 2022 was really the first time I felt genuinely welcomed on Isle Royale because of meeting Superintendent Swanke at Johns Hotel. She made us feel appreciated and seemed to understand the committment and perseverance to continually provide these valuable assets for the Park and the public at our personal labor and financial expense. One year later there is a proposal to gently tear our historical buildings down. Sad indeed. So much for feeling welcome at Isle Royale?

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: Please keep the park open only to nature during the winter season. There are so few places on our earth where the natural world is considered first and foremost above human needs and what better place to ensure that stewardship then our beloved national park.

Thank you for your consideration,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: Having visited the Isle in 2017, I plan to come back. I feel the permitting process was good them but post covid, and the inherited destructive nature of humans there should be some changes to negate the impact to the Isle. I would have to lean toward option B, 85% bookable, 15% remaining open for flex itinerary. Limit the amount of bodies on the Isle at any given time. Even in 2017, I could see a quite impacted environment around campgrounds. Option B is my suggestion and opinion.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: Option A is the best course of action. Let things settle back to normal after the swings during the pandemic. The beauty of the park is the isolation. This is the best way to regulate overcrowding. There's only so many ferry

and seaplane spots. Reserving campsites makes trip planning extremely difficult when weather must be taken into account especially for private boaters. Also, look at other areas that have gone to the reservation of campsites such as the BWCA and the issues they are having with people Booking up all the permits right away and then canceling them last minute. Makes its impossible for people that need a few weeks to plan a trip to be able to go if they don't book it months in advance. It's also extremely difficult to enforce. I have encountered some crowded sites in the past bit people are always willing to share shelter or tent sites with another group and by the next day it's cleared out and people are on their ways. The only real issue I see is for the private boaters having limited dock space at some places and having to contend with rough conditions on the lake which means they can't always get where they want to go.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have used the park in two ways, one hiking and the other as a sea kayaker.

As a sea kayaker it is very challenging and often time unsafe to have a fixed itinerary. Kayaking on lake superior is entirely weather dependent and forcing people to a fixed itinerary will make people take unnecessary risks. I suggest that any permitting system should include a more flexible option for kayakers, especially those circumnavigating the island.

For hikers, the ability to guarantee a site being available through pre booking is attractive as on numerous occasions i have been unable to camp at some of the smaller sites and had to walk on further than my body felt comfortable with. I would support some form of reservation.

Thank you for offering the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: Please leave the current policy in place, unchanged.. It is by far the least cumbersome for a visitor. I've been in many national parks this summer and witnessed first hand the reservation system flaws all over the country. Many campgrounds were 50 to 75 percent full due to no -shows.Campers who cou have occupied those sights are turned away. Isle Royal requires a lot of planning just to arrive on the island. Please don't add another cumbersome layer of required reservations that will result in half empty campgrounds which then turn away first come first served campers. Thanks. (b) (6)

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Correspondence: Regarding the proposed EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royal National Park:

I generally support the changes proposed in Alternative C with a few exceptions.

Overnight Group Size Requirements: Support Alternative C

Wilderness Permitting System: Support Alternative B

I believe that the wilderness permitting system described under Alternative B should be adopted. The flexibility to change at least some portions of the itineraries is important. We have been to ISRO on three occasions and needed a significant change to our proposed itinerary on the first occasion. An issue with our gear forced us to seek a shelter on three nights that were planned to be in campgrounds without shelters.

Day Use Group Size Requirements: Support Alternative C

Campground Management: Support Alternative C

General Management Zones: Support Alternative C

Winter Closure: Support Alternative A

I believe the Principal Investigators in the ISRO Wolf Moose Study should be consulted before any change to the winter closure status is made. I am concerned that a constant presence of people would have an adverse effect on the predator/prey dynamics. The wolves and moose may need significant time without people present to thrive.

Treatments for Historic Properties in Wilderness: Support Alternative C

Conversion of Potential Wilderness Additions and Nonconforming Uses: Support Alternative C

Concessions and Commercial Services: Support Alternative C

In the small number of visits we have made over the last 23 years, there is a noticeable change in the character of the Island. With more visitors, it has become "crowded" and lost some of the wilderness feel. I believe that more guided trips would only increase the number of people present and further reduce the wilderness experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the ISRO EIS and WSP

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: I have used Isle Royale National Park as a private citizen, as a researcher, and as a wilderness guide for youth programs. I currently work for an organization providing responsible access to wilderness and outdoor spaces for groups that have historically been unable to access the outdoors. Isle Royale is near and dear to me heart, having lived there in 2013 while conducting research for the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose project. My first backpacking trip as a young person was on Isle Royale, and I returned several times as a guide. It's safe to say Isle Royale kicked off my career in the outdoors, which has resulted in several thousand young people experiencing their own first wilderness experiences.

I would strongly urge Alternative B remain the preferred and ultimately selected alternative.

Alternative B remains in the best interest of use of the NPS, and honors the definition of wilderness. This compromise honors the historic character of a long seasonally-used island, retains the importance of visits being just that - visits - and also allows individuals to responsibly access the resource and experience of Isle Royale. In particular, allowing sites to be reserved while still ensuring flexibility for changes of plan or new arrivals to the island maximizes both inclusion AND safety, enabling some degree of flexibility for groups that might not anticipate the challenges or timing of their first visits, and enabling spontaneity for groups that might discover the island later than the reservation booking season typically allows. This maximizes inclusion and safety while honoring primitive recreation and requiring limited further development.

Alternative B also plans for a likely future - one with less ice restricting winter access to the island. If this is not explicitly managed, issues may emerge.

Finally, while health restrictions on guiding services can and should be encouraged, a full on ban (Alternative C) is unethical

and impractical. Guiding allows those who otherwise may not be able to experience outdoor spaces comfortably and safely to do so - removing those services will turn the island into a private retreat for the wealthy elite already exposed to outdoor recreation. This is not reflective of the future of our country, and represents a great loss to US citizens seeking to enjoy their public lands. Alternative C should be soundly rejected.

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Correspondence: As a long-time and yearly visitor to our beloved Isle Royale National Park, I personally would like to see the Park Service go with 'Alternative A: No Action' on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS.

I believe that Isle Royale is being managed fine under the current system to maintain the wilderness and the overall wilderness experience. I do not support opening the park to winter visitation at any time which would only add stress to the wildlife on the island in an already difficult time for them.

The only change I would suggest would be to possibly reduce the number of visitors to alleviate some overcrowding during the height of the season with the existing available camping options.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: On page 17 of the draft, it is stated: "Research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin and associated structures would be relocated to nonwilderness as soon as an alternative site is available. After research activities are relocated and occupancy ends, the NPS would evaluate appropriate opportunities at the site, including interpretation." This statement encompasses both Alternative B and Alternative C in the draft.

I identify two flaws in this proposal. Firstly, the only specific opportunity mentioned in this statement is "interpretation," presumably highlighting its importance. However, I would argue that relocating the research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin is in direct contradiction to this opportunity. Currently, the attraction for visitors lies in the moose bone "museum," the chance to engage with the research by visiting the central hub of on-island activity, and the interactions with individuals deeply rooted and integrated into the work. All of these opportunities would be lost with the removal of the study from the Bangsund site.

The second flaw I find in this proposal is outlined next. On page 49 of the study the draft describes:

*Bangsund Cabin and the associated structures and improvements would be evaluated to determine whether those structures are deemed historically significant for their use as a wilderness research site. If those structures are not determined to be significant, they would be removed. If the structures are determined significant, the main cottage and the Jack and Ace Cabins would be retained to enhance the other features of value quality of wilderness. The modern additions to the site would be removed."

The topic of historical significance is elaborated on page 88 within the segment on "Cultural Resources," where it states:

"Bangsund Fishery (Wolf/Moose Research Base). The Bangsund complex was originally established in the mid-1920s by brothers Jack and Bill Bangsund and was used as a fishery until the mid-1950s. In the late 1950s the location was reoccupied by researchers associated with the wolf/moose project. Since then, the complex has served as a residence and outdoor laboratory for Michigan Technological University research activities associated with the project. The complex now features

a co-mingling of old and modern structures and installations, the former being in good condition. Although the older fishery structures have been determined ineligible for inclusion in the National Register, the park is considering a reevaluation of their integrity in relation to the wolf/moose research project, which itself is more than 50 years old.”

Throughout the document, Bangsund Cabin and its associated outbuildings are referred to as “a potentially National Register-eligible cultural landscape.” Based on the description on page 88, the National Register consideration for the cabin deemed it ineligible. It further states that its potential eligibility is linked entirely “in relation to the wolf/moose research project.”

Once more, I cannot help but feel that removing the research from this site seems to contradict a proposed plan of identified significance with regards to future National Register sites on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: I am commenting on the proposed removal of Johns Cabin on Johns Island as part of the ISRO WSP. . The original cabin should not be removed. It is at least 120 years old and most likely older. My great grandfather, John Flexman Johns, one of the very first European settlers on Isle Royale built that cabin first for members of his family to stay in, then to lodge some of his fishermen prior to 1900. Many family members have lived in that cabin on the end point of Johns Island since that time and it has been an integral part of the culture of Washington Harbor- --only taking a short time to come and go from one historical setting to the other.. The cabin takes only a small part of Johns Island and is the domicile for the caretakers of the Historical Point on Barnum Island.

The building itself is of significance in that it has already qualified for the Historical Register- --per the efforts of the Johns Family and based on its age and relevance and connection to the cultural history on present day Barnum Island and Washington Harbor. As (b) (6) has stated in a 2019 correspondence to Seth DePasqual, “My justification (for the Johns Cabin being placed on the Historic Register) lies in the fact that Johns Island and the cabin is in potential wilderness and therefore the criteria for consideration should be handled separately from the non wilderness areas in Washington Harbor. I'm also apprehensive of developments within the Wilderness Stewardship Plan (WSP) that when finished, might preclude having the cabin placed on the National Register. That in itself would be detrimental to the historical facts and structures of original homesteaders on the Island. The cabin on Johns Island is more intertwined with the Hotel and reservation and the Johns Family history than it is with other fishing endeavors that occurred in Washington Harbor. The Johns history encompasses this cabin along with Johns Island”.

I will then proceed to point out that in the words of the WPS being considered as well as the cultural plan for Isle Royale, EMPHASIS ON RESTORATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES is a top priority as an element of the WPS and Cultural Resources Plan . The Johns Cabin IS and always HAS BEEN an historic structure and very much a part of the cultural landscape of Isle Royale, specifically the one at Washington Harbor. It was one of the earliest structures that was part of one of the earliest homesteaders on Isle Royale. I am sure that the Johns Cabin is older than many of the buildings being considered for preservation within a wilderness boundary. The fact that it is on Johns Island of which much of it is considered wilderness does not mean that it has to be removed. The small area that the Johns cabin occupies on Johns Island can be reserved as an historic site within a designated wilderness area just as other homes are being preserved in that manner. Not only does the original Johns Cabin and privy contribute to the historic district it is tied to but it offers the practicality that the National Park is seeking. Although, defining the totality of practicality is still to be deciphered, i believe.

One last fact that I would like to point out. The Johns Cabin was part of the Life Lease that my father had signed with the National Park and Johns Island was the location for his Life Lease. Others in designated wilderness are being given the opportunity to preserve their structure and close surrounding land that was part of a life lease, permit or other arrangement. They also will have their preserved structures to stay in while on the Island and while maintaining that same structure. It is only fair and right to allow the Johns Family to keep our cabin on Johns Island that was part of a homestead and a life lease. It is our home as well while we are on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Daughter of a life lease holder
Great Granddaughter of an original Isle Royale Homesteader
Board Trustee of JHHPA

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Correspondence: Read documents sent pertaining to #508 on how to keep wilderness while allowing participation in Isle Royale.

I vote for B alternative.

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Correspondence: Alternative C is the only one of the proposed management alternatives that would in fact "enhance wilderness character". It does this by reducing visitation, especially casual and day-use visitation.

I do have one concern in regard to the proposed permitting/reservation system. It is not uncommon for prospective visitors' arrival on the island to be delayed due to weather conditions. Those visitors would be unable to adhere to their originally permitted itinerary. If they will be accommodated in some way, it would probably be better if campgrounds are not booked to full capacity in advance.

I hope to visit Isle Royale soon, and when I do, I hope to find the solitude and natural beauty that make a wilderness backpacking experience worthwhile.

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Correspondence: Having just spending nine days (8/23 - 8/31 2023), I believe that a hybrid between alternatives A and B should be considered. Increasing group size would likely decrease a sense of solitude at some of the campgrounds I visited. While I would like the opportunity to reserve a campsite in advance, the proposed 85/15 doesn't really allow the stated flexibility of itineraries. Not knowing the availability of a non reserved campsite prior to arriving at the ranger station, after having to schedule and pay for a ferry to the park, would probably deter me from even considering trip. Furthermore, the current situation, which allows for flexibility in daily itineraries was extremely welcomed on my recent visit. And lastly, I am not in favor of opening the park to guided tours. These potential tour operators, will use the system to their advantage, possibly preventing small community groups, churches, schools, and families from attaining a permit. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 255Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,05 2023 06:04:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale as a backpacker four times between 1984 and 2023. The values that continue to draw me to the island are: wilderness character, scenic vistas, wildlife, wildflowers, peace, and solitude. During our recent trip in 2023, the values of wilderness character, peace and solitude appeared to have diminished due to increased numbers of visitors and their related negative impacts. For this reason, I support Alternative C of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan Draft EIS.

Correspondence ID: 256Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,05 2023 07:13:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't commercialize the island. The current structure is working ok. I would support option C. I have been to the island 3 times.

Correspondence ID: 257Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,05 2023 07:44:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think boat camping should be maintained as is or even expanded (island campsite away from backpack campers that value quiet experience.) Many folks have experienced hiking and portaging and getting older still want to visit the island and just do short day hikes and go fishing.

Correspondence ID: 258Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,05 2023 07:47:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Reserving shelters would be a mess...don't do this.

Connect Lane Cove with Daisy farms. Add shelters at Lane cove.

Think about building up Windigo, lure more hikers to the east side of the island.

Correspondence ID: 259Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,06 2023 07:13:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan c is what I would like
I've been to the park 8 times and have backpacked canoed and kayak
Guide trips compete with those who are trying to have wildness experience. I feel for the size of the park there is already enough competition for sites and space for this experience
Just look what happened at pictured rocks. You can't even see the coast any longer without endless line of "guided tours" and rental fleets of boats. This distracts from the wilderness quality that is hard to find anymore in the parks
Innp is a fragile wilderness that should be protected to the upmost and further commercial interests should restricted and not permitted or this park will fall victim as other parks have to the commercial interests and not to preservation of a national gem and unique park
Keep it remote and rustic or I feel this park will be permanently damaged and altered which would inherently change the park for the worse. Please don't allow this to happen

Correspondence ID: 260Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,06 2023 10:24:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer the No Action alternative. The way the park is managed now is working fine. There is no good reason to change it. I especially do not like the alternatives that require reservations and fixed itineraries. I camp out of my sea kayak and my paddling is controlled by the weather on the lake. Since I have no control of the weather, I have no firm control of my itinerary.

Correspondence ID: 261Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,06 2023 20:12:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I backpacked Isle Royale summer of 2020 with my family. We are returning summer of 2024- with reservations already made at Rock Harbor. There is no need for tour guides on Isle Royale. If people want to visit they must do the research and planning for themselves, that way they can truly appreciate the experience. A tour guide experience will bring in people who aren't truly passionate about being there- because they didn't have to do the planning, research; and prep work themselves. We want to keep the island natural and thriving in its natural habitat. Tours and guides bring in more people. More people means more disruption of nature- it goes with the territory, regardless of the rules established and posted.

Correspondence ID: 262Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,06 2023 22:53:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support option A. With that said, I am an avid boater to isle royal and would like the dockage to be the same or increased/improved. A dock/camp site registration system would be helpful (like option C). Additionally, I do not think winter camping is a good idea as it could be very disruptive to wildlife and dangerous for humans. Additionally, I do think commercial activity (specifically sea planes) should be limited.

Correspondence ID: 263Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,07 2023 07:32:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think you should keep it as Plan A

Correspondence ID: 264Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,07 2023 09:34:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi

When the rangers meet you at the dock, the cheer is: "Isle Royale is so wild" with the response "how wild is it?" I believe that would end with reservations for campsites. We did not meet one group who followed their itinerary, not one. Everyone was making changes on the fly, which means being wild. If people have to follow itineraries, i believe the experience would not be as enjoyable for 2 main reasons.

1. People would have to hike as far as they originally planned. Since most visitors are new to the island this can be tougher than expected. This over hiking would increase the possibility severe injuries on the trails.
2. Comradery would end. In our 5 days we shared a shelter 4 nights. This process of meeting new people on the hikes would end.

The main reason I perceive this change is for a revenue source. Requiring reservations would allow the park service to charge an extra camping fee per person per night, thus increasing the costs for a wilderness adventure.

Please leave the camping system alone

regards

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Correspondence ID: 265Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,08 2023 04:31:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for alternative B

Correspondence ID: 266Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,08 2023 11:03:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of keeping the 135 year old fishing camp cabin on Johns Island preserved. The park has proposed a camp ground for Johns Island . I've got a fabulous idea 💡
Why not put a campground at the end of the bay at Johns Island. Establish a hiking trail to the Johns fishing camp cabin for the public to enjoy .
This cabin is relatively small , in good condition. It would be very easy for Pat and his son Sean to restore and preserve it to its original condition..
What fun it would be to kayak from Barnum Island to stay overnight at Johns island (like the culture of the past) , camp and experience the days of old ... actually experiencing what a fishing cabin would have felt like in the past .
Please don't remove this piece of history..

Correspondence ID: 267Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,09 2023 06:52:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While backpacking on the island after high school graduation through a series of circumstances we were given permission to stay near Pete and Laura Edison's place. He regaled us with stories every day. The human connection on Isle Royale is a meaningful and important part of the experience! Families who go back generations should have the right to use the cabins their families built. There are ample acres of wilderness for visitors to enjoy. Insisting that all cabins be removed or allowed to deteriorate is quite arrogant in my opinion. The island has had human inhabitation for centuries. It's all part of the story. Cabins are in a few places and most visitors would never see them anyway! The legacy of fishing families should be respected and honored.

Correspondence ID: 268Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,09 2023 11:46:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No guided trips should be allowed. Let the wilderness be untouched wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 269Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,09 2023 14:28:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support keeping the cultural history of wilderness designated areas of national parks .
I am particularly referring to Isle Royal National Park. Families who have cabins there that have been there since before the parks beginning and that have been properly maintained, should be allowed to remain.
The wilderness designation came at a later date and should not be allowed to remove previous cultural history.
The remaining families are respectful , cognizant and cooperative to healthy and protective environmental use of the land that they occupy. They are respectful in maintaining a pristine natural environment.
Their footprint in such areas is minimal. And their openness to offer historical tour should be applauded.
The wilderness stewardship plan needs to be equally respectful of cultural history. Particularly in situations of such minor impact to a wilderness designation.
I have had many lifetime experiences backpacking , hiking, and canoeing, in wilderness designated areas of the U.S. and Canada.
Having small historic / cultural additions to wilderness areas that are respectfully maintained , enhance the experience.
There is space for small exceptions .
Unlike the assault on wilderness designated areas by large oil and gas companies, these small , and respectful historic dwellings should be allowed to continue.

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Correspondence ID: 270Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,09 2023 23:30:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not introduce guided outfitters and guided tours and keep concessions to a bare minimum. It's important that wild space is available for backpacking and kayak camping. I've been looking forward to visiting precisely because of the remote nature of this park. If that feeling changed then it would lose so much for people looking to have a wilderness experience. Don't destroy the beauty of the wilderness for the visitors, or the plants and animals that live there.

Correspondence ID: 271Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,10 2023 05:59:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Greetings to all those involved and interested in Isle Royale. When I speak of Isle Royale I am thinking of the whole of Isle Royale. The land, the flora, the animals, the creatures and all who visit. This also includes the relationship between them all.

My name is (b) (6). My first trip to Isle Royale was in 1993. I have since spent 26 weeks here on 24 different trips. On my trips I have enjoyed the park with many other individuals in groups of two through six. I have hiked and paddled much of the inland lakes and trails. On one of the trips a friend and I circumnavigated the island in sea kayaks. The trip I just returned from I was able to experience Isle Royale with a power boat transported over by the Ranger. I have taken each one of my four children for a week with me and their grandpa, my dad. In 2022 I began the tradition of sharing the island with my grandkids as I spent a week with my oldest granddaughter and her dad here.

I share my experience with you so that you can see that I care deeply about Isle Royale, its past and that I am concerned about the future of Isle Royale.

In a world where people seem to have strong feelings of entitlement and give effort only when it suits their interest or enjoyment I will try to set aside my own preferences and share thoughts of what is best for Isle Royale, its past, present and future. This is a difficult task in that we are all influenced by our desires and life experiences.

The idea of winter camping in Isle Royale doesn't appeal to me. I can see others enjoying the opportunity to do so. I would put this on the back burner thinking the funds needed to open the park during winter could be used elsewhere. If and when it happens I would allow winter camping in areas that would have the least interaction with the wolves and moose.

The historical preservation issues have many facets. We should restore and display the importance Minong (what the Ojibway called Isle Royale) played in the lives of the Ojibway as well as how it was used by other families as a vacation destination. We should also make sure we explain how big companies and corporations used Isle Royale for its resources. For me it is hard to visibly see how the Ojibway counted on Isle Royale for fish, berries, animal pelts and so forth. We can see some shallow pits used to mine copper that they left behind but their story needs to be told. I think we should restore a few of the vacation homes or cottages that best emulate that time period in the history of Isle Royale. To be good stewards of the funds we could find homes near each other that need the least amount of attention then preserve them in a way similar to what has been done to the Edison fishery. I also have met visitors with the heritage of their families owning homes and cottages here. I see it as a benefit if some of those individuals are allowed to maintain certain structures. There is a lot to this topic as it will be a difficult and a touchy situation for how decisions are made to restore some buildings and others allowed to deteriorate.

Increasing the group size to 12 is fine if they stay in the large group campsites. From my experience the larger the group of hikers or boaters the more emboldened people become to not adhere to the common courtesies needed for all to be able to enjoy Isle Royale. Some of these courtesies are quiet times, litter and minimizing impact.

Building campsites at Wright and John's Island are a good idea. I am sure the cost of installing any new dock that can withstand the forces of Lake Superior are high so a few choice spots would be worth it. Hopefully some boaters will give input to where the best spots would be. Most of the boaters I have met at Isle Royale are considerate of others and care about Isle Royale and its surrounding waters. Boaters visiting Isle Royale is one area that needs a little more oversight. Some boaters have little or no respect for Isle Royale, its waters, the wildlife or fellow visitors. My plan was to wait to write my opinion about the Stewardship Plan draft until I return from my latest trip. I waited so I could watch, listen and think about what to say. Little did I know I would be fighting the urge to speak about the outrageous actions of three guys from California boating out of the Apostle Islands and the large group of three boaters from Minnesota that we encountered at Caribou Island campground this year. I would like to see some new campgrounds developed that are for visitors with canoes and kayaks only. These campgrounds would be much less expensive as there is no need for a dock. Possible campsite areas accessible by paddle could include the five fingers area, Duncan Bay, Tobin Harbor, Moskey Basin, or Grace Harbor. I discovered during my circumnavigation of Isle Royale by kayak that a campsite near Long point would have been helpful.

The topics of backcountry permits, reservations and solitude need to be addressed together as each one impacts the other. Backcountry permits are useful and helpful to experience Isle Royale. I have used backcountry permits to camp in specific areas. I have also bushwhacked off trail to visit a desired place for the day. Just about any off trail hiking is slow at best, extremely difficult and dangerous for some at worst. Most hikers should stay on designated trails as their abilities and planning could be lacking. I was ill prepared for my first off trail adventure. I would caution against the encouragement of backcountry permits as more injuries will occur along with unwanted impact on the flora and wildlife within the park. Camping in the back country is difficult. If you find an area vacant of trees large enough for a tent it is usually either rocky, uneven, wet etc. or all the above. If you find a suitable site the idea of moving camp every day is unrealistic. Reservations for campsites at Isle Royale could be a good thing but I will defer to those with more experience in park management. My thoughts would say that for a reservation system to work well we would need to have more overflow campsites throughout the park. Along with oversight of the campers and the campsite via a regional host. The host would need to manage multiple campsites on a daily basis. An example would be a host at Moskey Basin to oversee Lake Richie and the Chippewa area. A host at Three Mile can keep an eye on Daisy Farm and Lane Cove. A McCargo cove host could also oversee the chicken bone campsites. 75% instead of 85% also seems like a better threshold for maximum reserved sites. A reservation system could definitely help with non-permitted Boaters using and abusing Isle Royale. Solitude is both desired and possible for many of us who visit Isle Royale. I would agree it is harder to find now than when I first came 30 years ago. If solitude is all a visitor desires at the park then they will need to plan a specific trip with duration and area to visit in mind or they may be disappointed. I believe we can keep the modern conveniences that are appreciated by many as we create more opportunities for visitors to get alone with the enormous beauty the park has to offer. To help with solitude I don't feel we need to limit the number of visitors. The limited access to the park does this well enough. What we need to do is give visitors more opportunities to camp. I would like to see a trail from Lane Cove to Duncan Bay then down to the Greenstone Ridge trail by creating a loop for hikers. This trail could include new campsites on Patterson lake or Lake Ahmik. Another possible loop could be to add a trail directly from Chippewa Harbor to Moskey Basin with a campsite at lake Mason. A trail between Mount Ojibway trail and the Daisy farm trail that would allow a campsite at Lake Ojibway could bring more opportunities for solitude as well. Trail legs from the Greenstone Ridge trail to campsites on Sargent Lake and/or Angleworm lake would be good options. Creating some trail loops in my opinion are the priority since they will help with congestion and the bottleneck issues for hikers. Other than paddling the Lake Superior shores of the western side of Isle Royale I have a little experience with the inland trails there so I'll keep my mouth shut or put my pencil down when it comes to that side of the island.

I hope and pray that we will all be good stewards of Isle Royale as we make decisions about its future. From government agencies making policies that preserve Isle Royale and its history to the individual visitor respecting Isle Royale and their fellow visitors. My personal goal is to spend a year in my life on Isle Royale. I plan to experience the park in as many different ways as I can while sharing its beauty with those I hold dear. I'm only halfway there and I have seven more grandkids to go.

Thank you for allowing me to share some thoughts on how to keep Isle Royale a wild, special and beautiful place.

Respectfully (b) (6).

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Correspondence: To who it may concern:

I appreciate that a plan for preservation for the Park must be made. I worked there in the late 60's and 70's and think as many of the buildings as possible should be saved. The families the owned them should still be allowed to volunteer if their lease has expired. If fact if those leases had been negotiated at a later time in history all the families would still have their property not the Park Service. Often times what is important to a government person or politician is not what is best for the history of a precious place with rich history as the Island. I would hate to see "Winter Lighting Strikes" in the Winter to happen again on the Island. Kind of like Midnight Logging done by the Forest Service. Nobody around to say if it really happened except the people who executed the plan. As a concerned taxpayer I hope sound judgement is used to preserve as many building as possible on the Island with the ability of any of the lease families to still use their properties as a volunteer to the park. They are a lot closer to the heart of the Island then a seasonal Ranger can ever hope to be.

Thank you for your time,

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Correspondence ID: 273Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,10 2023 13:56:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see Bangsund Cabin left alone. There is no reason to move it. I believe the best thing to do would be allow (b) (6) to remain here to do their work. Once they retire it would allow the cabin to be put on the National Register of historic buildings. The extensive and extraordinary work that has been completed deserves to be preserved in an honored manner. Give the cabin and the research the respect it deserves.

Correspondence ID: 274Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A as the best path forward for wilderness management at Isle Royale.

I love Isle Royale. I honeymooned there 40+ years ago, backpacking for nine days, and returned about 20 years ago, again backpacking with a group of women friends.

Alternative A allows for a true wilderness experience for backpackers and kayakers, while also allowing some concessions (e.g. motel lodging) for less vigorous visitors, among whom I now count myself.

Alternative B violates Leave No Trace Principles by allowing groups of up to 12. The NPS claimes it has adopted LNT. I teach LNT to Girl Scout groups and practice it rigorously myself. I want people, especially youth, to visit the wilderness. Twelve is too many.

Alternative C would essentially turn much of the available camping space over to outfitters, a situation we encountered several years ago when trying to reserve backcountry space at Grand Canyon. It becomes very difficult for individuals, especially less wealthy ones, to compete with the pricey outfitters when they are allowed to capture spaces.

Please go with Alternative A to preserve the unique wilderness character of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 275Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,11 2023 05:00:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having just visited for 6 days at the Windigo side my experience was pristine. No trash. Lean-tos were spotless. No crowds. I see no therefor, status quo seems like the best choice. Expanding access and allowing for guided tours would reduce solitude, pristine conditions, and remoteness found on the island and that would drive down the joy one experiences from being off the grid.

Correspondence ID: 276Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,11 2023 10:42:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of option (A). I don't want to see infrastructure taken down or removed. And I don't want see a registration system. Their is plenty of room to disperse across that island after arriving at Rock Harbor or Windigo. I don't want to see more restricted access.

Correspondence ID: 277Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,11 2023 11:12:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I prefer Alternative C. I would like to keep Isle Royale as wild as possible, and increasing sizes of groups would not be appropriate. Also, I do not want commercial entities competing for the small amount of campsites available.

The only exception is in the Winter Closure section. Under Alternative C, the park would be open in the winter. I think this is a bad idea, both for the wildlife, and for the visitors, many of who will not be prepared for the sometimes brutal conditions.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 278Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,11 2023 16:01:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having spent 9 days/8 nights in the Isle Royale NP backcountry in late August 2023, I have a very good (and very recent) perspective of the existing permit system, along with the challenges of spending time within this wonderful and unique national resource. For future visitors to experience the park and enjoy it as I did, my recommendation is to stay with Alternative A (no action) or if absolutely necessary, change Alternative B to a much smaller percentage of advanced booking capacity of campsites (something 50% or less).

Despite the relative minimal elevation changes, the ruggedness of the terrain makes travel throughout the park much more difficult than I thought it would be, even as a very experienced outdoorsman. One simply can't traverse distances as easily as anticipated. For this reason, flexibility in daily itineraries is a necessity. Before arriving, I expected to cover roughly 15-18 miles per day - once there, it became obvious very quickly that 10-12 mile days would be the limit with a full backpack. Along with constantly changing weather conditions, flexibility was and is a must for backcountry travel/camping on Isle Royale. A night-by-night reservation system with fixed itineraries (Alternative C) is a non-starter for me, and my experience did not dictate a need for IRNP to go that route.

Thank you for taking public comments and allowing me to add my thoughts to this process.

Correspondence ID: 279Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,12 2023 08:31:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recommend that the Bangsund Research Station and Edison Fishery structures remain at their current location under the no-action alternative (Alternative A). I recommend the preservation of current modern features at Bangsund Research Station under the financial liability of Michigan Technical University (MTU) and private financial contributions relating to the wolf-moose study. The additional features to remain at their current location, with preservation and maintenance funding from MTU include the boat dock, canoe and boat maintenance sheds, additional cabins (excluding Jack cabin and Ace cabin), storage sheds, satellite dish, wind turbines, the moose skull display that is on wooden benches, the raised garden beds, the outhouse, the yurt, and a tree swing.

I recommend the historic structures, to include the main residence, and both sleeping cabins (Jack cabin, and Ace cabin) be both preserved and financially maintained by the National Park Service (NPS), and to be retained at their current location. All of the features associated with the Edison Fishery and Bangsund Research Station contribute to the cultural enhancement of visitors and their understanding of how people have lived, sustainably, and cooperatively with wilderness in a historic natural setting, and by extension, the other values of wilderness which should be considered equally as important as the character (forest composition, solitude) in which people enjoy. Both the modern and historic features have little-to-no impact on Isle Royale (ISRO) visitors who are on designated trails and campsites, unless they intentionally seek out (with intentional desire to learn more about) the historical significance of the Edison Fishery and the Bangsund Research Cabin which is intrinsically tied to the wolf-moose study. It has been documented that thousands of visitors intentionally desire to learn more about the wolf-moose study and cultural significance of the Edison Fishery and the Bangsund Research Cabin, thereby financially contributing to the National Park Service and proceeds that should be delegated to the maintenance and preservation of historic structures and associated predator-prey research which the island is known for and which the NPS greatly benefits from.

Respectfully,

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Correspondence ID: 280Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,12 2023 08:56:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have been visiting Isle Royale since 1973 and have hiked every trail on the main island. We have backpacked and camped at 18 sites, plus canoed and camped on some interior lakes.

After reading the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we recommend Alternative B. In the last fifteen years, we have seen overcrowding at numerous camping sites. We believe a permitting process would help with limiting the number of campers at various sites. We also favor no group sites within the primitive zone. In addition, we support the preservation and stabilization of most of the historical sites and buildings. These are treasures that should not be removed or allowed to molder in place.

Furthermore, every effort should be made to limit noise in the wilderness, especially in campgrounds accessible by boaters. Increased education and enforcement may help.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Correspondence ID: 281Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,12 2023 09:28:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Swanke,

Isle Royale National Park has been a favorite destination of mine for a number of years as a boater, day hiker, backpacker, nature lover and one who seeks solitude. It is within this context I attempt to send you substantive comments that are

intended to help you develop a preferred alternative that is more tenable than the one you currently have.

What other alternatives, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered? Likes/dislikes.

Wilderness character, an alternative element: unconfined type of recreation

Your current action alternatives seem to focus on creating opportunities for "solitude" at the expense of an equally important component of wilderness character, that is, an "unconfined type of recreation". To me, at this time, the 'primitive and unconfined type of recreation' is the ultimate description of the wilderness experience on Isle Royale National Park. By instituting any type of backcountry/wilderness permit reservation system where a backpacker must reserve a site to camp in order to have some kind of solitude even in the setting of a wilderness campground negates forever any opportunity to have a challenging and satisfying unconfined type of recreation for which Isle Royale is known and loved. I believe the opportunity for solitude is a fine goal but not at the expense of losing the unconfined type of recreation experience where one is able to move across the landscape based on one's desire and ability or the conditions of the day. I believe solitude is still quite achievable while hiking the trail, and upon arrival to a campsite at one of your wilderness campgrounds one should expect to see others, particularly in the more popular months of the season, or one may not in the less popular months. I want to point out that when you talk about soundscapes in your document, you declare that one should expect sounds of man from outside the wilderness, therefore sound is not an issue that drives any alternative. Now in the case of arriving to a campsite in a wilderness campground on an island, you could equally say something similar, that one should expect to see others, and yes, one may not have complete solitude.

In any case, the idea of solitude at one of IRNP wilderness campgrounds is preposterous as illustrated by the 32 individual backpacker/campers on the lakeshore and on the dock at Daisy Farm as the sun set on the cool evening of September 7, 2023. The crowd yodeled and yelled encouragement as one sole camper decided to do dives and cannonballs off the dock, receiving a diving score each time he did it. A wilderness/back country permit system is not the solution to that horrific gathering of backpackers turned rabid crowd on a wilderness island.

Now having said all this, if in fact you were to create more sites with some kind of natural vegetation screening between them at each of the wilderness campgrounds, then clearly solitude may be less of an issue. And yes, if you would manage the number of the people who arrive at the Island on a given day via the multitude of planes and ferries, you may even be able to offer more of a sense of solitude at a campsite in a wilderness campground. And yes, if the number of allowable overnights per campground were reduced for Daisy Farm or Moskey Basin, then there would be less opportunity to homestead and have less clogged campgrounds because no one moves on beyond these two destinations.

I do recognize that you have already written off the idea of "No Camping Permitting System" in your "Alternatives Considered but Dismissed From Further Analysis". Your rationale, dismissing that the unconfined type of recreation will be nothing more than "detracted" for a visitor with a permit system is an understatement at best. It is rather surprising that such an important component of the wilderness character of which the Island is known is so easily dismissed by you in this important decision-making work. In addition, I find the rationale that permits are "necessary for human safety" is outrageous. How many years have people been backpacking Isle Royale National Park without a wilderness/backcountry permit for campsites? And how many people got hurt because they did not have a campsite permit? So, what is really behind that rationale? Unfortunately, I can already see such creative language in your minimum requirements analysis as you further justify a backcountry/wilderness permit system. Instead of a new permit system that will require valuable staff time to develop and manage and monitor, I ask that you fix what is broken. If it is the overcrowding at the east end campgrounds like Rock Harbor, Three Mile, or Daisy Farm then consider fixing the issue that creates the overcrowding. So, in summary, at a minimum you should develop another viable action alternative that continues to manage for the 'primitive unconfined type of recreation' without the use of any kind backcountry/wilderness permit system.

Island Visitor Use Levels Managed at Point of Entry

As a visitor to the Island pre-COVID-pandemic, during the pandemic and now post-pandemic, clearly the number of visitors to the Island has gone up post-pandemic. I know that the number of seaplane flights to the Island increased during the pandemic as the ferries did not run during the pandemic. I know that that increased number of flights have continued post-pandemic even though the ferries are running again with full schedules and at full capacity of visitors to the Island. Managing the number of flights per day, both at Rock Harbor and Windigo to levels prior to the COVID-pandemic would clearly help the overcrowding issue particularly at the east end wilderness campgrounds. But more importantly, by returning to the number of flights per day pre-pandemic, opportunities for solitude within the wilderness will be possible again. So, in summary, the Selected Alternative should reduce the number of flights to the Island to pre-COVID pandemic levels.

Further opportunity exists to manage opportunities for solitude via managing the number of visitors to the Island via the seaplanes and ferries each day, and each week. To me this is the minimum tool at your disposal. Your staff time is better served by assessing the number of visitors who can arrive on the Island per day to then be absorbed into the wilderness for reasonable use and enjoyment including opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation.

I do see in "Alternatives Considered and Dismissed from Further Analysis" in your document: "Changes to ferry transportation options to the park. Changes to the ferry system, sea planes, or other means of access to the park were not considered for analysis because they would not directly meet the purpose of the plan, which is to outline strategies for preserving the wilderness character of the park while providing for its use and enjoyment by current and future generations. Therefore, this topic was dismissed from further analysis." While it is not completely clear to me what the "changes" refers in this paragraph from your document, I do believe managing the number of visitors who disembark per day from the ferries and the seaplanes have a direct correlation to opportunities for solitude in the wilderness. So, if this is what you are dismissing, I object wholeheartedly to that rationale. Therefore, the Selected Alternative, at a minimum should include reducing the number of visitors to the Island per day via seaplane and ferry - well before you institute a backcountry/wilderness permit system.

Overnight group size requirements

None of your alternatives reduces the number of people per group; and so, to have a more complete range of alternatives, one viable action alternative should have smaller groups than is currently allowed. Less people in a group is less intrusive to others on the trails and in the campgrounds. Sights and sounds of man will be less with smaller groups not with larger groups. Resource impacts along the trail as a group stops and rests, or waits for another hiker to try and pass will be less with a smaller group than a larger group. Furthermore, increasing the group size such as in your preferred alternative is counter to enhancing or improving wilderness character and opportunities for solitude. Please have the smaller group size limits in your Selected Alternative.

Day Use Group Size

It makes complete sense to set a limit to day use group size, rather than leave it to the capacity of excursion vessels or ferries. Alternative C limits make absolute sense for both the Frontcountry zone at 20 and at 10 for wilderness portal, backcountry and primitive zones. Your document talks about creating a wilderness experience afterall; so, the smaller number is more likely to do this. The larger numbers in your preferred Alternative B does not do this in any way. The larger group size seems to cater to appeasing concession lobbyists and the commercial exploitation of national parks. The larger group size does not provide a quality experience on a wilderness island when one can potentially experience a glimpse of wilderness despite being in a group setting. Please have the smaller day use group size in your Selected Alternative.

Winter Closure

Isle Royale National Park should remain closed from November 1 to mid-April each year as is currently the case. The park is an island in the middle of one of the world's largest and coldest lakes with commensurate sailing and boating challenges - in

the warm weather months let alone the cold weather months. Having the Island bays filled with ice or being surrounded by ice is only part of the winter story. Any boater with Lake Superior experience knows the challenge of sailing in these waters. These same experienced boaters are unlikely to test the cold weather boating season where a perfect storm of large waves, ice on decks and hull, and wind join in dangerous conditions. By opening the Island to year-round access, you invite the inexperienced or risk takers, or worse, a combination of the two. These types of boaters/visitors are a danger to themselves and to others. Opening year round is a recipe for needing a dangerous cold weather rescue from the Island. This would require unnecessary dangerous conditions for rescue personnel from the Coast Guard who have better things to do than a winter rescue from Isle Royale especially when NPS staff are no where to be seen. It is with this in mind that I encourage you to abandon idea of opening the park beyond those months currently open. Just because you can do it, does not mean you should. You speak of safety of the visitor elsewhere in your document when providing rationale for the need for the wilderness/backcountry permit system. Yet you remain silent to the safety of the visitor with this proposal. Your current GMP talks about safety to NPS personnel and the wildlife in keeping the park closed. So not only should your rationale include why this would be safe for visitors but to the wildlife and NPS staff as well.

Campground Management

No development of a campground at Wright Island: Your preferred Alternative B wants to create a campground in a bay that is currently one of the best wilderness anchorages on that part of the Island. By developing a formal campground and dock you damage forever the ultimate wilderness experience one can have there today, at no additional cost to you. Just remove the buildings as planned, remove the dock and let Wright Island remain as a really nice anchorage. It is less costly and then there is one less campground and dock you have to care for and maintain. Besides, there are docks and campgrounds in the park today that need maintenance work. It would be nice to see you refurbish those needing work rather than create a new one and watch it deteriorate with time.

No development of a campground at Fisherman's Home or Crystal Cove: Your preferred Alternative B does not want to create a campground at these locations; and that makes complete sense. More infrastructure in the park seems unnecessary.

Development of a campground at Johns Island: While it seems like more infrastructure overall is unnecessary, that end of the island could use additional boating camp sites; and Johns Island looks like a good spot.

Treatments of Historic Properties

The historic properties are fantastic but enough is enough. Alternative C does a better job of balancing the need to keep everything by preserving the right number at 40; stabilizing the right number at 34, removing the 7 and moldering 19.

Trail Management

Like your Preferred Alternative, your Selected Alternative should include the trails identified in Figure 12 and 13 in your document. These trails exist anyway; so, it makes sense to add them to your system and manage them.

Shelters

In general, please consider removing all camping shelters in your Preferred/ Selected alternative. Isle Royale is a wilderness island and structures for camping are unnecessary for those wishing to have a wilderness experience including experiencing solitude. Shelters are anti-solitude, and shelters create tension and promote conflicts between users. No shelter for anyone means no conflict about getting/having a shelter or not getting/having a shelter. In addition, no shelters would mean no need for maintenance and upkeep, thus less cost to manage the park.

Thank you, (b) (6)

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Correspondence: While I do believe that PERHAPS some minor changes are needed at Isle Royale---I don't think that any SIGNIFICANT changes are needed at Isle Royale. Thus, I would like to see "OPTION A" pursued--with (ideally) some slight modifications made to that particular option.

A little bit about me. I have been to Isle Royale (and the Isle Royale backcountry) 19 times. I have created an Isle Royale website (b) (6) for which I receive no monetary reimbursement or profit. I have hiked all of the Isle Royale trails multiple times. I have done an extended canoe trip in the Isle Royale backcountry and also done some "day paddling" on Isle Royale. I love Isle Royale.

Does Isle Royale have some periodic overcrowding at certain campgrounds? Yes.

Does that periodic overcrowding mean that there need to be major changes made to the backcountry rules and the backcountry permitting system? I DON'T THINK SO. I think that the overcrowding can be addressed by doing less drastic things-- such as adopting a one (or two) night consecutive stay limit at places like Daisy Farm and Moskey Basin--(and maybe at a couple other campgrounds that currently have more than a one consecutive night stay limit).

Part of the "problem" is, that some visitors come to these campgrounds--and turn them into a "base camp"--and they never leave for 2-4 days. This helps to create (or exacerbate) the overcrowding conditions at those particular campgrounds. Shorter stay limits could alleviate a significant part of the overcrowding problem. There could perhaps be one more rule added that would also establish a (fairly minimal) number of days which must first elapse before the same visitor could return to the same campground to use that same campground again. (Thus preventing people from simply going back and forth between same two campgrounds multiple times).

Isle Royale backcountry visitors currently have very little incentive to "keep moving" or to see more than 2-3 of the Isle Royale campgrounds. (This is especially true on the "Eastern" or "Rock Harbor end of the Island). Modifying the stay limits (at certain key campgrounds) would force visitors to do one of two things --either move on to other campgrounds and/or to shorten their overall stay at Isle Royale.

Other possible (and acceptable) solutions to the overcrowding would be to add some additional campsites at the more heavily used campgrounds --or to establish one additional campground within 10 miles of Rock Harbor.

One of the greatest (and best) things about the Isle Royale backcountry IS it's extremely flexible and modifiable backcountry permitting system. The flexibility in backcountry permitting is what sets Isle Royale apart from other National Parks---in a very good way. If you are feeling tired or exhausted--you can simply chose an easier and safer itinerary option (and camp at a closer campground) instead of being forced to press on to the campground listed on your permit. Maintaining the current flexibility in the backcountry permits IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE. It is my contention that forcing people to more strictly abide by the itinerary listed on their permit will only serve to increase the number (and severity) of visitor injuries and visitor medical issues and it would increase the number of rescues and staff interventions which are needed.

IN SHORT, I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ZERO NEED TO CHANGE THE BACK COUNTRY PERMITTING SYSTEM (other than perhaps modifying some consecutive night stay limits). The current permitting rules and permitting system are some of the best things about the Isle Royale backcountry experience. THERE IS NO NEED TO CHANGE IT.

Regarding structures and human created sites--I think that GREATER efforts (and greater expenditures) need to be made to PRESERVE and maintain these structures and sites. I am specifically speaking of things fire towers, Euro-American mining and fishery sites, indigenous peoples' (mining, fishing, and sacred) sites, the historic and traditional family cabins and resorts, lighthouses, the Bangsund Fishery and other buildings, the Wolf and Moose Research summer headquarters, etc.

They are all a vital part of the Isle Royale history and the Isle Royale visitor experience . Thus, they are worthy of being preserved, maintained, and having significant (National Park Service) expenditures made regarding them.

People WANT to visit and climb fire towers. It is a many year tradition. Visitors want to visit lighthouses, fisheries, and the wolf/moose summer headquarters. It is a historic part of Isle Royale's existence and a historic part of the Isle Royale visitor experience. Visitors want to see cabins, mines, fisheries, historic family cabins, and resorts. ISLE ROYALE IS MORE THAN JUST A WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE. IT IS ALSO A HISTORIC SITE. Imagine preserving Colonial Williamsburg's or Mount Vernon's LAND--but not the buildings and structures. Imagine preserving the LAND and wilderness in Washington D.C.-- but not the monuments, buildings, and structures. Imagine preserving the LAND, PLANTS, AND WILDLIFE at Abraham Lincoln's Springfield, Illinois home--but not the buildings. The structures and historic sites at Isle Royale are just as important--and just as worthy of preservation -- as the wilderness aspects of Isle Royale. They are also worthy of significant government expenditures.

One final note regarding Isle Royale structures: What are the historically family-owned cabins and resorts--without the family members (of the historic families) still being able to occupy these structures and use them? They are (in many ways) just a bunch of old buildings if you don't have the historic families being a part of the experience. I believe the historic family connections to these historic structures need to be preserved--or even increased and enhanced. THE FAMILIES AND FAMILY MEMBERS are an essential part of Isle Royale. Similarly, I would like to see the connection maintained between the Bangsund Fishery and other Bangsund area buildings--and the wolf moose research project. This connection is an important part the history of the modern-era Isle Royale experience.

The old saying is "If it ain't broke--don't fix it". Overall, Isle Royale (and it's rules, traditions, and policies) aren't broke. Sure, some minor changes are perhaps needed. However, significant changes are not needed. That is why I STRONGLY advocate that the National Park Service pursue OPTION A--with the slight modifications outlined in my comments.

Correspondence ID: 283Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 11:40:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I too agree with the strong points sent forward by The Old Man of Isle Royale. I have been to the Island 4 times and will continue to go as long as I am able. I do not believe it needs any of the major changes you have designated in Options B and C. I would like to see it continue as is and therefore support Option A. The island allows many visitors lots of opportunities and experiences that meets their individualized visit. Please leave as is with the small modifications of possibly limiting overnight stays in some campgrounds. Personally I have never experienced a problem with this but can see how it can occur. I truly appreciate a picnic table and a shelter is nice when available.

Correspondence ID: 284Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 11:48:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is to correct my previous comment. I agree with (b) (6) comments submitted previously. I mentioned The Old Man of Isle Royale. Probably still appropriate but not the same! 😊 Thank you !

Correspondence ID: 285Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 12:18:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is so far not evident to me that significant changes need to be made to the current system of allowing visitors to self-select their itineraries and campgrounds without making reservations. Having said that, I do see the value of allowing visitors to set up their itinerary online. Visitors can get a peek at where campground bottlenecks are likely to be during their stay and perhaps make adjustments.

At campgrounds where there tends to be overcrowding, a solution might be to shorten consecutive night stay limits where necessary, as was recently done at Lane Cove.

I was pleased to read the section on noise. Once I spent a magical week at Belle Isle, half of it entirely without human company. However, during daylight hours I was never without the low drone of boats, most of which were entirely out of my sight. Solitude and quiet are important on my Isle Royale visits but what I get doesn't always match what I want.

And I'd rather not lose the shelters. Shelters are nice. Let's keep the shelters.

Can't wait until my next visit! (my ninth!)

Correspondence ID: 286Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 12:29:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've been to Isle Royale four times including as a volunteer researcher in the Moosewatch program. Im strongly in favor of Option A, no changes.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on a place that I truly love!

Correspondence ID: 287Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 13:00:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Any reservation system for Isle Royale must allow for a flexible itinerary. This is primarily a safety concern. Injuries, weather conditions, and over estimating one's physical limits can all lead to a need to alter one's plans.

I am in favor of an alternative that tries to maintain some of the historical character of the human uses of the island, such as the fishery and light houses rather than allowing all structures to rot away, and frankly on my visits to the island with the exception of the shelters at the campgrounds most of the human structures have been in the Rock Harbor area and that seems like it should continue to allow for many different types of visitors to appreciate the park. We need to make available some means of visiting for those who are not physically capable of hiking, such as the lodge or house keeping cabins.

The campground shelters seem now so much a part of island history that it would be a disservice to get rid of them in the name of wilderness.

I am in favor of keeping group sizes small, as is the current policy.

Correspondence ID: 288Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,12 2023 13:28:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Option A and B should be combined. I do not want to see any changes to the reservation system. I like the flexibility and one of the reasons to go backcountry/remote camping is to NOT over plan every little thing. It is to get a break from micro managing your day. In addition to that, people will take advantage of any loophole in the reservation system to get their ideal days/locations like reserving additional days and then cancelling the ones they don't need last minute. I like the idea of wilderness campgrounds on a couple islands for boaters/kayakers. I think preserving some of the historical buildings is important to the story of Isle Royale. I am 100% against guided trips or interpretive programs period. Leave this one park for those of us who want to get away from things like that.

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Received: Sep,12 2023 14:28:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan B is a good plan to help improve whats there. I think it's a good balance for the wildlife and humans to share.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,
I recently returned from a 3 day back packing trip to the Isle Royale and felt compelled to provide feedback based upon my experience. I have reviewed the three alternative plans being proposed and discussed. I believe the number one issue at hand should be to control the number of people on the island at any given time. My experience there was diminished by the large numbers of people on the island and the over crowded campsites. Given that, I would recommend changes to align more with proposal C. I believe the experience of being on the island would improve with the same or smaller overnight group sizes. That would also take some pressure off of the over crowded campsites. Secondly, a night by night reservation system would allow hikers to be guaranteed of a camping site. I have hiked at parks that have reserved campsites, and that works so much better for everyone.

I believe most people coming to the Isle Royale are coming for the wilderness and solitude experience. Promoting plans to enhance those would be an improvement to the experience, along with preserving the natural beauty of the Isle Royale. The Leave No Trace approach is great, but that is likely being pushed to the limits with the number of visitors going each year. I do understand that my suggestions would reduce the number of visitors and campers to the island. But I can say that I would be happy waiting a few years to obtain a permit with the offset being a true wilderness experience with not a KOA campground environment.

Correspondence ID: 291Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My son and I backpacked from Windigo to Rock Harbor in 2022. I support A. I don't think eliminating shelters makes a great deal of sense. We tent camped about half of our trip and the other half we used shelters.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I first became aware of Isle Royale after reading a National Geographic article in the 70's. I have been to Isle Royale many times and have done various Volunteer projects on the Island and off the Island (Canoecopia). I first went to Isle Royale with hopes of seeing a moose and wolf. I did see a moose, no wolf.

The Wolf Moose study has introduced more people to Isle Royale than anything else. The Bangsund cabin and research center and the Petersons are the greatest envoys for Isle Royale. Their willingness and graciousness in sharing their knowledge and experiences about the fauna and flora of Isle Royale in general are immeasurable. On page 17, there is a description of what would be done to the Bangsund Cabin and Research center. Moving the Bangsund Research center from its current location would not only be a big mistake but a huge loss to Isle Royale.

I advocate for Alternative A. One of the purposes for the WSP is to increase visitor experience. Increasing Groups size would not accomplish this, rather add to noise and activity that is counter to the quiet and solitude people seek. I do think a centralized permitting station and reservations for the busy periods of summer (July and August) would be a big step in cutting down on overcrowding at the campgrounds.

I don't understand the reasons (none given) for removing the Indian Portage trail between the south and east sides of Lake Ritchie and am against this proposal.

I think adding additional campsites at Wright Island, Crystal Cove and Fisherman' s Home would help in cutting back on

crowding (for paddlers and boaters). I think removal of the dock at Duncan Bay is fine, but the Shelters should be kept there and all over Isle Royale where they exist as the shelters cut down on erosion of the thin soil. Keep the picnic tables where they are.

Alternative C calls for eliminating Guide services for backpacking and paddling. These services allow for individual with less or no experience to see Isle Royale and learn about wilderness travel in a safe and responsible manner.

I think Winter access is a mistake. Winter travel is a different experience set and the potential for problems is considerably larger. I also think the fauna of the Island have a difficult time as it is, winter visitors would only add to this. I have said I would love to see and experience Isle Royale in winter, but leave it to the wildlife.

My final thoughts are the various cabins and structures around the Island. I think they are a part of Isle Royale and should be maintained. I also think a couple of boats that the fishing families used (the early mackinaw and later motorized fishing boats) should be displayed.

(b) (6), Big Rock, IL

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Correspondence: I prefer option a, primarily for the increased itinerary flexibility. This is a safety and health issue for many hikers. The extreme weather, and Isle Royale's uniquely challenging environment (even by wilderness standards) often means that hikers need to change itineraries mid-course or risk injury. I would hesitate to make changes that require strict pre-planning of inflexible itineraries. I strongly support the continued preservation of existing buildings in the park as well. These are part of the park's long and storied history, for better or worse.

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Correspondence: Given the 3 proposed options, I encourage you to pursue Alternative A (No Action).

I like much of what's proposed in Alternative B, EXCEPT for the proposed permit reservation system. I'm assuming this would be through recreation.gov. I've used their system to acquire camping permits for both front-country and back-country camping throughout the US, including USFS campgrounds in Michigans UP, in California's High Sierra, and in North Cascades National Park. What I've seen, and what I hear people complaining about online, is that permit reservations are snatched up quickly, but when people actually visit the park, many sites go unoccupied. It appears that people "abuse" the system by grabbing permit reservations, and then no-show. There's no incentive for people to cancel their reservations when their plans change. The result is a LOT of frustration by those who were unable to acquire a camping spot or permit, especially when they find out that spots went unused due to no-shows.

I don't know how recreation.gov, or any other permit reservation system can solve this problem. But in my mind, the problem combined with increased visitation numbers only exacerbates the issue of giving everyone a fair chance at visiting and recreating on public lands.

Sadly, I'm in support of Alternative A (do nothing) until the "no-show" problem with permit reservations can be solved.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Protect nature! I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character! Thank you! -- (b) (6)

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Correspondence ID: 299Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do something!!!! Protect the environment and the creatures that reside with in it!!!! Humans suck, enough of destroying the earth and then poisoning it as well!!!! Enough!!!!

Correspondence ID: 300Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:41:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello -

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: all nature must be protected

or as you see in North Africa

we all die in huge climated tragedies

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Correspondence: In general I do support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness beauty. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option

for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer,

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Correspondence: Hello:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

At the rate that our natural resources and wildlife habitat is being decimated each and every opportunity to conserve our planet instead of destroying should be addressed and attended to as soon as possible. We need to protect our planet because there is no plan B.

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Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding and best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: In general, I believe Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

First and foremost, commercial uses should be completely eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife relief from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in that area should be managed in ways that protects solitude and its wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

I also believe that the Park should remain closed to winter use, in order to allow wildlife a pause from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration of the above

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Correspondence: I urge you to manage wilderness areas to the letter and spirit of the Wilderness Act. Structures are not allowed in wilderness except for the management of wilderness as wilderness. Other structures should be removed. Thank you.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C since it best protects Isle Royale's wilderness character.

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Received: Sep,13 2023

Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Swanke:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale National Park. However, it is an outrage to read it and realize how little the plan documents, understands, and builds upon the relationship between the Grand Portage Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa and Isle Royale/Minong. We wish we could respond more favorably, but the draft barely acknowledges our relationship other than in the opening comments, the consultation history section, and appendix B. which is often not posted with the main text. We belong on the Island, yet that relationship is missing from the document. There has been 'talk' about co-management of Minong, but in this document, we are barely there.

Our disappointment stems, in part, from a missed opportunity to detail how our Traditional Cultural Property resources can intermesh with wilderness designation on Minong. There was and is an opportunity to demonstrate how our TCP and wilderness concerns often overlap and can be mutually beneficial, for example, our association of Minong as a place of purity and cleanliness would neatly support some wilderness concerns. Perhaps even more fundamentally there isn't any concern expressed about how this plan and wilderness designation impacts the TCP and our relationship with Minong. For example, the plan does not consider how it might impact on-going traditional practices or how they might be accommodated in the wilderness. Or our deep cultural relationship with moose as part of Isle Royale wilderness. Since Isle Royale's wilderness boundaries and our Traditional Cultural Property boundaries overlap, it is difficult to fathom why this relationship is effectively ignored in the draft plan - or "dismissed" in Appendix B. And when the document says "no management actions proposed in this plan would alter... anticipated agreements with the Grand Portage Band" there is no discussion to review the validity of this statement. How do you know this?

The plan also misses opportunities to point out how wilderness management in certain areas, for example, as the Island Mine-Greenstone Trail junction might positively impact the Bushman family sugar bush area, or recognize it as a cultural landscape. Rather than discussing TCP resources, it leaves those resources and contributing elements out. To use NPS terminology, what is deemed tribal ethnographic resources, documented in the TCP, are ignored.

We are also outraged that the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan, like the earlier Cultural Resource Management plan does not mention in the main text our mutual efforts through 43 plus Tribal Self Governance Act agreements/amendments over twelve years. Each one is legally binding and has supported many wilderness preservation efforts. Even Appendix B. does not clearly state that there is a Tribal Self Governance Agreement between Isle Royale and the Grand Portage Band beginning in 2011. Because a TSGA agreement can only be made on the legal basis in (P.L. 103-435) if there is a geographic, cultural, or historical nexus between tribe and park before such an agreement means that Grand Portage IS a traditionally associated tribe. And, in fact, the Grand Portage Band is the only one that has undergone this legal review by DOI solicitors as it relates to Isle Royale National Park. To not state this in the document is misrepresenting our legal relationship to Minong and distorts what the American public might learn from this document. Hence, the comment on page 12 which "allows" traditional uses by associated tribes should be amended to state Grand Portage is a tribe which the Department of Interior has recognized and thus may pursue traditional uses. And it is this legal (and treaty/compact rights) on which we assert we will not need permits, pay fees, or be exempt from closed zones.

There are also discrepancies between the two recent plans. For example, the Cultural Resource plan has an Environmental Justice section, the WSP does not. One manifestation of why there should be an Environmental Justice section is the disproportionate amount of NPS effort over time on historic structures, cultural landscape studies, and even prehistoric archeology. Comparative little work has been done to document our history and what Minong means to us. The TCP is only

a beginning. An Environmental Justice section might also examine the impacts a winter season have on our Grand Portage community and transportation services? Or what might impact climate change have on our TCP and our larger relationship with Minong? In addition to our Tribal Self Governance Act Agreement and our TCP, we are economic partners (as spelled out in the TCP) with the park. We regularly assist on medical evacuations. Our relationship is broadly based, but plan readers are not given even a hint about this.

The Wilderness Stewardship Plan has a strong emphasis on historic structures made and used largely by people of Euro-American descent. While what to do with historic structures is an important question, it should not usurp other concerns. Also, while the effort to maintain structures through partnerships is laudable, it will consume park staff in coordination efforts, boat runs, supplies purchased. Indeed, it appears to have consumed staff so that our relationship is largely undocumented. In essence much mitigating action is contemplated for historic structures but none are even posed as a question for TCP natural resources - such as our relationship with moose, fish, special places, minerals, and plants.

The document lacks important context such as the Canadian Lake Superior National Conservation Area just north of the border and which has the potential to benefit or negatively impact native reproducing fish stocks. The Lake Superior National Conservation Area has some innovative policies ongoing which might provide ideas to park staff. Even the map on page 3 does not extend far into Canada. Or, the document fails to disclose Isle Royale's closest neighbors, Fort William First Nation on their lands on Pie Island.

The draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan is overly reliant on Minimum Requirement Analysis as an unexplained decision tool to be used in Wilderness. MRAs are not explained in the main text, only in Appendix B. What is never fully explained is who will do them? Will the public be involved? Will we be involved? Is consultation with us required? What does a sample MRA look like? Instead, we are not forced to guess what they will do and how they will do it.

The Wilderness Stewardship Plan does not state how, or if, the proposed online permitting process will impact Grand Portage Band members pursuing traditional activities on Minong. In the Superior National Forest, the 1854 Authority game wardens, rather than USFS rangers, enforce most laws. Many rangers do not understand the complexities of treaty/compact rights on Minong. How will Grand Portage Band members exercising their 1844 Compact rights be treated? How do zone closures - often in response to wolf denning or sightings - impacts Grand Portage people exercising their 1844 Compact rights? Grand Portage people should not be subject to permitting as such restrictions are not mentioned in treaty or compact.

The section on Tribal Consultation (page 121) is disappointing, even if legally required. Since our relationship is broadly and legally based, especially through Tribal Self Governance Act agreements in which we work together to accomplish dozens of projects, we should have more conversations about on-going work and future project plans. We have multiple reasons to have rich, frequent, conversations beyond the limited legal requirements of this plan. Co-management can only proceed with frequent and candid communications, not directed emails.

Page 66 mentions that public hunting on Isle Royale is closed pursuant to 36 CFR 2.2. This just begs the question of what Isle Royal management thinks about Grand Portage tribal hunting in wilderness?

We have an Anishinaabemowin term "bagwaj" meaning wild, which share some similarities with wilderness as defined by Euro-American law. And the term, bawadakimig, means in the wild or wilderness. A Grand Portage family with multi-generation roots at Minong, the Bushman family's name comes from the same word root: alternately rendered in English: Pakwadjinins/Bagnatchinnins. We were on the island frequently fishing, hunting, gathering, performing ceremonies, and working as laborers. Bagwaj-aya'ii means in the wilderness, or a deserted place. But we don't consider Minong to be deserted, empty of resident people as does the Wilderness Act. We are part of Minong, interdependent with it. Still, there is much we do hold in common with wilderness principles such as Minong as a place of respect, importance of obligations to care for it, and as a place of beauty and goodness and cleanliness. But it is also a homeland to us, which breaks with what the Wilderness Act asserts as a place where man is only a visitor. Minong is not deserted; it is also home of our ancestors

and spirits.

We wish we could be more positive about the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. But we feel it has largely left us out as if the writers did not know of our layered and complex relationship to park management and Minong. We fear our relationship with Minong is adrift as this document seeks to minimize our presence, not renew it as current policy and the Direct of the NPS would direct. We respectfully request you, as the superintendent, address our concerns expressed here and amend the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. Our relationship with Minong is old and yet it remains a touchstone for us. It is a place of comfort, food, and work for us. We are not an afterthought as in Appendix B. We assist the park in multiple ways and have a complex ongoing relationship with Minong, why not acknowledge that in this plan? And why not work to elevate our relationship, rather than perfunctorily mentioning it?

Sincerely,
Robert Deschampe
Chairman

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Correspondence: We are writing with interest and concern about the Wilderness Stewardship plan now under consideration for Isle Royale in Michigan.

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Thank you for listening.

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Correspondence: Please consider the following comments: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Thank you,

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Correspondence: Alternative C is the best option to protect the wilderness of Isle Royale. I support Alternative C.

Structures in the designated wilderness areas of Isle Royale should not be maintained, stabilized or interfered with. No commercial use allowed, heavily monitor visitors and protect the wilderness, and close the area down in winter to allow the wilderness to recover from human presence.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our wilderness areas of one of the greatest assets! We must do everything within our power to protect them!'
In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:50:38
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Correspondence ID: 334Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:50:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:50:55

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Protect wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:51:05

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 337Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:51:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please accept my formal comment below:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 338Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:51:37
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Totally. Commerce is incompatible with wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Limit the number of visitors for each day to a very few to give the animals a chance to thrive.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:51:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the earth

Correspondence ID: 341Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:52:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be completely eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:52:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The best protections of Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character is given in Alternative C, which I therefore support.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those structures the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness to make them accessible to the general public, but commercial uses should be fully eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Thank you

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:52:34

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Thank you,

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 348Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:52:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Good afternoon,

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time,

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:53:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave our wilderness free from people and cabins, what next condos...STOP DESTROYING the environment !

Correspondence ID: 354Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:54:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE HELP PROTECT WHAT IS LEFT OF OUR PRECIOUS PLANET. SO MUCH DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY.....LET US STOP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE FOR US AND ALL THE OTHER LIVING BEINGS ON EARTH.

Correspondence ID: 355Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:54:23
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royal property.

Correspondence ID: 356Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:54:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the possibility to comment this issue.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

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Baierbronn
Germany

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 359Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:54:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternate C- let the remaining wilderness be!

Correspondence ID: 360Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:54:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:19

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Correspondence ID: 363Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a designated wilderness area so that means that YOU LEAVE IT ALONE. NO HUMANE INTERVENTION OR DISTURBANCE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THAT WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY. A SANCTUARY DEVOID OF HUMANS except on foot.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It Concerns:

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Thank you.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alt. C is the best option for long-term protection of this resource.

To that end, structures must not be maintained. Any reclassified new Wilderness areas should follow this dictum of 'no

added or perpetuated structures'..

Of course, commercial activities are incompatible with Wilderness principles.

Correspondence ID: 367Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C. Isle Royale should continue to kept wild with no permanent structures!

Correspondence ID: 368Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:55:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C. I spent a week backpacking across the island. It is unique and should not be altered in a way that would degrade the natural state of the island.

Correspondence ID: 369Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:56:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 11:56:48

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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Correspondence ID: 375Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:56:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please no more structures at the expense of Wilderness.

Efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness.

There is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!! Please follow those original plans to keep the wilderness wild!!

Correspondence ID: 376Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:57:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 377Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:57:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 378Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:57:22

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Protect and Preserve !!!!!

Correspondence ID: 379Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:57:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 380Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:57:45

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE just please

Correspondence ID: 381Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:58:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 383Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:58:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a native Michigander and I support alternative C, no structures should be maintained or stabilized, this is a wilderness area, no commercial use should be allowed, keep Isle Royale pristine.

Correspondence ID: 384Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 11:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plan, in general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs as possible to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Again, administration should always be separate from the wilderness itself. And, of course, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness entirely, while visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Finally, alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Correspondence ID: 385Project:109183Document:129858
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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 386Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:59:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. The Final Plan must legally conform to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as most of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

All commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 387Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:59:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Plan C alternative which will do much more to protect and to preserve the character of this beautiful area!

Please support the most protective way to ensure the wilderness areas and the cabins and other structures remain safe from those who want to destroy the beauty and character of this area!

Correspondence ID: 388Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:59:40

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- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence ID: 389Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 11:59:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to express my support of Alternative C for the management of Isle Royale. It will limit large groups of people that could be detrimental to the wild nature of the protected areas.

I don't think that structures in the Wilderness portions should be maintained. Any structures should be moved outside the Wilderness areas.

There should be strict limits on visitors' use of the Wilderness areas, and the park should remain closed to winter use.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 390Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:00:08

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 391Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:00:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Greetings,

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Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Isl Royal must stay wild!

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:02:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:02:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: hi!

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thank you!

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I have used the special points in your message to defend all the reasons why The Isle Royale wilderness should be protected as a priority for the upper Midwest environment/ecology.

Thank you,

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 406Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 407Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:03:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C because it best limits large groups and crowding. In keeping with the Wilderness Act, I do not support any kind of structure in wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

The Park should remain closed to winter use.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 409Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is a very special place for me. Introduced to its mysteries at a young age, it helped set my course as a defender of wildlife and wild places.

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

It's my belief that, Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 413Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:05:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Overall, I support wilderness staying wild. So, I support Alternative C as the best approach that protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Keeping the wilderness wild means that any structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Whatever structures the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may can be preserved, and made accessible to the general public as deemed necessary (I question any necessity).

These actions best align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act and while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I strongly advocate that any and all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. It's possible (and highly desirable) that visitor use in Wilderness be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character (consider meaning of the word and concept of 'wilderness').

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding: the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 414Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 415Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:05:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a Michigan native, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence ID: 416Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:05:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
But:
Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 419Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:06:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think it is important to retain the wilderness part of Isle Royale Wilderness, which is best represented in Alternative C. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. There should be no commercial uses in the wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 421Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:06:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this special place for wildlife, us & generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 422Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:07:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What part of WILDERNESS don't you understand?

Isle Royal is unique in the US and deserves the protection that Wilderness promises.
The industrial recreation industry would have you violate the Wilderness Act by maintaining cabins and other structures. It is time to return Isle Royal to its original undisturbed condition that existed for millenia, for the benefit of the wildlife that depends on it. Human use can be accommodated with the few trails that exist.

Your proposed plans can be accommodated elsewhere in the area. So few wild areas exist. Plenty of other developed areas exist elsewhere. Leave Isle Royal alone.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:07:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Talking Points:

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you for consideration of my comments on this Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS

Correspondence ID:	428Project:109183Document:129858
Received:	Sep,14 2023 12:08:33
Correspondence Type:	Web Form
Correspondence:	I support Alternative C for Isle Royale. Anything that promotes the wilderness character of the park is a winner for the wildlife and visitors who go there.

Correspondence ID:	429Project:109183Document:129858
Received:	Sep,14 2023 12:08:35
Correspondence Type:	Web Form
Correspondence:	Human-made structures are antithetical to the concept of Wilderness and should not be maintained and certainly not built.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. In national parks during the COVID period, there was massive destruction of park flora and wanton waste left everywhere. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments on this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 430Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:09:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 431Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:09:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we need to protect our wilderness. for people and animals alike. once you drill the wilderness is gone ...Leave our wild spaces alone.

Correspondence ID: 432Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:09:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 434Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:10:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

Let's protect Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you for your protections!

Correspondence ID: 435Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:10:21

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I support Alternative C.

It supports the area the best.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness while visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Additionally, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you for your time!

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:12:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like the chance to comment on the National Park Service's draft proposal for Isle Royale. Although I have never been to the Park, I hope the National Park Service implements Alternative C. This best protects the Park and its wilderness features. I am not in favor of restoring and stabilizing cabins, i.e., for tourist use. Since this is Wilderness, Isle Royale should keep the characteristics of wilderness and not add more structures within the Park. Too many of our wild places have become extremely commercialized which defeats the definition of wilderness. Thank you.

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect this beautiful land!

Correspondence ID: 448Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence ID: 451Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:14:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Isle Royale (my namesake) National Wilderness wild by enacting Alternative C of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. The National Park itself should remain closed in winter to undo the stress visited upon wildlife during the rest of the year. Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 452Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:15:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

We need to stop having the “conversation” about preserving our environment and wildlife and just start doing it before it's gone!

Correspondence ID: 453Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:15:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support maximum wilderness for Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. I also support converting as much of the PWA acreage to Wilderness as possible. Only structures necessary for wilderness protection should be allowed in wilderness. And there should be no commercial activity in wilderness. I support Alternative C as best protecting the wilderness character of the park.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:15:25
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 455Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:15:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having spent time on Isle Royale, I deeply appreciate the beauty of this fragile ecosystem. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 459Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:16:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor Alternative C. It limits large groups of visitors, and mandates winter closures which allow wildlife a respite from human interference.

All buildings and commercial enterprises should be removed from any areas classified as wilderness.in keeping with the 1964 Wilderness Act. The addition of more protected wilderness areas is always good as long as those areas do not have structures in them, commercial or otherwise.

Thank you

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Correspondence: Wilderness is so designated to protect the flora and fauna there. Allowing development of wilderness negates the designation. I strongly support Alternative C which best protects Isle Royale's designation. Structures in designated wilderness should not be maintained. Any structures that are maintained for Park Service management should be outside that area. Commercial use must be eliminated from wilderness areas and visitors managed to best protect the wildlife in wilderness areas. Isle Royale should continue to be closed in winter to allow wildlife some respite from visitors and protect the habitat.

Please Keep this unique area a place for visitors to truly know nature without the noise, roads, cabins and other human interference. We need truly wild spaces in our lives.

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Correspondence: Wilderness has to be protected

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Thank you for reading my comment!

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:21:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the wilderness a real wilderness. We need it what with Global Warming getting worse.

Correspondence ID: 470Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:21:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C. But, also, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Correspondence ID: 471Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:22:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: *Protect* all of our *Wild Life* & our Environment!

We need to *RESPECT* our EARTH!

Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 472Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:23:07

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royales wilderness!!

Correspondence ID: 473Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:23:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please do not allow any commercial industry or business on Isle Royale. Visitor use should be managed accordingly to protect the wildlife and wilderness of this park. Park should be closed in winter to let the wolves and moose and other wildlife to recover from heavy summer use and also habitat such as the budworm. Vital scientific studies are being done for the wildlife and the changing weather and environment ...these should take precedence.

Thank You

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 474Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:23:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect our wild places, wildlife and waterways with Plan C.While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Protect our national parks with Plan C now!

Correspondence ID: 475Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:23:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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4. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 477Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:25:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I first visited Isle Royale in 1978. I was living in Chicago and in need of a wilderness experience. Since then, I have always supported wilderness areas as they are a dwindling Resource in our over developed world. As such, I am in support of alternative C as it will be the best choice to preserve this unsurpassed national park. I strongly believe that cabins or other structures should not be maintained or preserved in designated wilderness areas as they are contrary to the wilderness ethic. Either move them or let them return to nature.

Sincerely, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 478Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:25:10

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Correspondence: Hello,

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Thank you,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:25:39

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you, again, for your attention and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 481Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:25:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Generally I think Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 482Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:25:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a national treasure, as I know from my Michigan childhood... And we in America can't have enough of them!!

Defend... Protect... Preserve Isle Royale Wilderness!!

Most sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 483Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:27:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 484Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:27:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 485Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:28:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For the most part, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I think that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 486Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:28:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royales Wilderness. Construct buildings in the non-Wilderness areas.

Correspondence ID: 487Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:28:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 488Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:29:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 489Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:30:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 490Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:31:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 491Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:32:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

While I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, in general, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, but the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 492Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:32:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 493Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:32:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
Thank You for your consideration... (b) (6)

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 494Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:34:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Washington state and one who is concerned about the overdevelopment and overcrowding of the area which I live, I am writing to ask that the NPS support Alternative C, which best supports Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. The park should remain closed in winter to give the animals

a respite from the people and crowds who use the park.

We must respect the land and its inhabitants as they face increasing challenges and difficulties in this challenging climate. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 496Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:34:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Put a highway/road thru your living room in your home and project the noise from cars, planes, snowmobiles, motor-bikes, e.t.c. and see what it's like to enjoy peace like the WILDerness

Correspondence ID: 497Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:34:21

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 499Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:35:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the Park Service should adhere to the original intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964, in particular:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 500Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Isle Royale Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 502Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:36:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thanks for taking my comments

Correspondence ID: 503Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:36:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support nature & choices to further protect it and reduce negative impact on our climate. Hence, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 504Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:36:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 505Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:36:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royal is a beautiful tourist attraction, but also an island untouched by cars and other wildlife destroying human inventions. It would be a shame to destroy the habitat of the animals and plants that thrive there. Ok

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:37:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for reading my comments.

In general, I strongly support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:37:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello
I support alternative C, and eliminating all commercial uses of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Please make the wilderness the focus of your decision.

Thank you.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:38:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:38:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 511Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:39:07

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 512Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:39:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude, beauty, and wilderness.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

It is understandable if the Park should remain closed in winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the "tourist season."

Correspondence ID: 513Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:39:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Please save National Parks

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Correspondence: I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness in Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. Wilderness should be managed as Wilderness, therefore the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should, of course, be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness and Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration of these points regarding protecting this precious resource.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for raising your voice by September 26 to help keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:41:12

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Correspondence: I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin became an Order of the Arrow Boy Scout exploring vast sections of the natural features of the state and worked with Native Americans at a trading post and participating as a dancer in powwows and other events. I deeply love and feel great attachment to Wisconsin's natural landscape.

I have spent much of my adult life enjoying wilderness areas and have led benefits, educational efforts and taken direct action to defend native rights and proper protection of our public lands, waters and wildlife.

I have spent many summers in the Apostle Islands, visited Isle Royale and consider our priority to protect as much of what little public lands we have left in deep consideration of Native Americans and the greatest possible use of true wilderness lands for wildlife and vegetation as possible.

I emphatically support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale need to be removed as dictated by law and the intent of the founders of Wilderness designation and actions.

IF the Park Service wishes to maintain them, they should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. It is hypocritical to give in to the rich, powerful and loud voices trying to do otherwise! DO NOT be bullied into violating the intent and laws many of us have fought for since 1970 or earlier, my mother led some of these efforts and I have taken up her fight since childhood!

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses MUST be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. There are plenty, plenty of already developed areas nearby or appropriate for them. WE MUST claw back whatever lands possible for our ever expanding need for natural lands and environmental healing. WE MUST.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you very much; future generation hopefully will be thankful for the centuries ahead.

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Correspondence: save isle royale now

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Plan C is the best for wilderness. There should be no commercial uses in wilderness and people should be kept out during winter for wildlife preservation. Please create more areas for just wildlife and let nature repair our blunders. We have destroyed enough of our planet. Please learn to share it with wildlife for our own good too.

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Correspondence: Please do EVERYTHING you can to protect the Isle Royle Wilderness from harm or encroachment.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:42:26

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep Isle Royal natural and wild as it always has been. I spent half my life in Michigan so I'm familiar with that awesom location. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 526Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:42:44

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 527Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:42:46

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 528Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:42:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Use Plan C and keep Isle Royale wild. Do not turn it into a resort. Adding cabins, lodges and restaurants will destroy the beauty and purpose of this National Park. I'm in my 70's and luckily can still pitch a tent. Let those following us have the opportunity to enjoy the experience that is Isle Royale!

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:43:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 530Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:43:55
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Correspondence: I support efforts to protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness. That said, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized, and commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Additionally, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character, and the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 531Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:44:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Concerning the Wilderness Stewardship Plan, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

I also think the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Please note these comments

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Correspondence: I support alternative 3, which is most in keeping with preserving the wilderness character of most of the island.

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Correspondence: Regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park, I believe the National Park Service should continue to focus on protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness.,

I support Alternative C in this plan, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: To borrow from Mark Twain:

Guard and protect our National/State Parks, Forests, Monuments and ALL wild lands, lakes, oceans and waterways. They are not being made anymore...

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Correspondence: I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness and the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Hello and thank you for your time, I wanted to drop you a note saying that I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you, (b) (6)

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Correspondence: As a taxpayer and wildlife advocate, in general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: *In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Please consider the ramifications of your actions.

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Correspondence: Alternative C seems to be the best one to protect Isle Royale with its wilderness and solitude characteristics.

The Wilderness Act is clear about not having buildings so I would support moving those existent within the Wilderness outside the boundaries to maintain them.

I would oppose converting any areas with buildings not essential for the administration of the Wilderness Area into the wilderness. Acreage without buildings in PWA should be included in the Wilderness.

Commercial activities should not be allowed in wilderness areas.

Alternative C seems to be the best at controlling crowding and large groups.

Why have winter activities? a winter rest period seems desirable so the Park should be closed during this season.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: THE LAW SAYS NO STRUCTURES ON WILDERNESS LAND. KEEP THE STRUCTURES ON NON-WILDERNESS LAND AND TEAR DOWN ANY STRUCTURES (OR MOVE THEM TO NON-WILDERNESS LAND) ON WILDERNESS LAND. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE LAW. GOT IT?

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Correspondence: Any and all wilderness on Isle Royal should be maintained and protected, however, a minimum of public access should be maintained because what is the use of having a National Park if it cannot be visited by a controlled number of citizens? If access is taken away, one doesn't have the ability to appreciate what is there. Once again, a bare minimum of anything else on the island should be considered acceptable. Thank you.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: i support alternative c

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 562Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:53:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Please care for Isle Royale, a unique wilderness area!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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• While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
• Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
• Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
• The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I support all of these items. Our wilderness belongs to everyone.

Correspondence ID: 564Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:54:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. I am, however, against maintaining or stabilizing structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale. Any structures the Park Service needs should be moved. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be moved outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. This action aligns with the 1964 Wilderness Act.
I support converting as much of the potential wilderness areas (PWAs) to Wilderness, I do not support changing any PWAs upon which the National Park Service plans to maintain structures that are unnecessary for the protection of the Wilderness.
All commercial uses & activities should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Careful management of visitors is necessary to protect the solitude, flora, and fauna of the Wilderness. use in Wilderness should be Alternative C appears to be the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed during winter months to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 565Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:54:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness is wilderness. The designation is intended to preserve areas of undisturbed, wild, natural forest or waterway not open to human structure or development. What part of that has been rescinded or transcended by the National Park Service? Are you being pressured by capitalist corporations that see another way to self-aggrandize? If the Wilderness Act hasn't been compromised or defeated yet, please honor its stipulations. A Wilderness Stewardship Plan is a contradiction in terms, a slippery locution straight out of PR to make apples and oranges seem interchangeable. There is a place for Wilderness--don't trade it for something that is not it!

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 568Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 12:55:13

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Correspondence: Please accept my comments today:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Thank you for accepting my comments.

Correspondence ID: 569Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:55:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. We believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. We need you to join in that effort to let the National Park Service know there is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 570Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:55:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep Isle Royale Wild, no commercial development!
We have enough places and historical sites that depict colonization.
We need a place that reminds us what nature is about and how it looks when it is pristine!!

Correspondence ID: 571Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:55:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
Thank you for your time

Correspondence ID: 572Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:55:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, as this protects the Wilderness Character of the park! Structures in the designated wilderness areas should not be maintained or stabilized in accordance with the Wilderness Act! Please manage visitation to protect the park, prevent commercial business in the park, and close it during winter. Thank-you.

Correspondence ID: 573Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 12:57:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for accepting my comments on the Isle Royale NP Wilderness Stewardship Plan (Draft EIS). For full disclosure, I was a seasonal NPS Park Ranger back in the day,

For the most part, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Those structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. These actions would be in closer alignment with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness entirely.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my comments... please do the right thing.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 12:58:12

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 581Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 13:00:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized in situ. However, they could be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they could be better preserved, and made accessible to the public in line with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed during winter to give wildlife a respite from human presence during the other seasons.

Correspondence ID: 582Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 13:01:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
• Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence ID: 583Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 584Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 13:01:17

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Correspondence: I support full wilderness - where this area should remain untrammelled by exploitative humans and all their extractive industries. As such, Section C would be the closest of the Isle Royal National Park's proposals that comes closest. Fundamentally, I feel all human- created structures should be removed from this 'wilderness' park. This sacrosanct wilderness should remain as such. Thank you for helping to make it so.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 585Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 13:03:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to express support for classifying the remaining acreage as wilderness, however, any structures and commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, however, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Thank you

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect and expand all wilderness.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 587Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

The Draft Plan proposes "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

Thanks for listening.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence ID: 592Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 13:04:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider the following points. We need to protect this land.

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Correspondence: Our pristine, protected lands need to remain that way. These are the most significant gifts we can pass on to our children. It is urgent that we continue to uphold and increase the legislation geared toward protecting them. Please stand firm against these attacks on their welfare.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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Correspondence ID: 597Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I believe that Alternative C is the preferred option for the future of Isle Royale, as long as the requirements of the Wilderness Act are followed in the implementation of Alternative C. This means that structures in Wilderness areas of Isle Royale must be abandoned or removed. Commercial activity must also be banned in Wilderness areas.

I support the conversion of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. However, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Access for visitors in Wilderness areas should be managed so that the environment and wildlife are protected and prioritized. Group size should be limited to avoid crowding and disturbance to wildlife. It is vital that the Park remain closed during the winter to give wildlife a break from human activity.

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Correspondence: As a resident of Michigan, I am concerned about policies that affect our unique and precious Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. I am particularly concerned about violations to Wilderness principles, such as extensive use of structures, roads, and machinery that violate Wilderness tenets. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness for the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Unnecessary structures also should be considered in the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. Any and all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Therefore, Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Finally, I urge you to ensure that the park remains closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for adopting policies that protect the Wilderness integrity of this wonderful park.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: This area has been designated "WILDERNESS". That term should determine how the area should be maintained. There are some homes and businesses in the area which were there before the area was designated as wilderness, and it appears they are busy in the summer months. Since many were there, those uses should not end, but over the winter days, wilderness should apply 100%.

Too many pristine areas of our USA have been ruined by progress, which has another name of GREED. If we are to protect our designated wilderness areas, that should take priority over continued uses for profit. Wilderness allows nature to renew itself and not be destroyed by outside uses.

I have never had the opportunity to visit this area but have had the privilege of visiting other protected areas. I think we are slowly beginning to recognize that we cannot destroy these places for individual profit, or mass profit by companies in it for their group profit. Too few these days control too much of our country and its natural resources.

Please protect this area.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 13:12:29

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Correspondence: Hello,

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Thank you

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Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative C of your management plan. Structures in wilderness should be allowed to naturally deteriorate and should not be renovated.

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Correspondence: I am including some boilerplate below, to cover specifics, but my personal comment is that wilderness should be just that. There should be no encroachment to provide humans easier access or any other form of submission to the constant demand for instant gratification. Wilderness should be a place of nature only, and if humans want to enjoy it, they should do so with some effort and with complete respect for the primacy of nature in such places, which means no vehicles of any kind and no amenities, including blasting music. The sights, sounds, smells and feel of nature should be enough. Otherwise, go to the demolition derby.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: I am always on the side of preserving history in every form for future generations to learn from and be aware of the passed to learn from the past and the plus and minus things they did or did not do that affects those that follow.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. The Draft Plan proposes removal for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Any families who sold their cabins or relinquished their claims must stand by the agreements they made. Simply wanting to keep your cabin is not a valid reason for letting them stay. Any buildings that remain should not be in wilderness and should be for the public good.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, as this is not compatible with a wilderness designation. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Since I've been there, I feel the structures can all go and no additional ones should be allowed

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Correspondence: Save the Wilderness.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Protection of Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park:

My family and I wholly support Alternative C. The wonderful wildness and peace and quiet of the Isle Royale Wilderness

and National Park is a rare treat for those who visit there. But, most important, the land and habitat must remain a sanctuary for the animals that reside within the Park.

Limiting access by human visitors is the best method of providing and maintaining the rare quality of the environment in the Isle Royale Wilderness. The National Park Service has a duty of care and Alternative C best meets this obligation

We hope that NPS will declare the Park closed during winter. This would aid greatly in helping to preserve the Park's unique character and beauty. Humans don't need to have all access all of the time. Let the land and its animal inhabitants have a rest from human intrusion during the colder season.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments herein.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: "Alternative C" seems to best protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect its solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. If the Park Service wishes to maintain them, they should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they can be better managed, preserved and would be more accessible to more people, all while within the terms of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. Somehow, it does not seem appropriate for the National Park Service to reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to actively maintain any structures in those reclassified areas that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I enthusiastically support the idea that the Park should remain closed to winter use so that wildlife can get a break from the relatively heavy human presence during the Spring, Summer and Fall. Wildlife deserves a break during a season already naturally full of its own severe stressors!

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Please limit display the human history of the Isle Royale to parklands OUTSIDE the designated Wilderness, which should administered as Wilderness. Please protect Isle Royale's Wilderness! Please administer the

Wilderness as a place where humans, not wildlife and native plants, have limits. Please ensure the wilderness plan allows nature to take its course without cultural expressions of any people, without engineering into a park landscape, without the heavy hand - and footprints, buildings, fences, parking lots, and roads - of people. Let us go gently into Wilderness where we are but temporary guests and the biodiversity of nature can behave naturally rather than in adaptation, migration, or extinction in response to domineering homo sapiens.

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Correspondence ID: 632Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Please consider the following comments:

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Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 13:24:27

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Correspondence: Dear Park Service Supervisor:

With regards to the proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Thank you,

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Correspondence: As an American citizen who has long enjoyed and supported our national parks, monuments, and wilderness areas, I feel strongly that the definition of wilderness and preserving the character of wilderness areas should be maintained with very few exceptions. With the designation as a national park, its remote location, and its status as one of the few untrammeled areas of Michigan and the entire Great Lakes region, I do not think that Isle Royale should maintain private cabins or other structures within wilderness areas. I also feel that commercial uses of wilderness areas, mean that it's not a wilderness area. Isle Royal and its adjacent waters should not be exploited for profit.

I believe wilderness areas within Isle Royal should be kept intact with the priority being for wildlife, habitat protection and short term visitation by those seeking to experience what this beautiful park has to offer, and what unspoiled nature is and was truly like.

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- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

There is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 642Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: By in large I support Alternative C, in that it protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character..

However. structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized - anything to be maintained should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character and closed in the winter to allow wildlife a respite.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C. Isle Royale is a wonderful place and should be protected as wilderness, so C is the best for that. Structures in the wilderness areas of the park, which is the majority of the land, should NOT be preserved or built up. If they do have historical value, they should be removed to non-wilderness areas for the public to view. All commercial uses should be eliminated from Isle Royale wilderness. Visitor use should be managed to protect the wilderness land and character. Overcrowding should, as a priority, be prevented. The Park should absolutely be completely closed to visitors in winter to allow wildlife peace.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the wilderness wild.

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Correspondence: Such a small amount of wilderness remains in the United States. Every inch is precious! What we have must be preserved. Cabins, houses, etc. can be built in other places.

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Correspondence: While I mostly support Alternative C, I do not believe that structures should be part of a Wilderness area. The structures could be moved to the Park portion of Isle Royale instead.

Please close everything during Winter as the wildlife need solitude.

Thank you,

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: I am writing to you about the importance of protecting the wilderness of the Isle Royale National Park and Refuge. I support Alternative C, which I believe best protects Isle Royale's wildlife and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions would be in accordance with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects the wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should be closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Please do not commercialize this beautiful natural space.

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Correspondence: C'es notre devoir de respecter et proteger les animaux et la nature. Eux aussi en le droit d'avoir une vie saine sur ce planète. En a que une nature. Vous le savez? Prenez enfin votre responsabilité et réagissez s.v.p. Arrêtez cette souffrance et ce massacre envers les animaux et la nature. C'es si difficile? C'es bien triste de signer une pétition. Merci.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

KEEP THE WILDERNESS WILD!!

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Correspondence: I support designating the additional land on Ilse Royal as wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 660Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: The Wilderness Act is supposed to protect wilderness as wilderness, not as a commercial venture. I support Alternative C, which offers the best protection of Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. If feasible, structures should be relocated to areas outside of wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general

public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Wilderness use by visitors should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Lastly, the park should remain closed during the winter to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 661Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 662Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support keeping Isle Royale Wilderness as wild as possible and because of that I support alternative C.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 13:40:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello

The following are not my own words, however, I agree with them totally:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 664Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 13:41:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the "Isle Royale Wilderness"!

In general, our family supports "Alternative C", which, best, protects Isle Royale 's solitude and wilderness character. But, our family is letting the "National Park Service" know there is a, national, constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!

Structures in the, designated, Wilderness portions of "Isle Royale" MUST NOT be maintained, or, stabilized. Those the "Park Service" wishes to maintain MUST be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they will be, better, curated, preserved, and, made accessible to the, general, public! Such actions align with the directives of the "1964 Wilderness Act"!

Yet, there is a, loud, constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness! We believe efforts to display the, Euro-settlement, history of the Island and its, remaining, structures, MUST focus on the, non-wilderness, lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness!

The "Draft Plan" proposes "molder" or "removal" for, only, about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or "Potential Wilderness Additions" (PWAs), while allowing for, active, maintenance, or, restoration for many others. This is in direct, contradiction to the Wilderness Act" 's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness, protection! The "resource" of, national, historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and, that is what the "Park Service" MUST strive to perpetuate!

While we support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of "PWA"s to Wilderness, the "National Park Service" MUST NOT reclassify any of the "PWA"s as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain, any, structures on them that are NOT necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses MUST be eliminated from the "Isle Royale Wilderness"!

Visitor use in Wilderness MUST be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character! "Alternative C" is the, best, option for limiting, large, groups and crowding.

The Park MUST remain closed to winter, use to allow wildlife a respite from the, relatively, heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall!

The "National Park Service" has issued a "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" for a "Wilderness Stewardship Plan" at "Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park". The Agency is considering a, broad, range of actions for managing Wilderness and, cultural, resources within Wilderness inside the, Park, boundary, as well as issues and, potential, impacts associated with Wilderness, management. In addition, this plan will determine, future, use of, historic, structures in potential, and, designated, Wilderness.

Located in the, northern, part of Lake Superior in the State of Michigan, "Isle Royale National Park" encompasses 133,788 acres of land and 438,008 acres of, surface, water (571,796 total, acres). The Park is the, largest, island in Lake Superior,

which is, itself, the, largest, freshwater lake by, surface, area in the world. There are, over, 400, smaller, islands surrounding the, main, island, which together constitute the, full, archipelago of Isle Royale.

Approximately, 98 percent of the, land, portion of the Park was designated by Congress as Wilderness in 1976. Later additions of land for, Wilderness, designation brought the, total, Wilderness acreage to 99 percent, encompassing 132,018 acres. There remain an, additional, 93 acres of the island that Congress identified as "Potential Wilderness Additions" areas that the "Park Service" can convert to, designated, Wilderness once the, non-conforming, uses (including structures) have ended. In addition to the Wilderness and "Potential Wilderness" on Isle Royale, 1,677 acres of the island are considered non-wilderness, including such, places as Rock Harbor, Washington Island, the "Visitor Centers", and the "Park Service" 's, administrative, "Mott Headquarters".

For many years, the future of, historic, buildings and structures on Isle Royale has been a, controversial, issue. All of Isle Royale is, publicly, owned since it became a "National Park" in 1940, but, some families have retained, life, estates, or, other, continued, access to their, historic, cabins they sold to the, federal, government. How to interpret the history of the, commercial, fishing operations, lodges, and, family, cabins continues to be debated, to say nothing about the long and rich history of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people who pre-dated, white, European arrivals and their buildings.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank You!

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Correspondence: We must protect nature!!

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Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royal wilderness from devastation and development It is such a beautiful place

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 671Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: From the information I have read about, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I agree that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness; however, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I concur that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

I also believe that visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park must remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Long overdue to take action on this important issue!

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for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: This is a very important issue for me.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

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reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 683Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 13:55:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Taken in whole, I SUPPORTt Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, so long as the following considerations are taken into account:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness!!!!!!

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 684Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed for winter use. This will allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 686Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 13:55:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: VISITORS USE OF THE WILDERNESS SHOULD BE ONLY ALLOWED IN WAY TO PROTECT THE WILD ANIMALS. I BELIEVE ALTERNATIVE C SEEMS TO BE THE CORRECT ANSWER!

Correspondence ID: 687Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 13:56:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor Alternative C. Non-compatible wilderness uses should be excluded from any designated wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 688Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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Thank You,

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 702Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:04:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 704Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:05:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need nature for survive!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 705Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:05:31

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: The Way God Made Ti, Please.

Correspondence ID: 706Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:05:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character, and the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

If you need or want to preserve the structures that are man made currently residing within the wilderness area they should be moved out of the designated wilderness area and then refurbished or restored to preserve any history that may be associated with those structures, otherwise they should be allowed to decay and be over taken by nature as they would be in the wilderness area.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 14:05:40

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Correspondence: Leave the land as it was before any people arrived. True wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 708Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 709Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:06:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support option C... I am in favor of designating more acres as wilderness, but anything designated as wilderness cannot have structures that the park service intends to maintain. Wilderness should be wild, and I support having as much of it as possible..

Correspondence ID: 710Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence ID: 712Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:09:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi. I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

So many places are too crowded. *We* are an invasive species and it's a problem. The least we can do is protect the wilderness that remains.

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Commercial uses should absolutely be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

And the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence

during spring, summer, and fall. Our intrusions must be controlled.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 713Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:09:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Thank you for raising your voice by September 26 to help keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

We need every small piece of wilderness to remain a wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 720Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:13:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel Plan C is the best as it keeps the park and island the most natural for the wildlife while still allowing people to enjoy it as well.

Correspondence ID: 721Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:14:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was born and raised in Minnesota. my childhood formative years were in and near Cloquet. my family lived in a cabin on Big Lake in my preschool years. I never lost my love for the wild and especially wolves. the wolves howling was my lullaby on many nights. Duluth was the big city and the lake was awe inspiring to a little kid.

I agree with Wilderness Watch and their support for alternative C. return the island to natural and wild with minimal structures and elimination of private or leased property.

thanks, (b) (6)

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale. This unique location and ecosystem is worth saving!

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- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall

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Correspondence: Alternative C, because it best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character..

Wilderness is not maintained by people just protected if the Park Service wishes to maintain something it should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness.. Follow the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not include in wilderness any structures that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Please keep park closed to winter use to allow wildlife recovery from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 732Project:109183Document:129858

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence ID: 733Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Isle Royale Wilderness needs to be kept wild.

Generally speaking, I am in favor of Alternative C of the plan, as this option best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

No commercial uses should be allowed in Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use needs to be managed in ways that protects wilderness character and solitude. Alternative C is the best option for

limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 734Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:27:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A few privileged powerful people should not deter the National Park Service from its mission to preserve and protect public lands. I agree with the following:
In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence ID: 737Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Isle Royal is a very special to me, I know her well. I grew up in Marquette, first hiked the Greenstone as a 12 year old Boy Scout. Since then I've returned a dozen times. I've circumnavigated the island by kayak and sailboat. Dove every offshore wreck within 200ft, heard Dr Peterson's wolf presentations, been involved in cleanups, and support groups.

Isle Royal is a very special and unique place. Wilderness is increasingly one of the rarest land-forms on a hugely overpopulated planet. As a living laboratory Isle Royal is precious as a small jewel of a National Park it is irreplaceable a designation only possible by it's limited accessibility. Keep it that way.

To paraphrase "Wilderness Watch", In general, I support Alternative C.

Please remove as many structures as possible. Please concentrate the areas of administration, maintenance and housing to leave as much of the island as possible to re-Wild.

Sincere Regards,

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Overall, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Certain structures should be inspected and repaired as damaged structures often are life threatening for wildlife. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas OUTSIDE of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. The majority of the island should be used for the preservation of the animals and habitat of animals and plants.

Current data has shown US Parks have seen a surge in visitors and park use. These surges demand a great deal of effort on the part of park personnel to keep the park pristine and in condition to encourage the reproduction of the animals and fauna. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. After all, everyone needs a vacation from visitors...including the animals of Isle Royale.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

When my grandfather was younger, his vacation consisted of a week or so hiking across Isle Royale. Everything he packed in, he packed out. He slept in lean-tos or under the stars. He brought his books for plant and animal identification but watched them all from a safe distance. He only left his footprints. That is how we should treat our wilderness areas and all that lives there - With respect and appreciation for it is their home, not ours.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: The first definition for wilderness given by the Merriam-Webster dictionary is as follows:

1. (1): a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings

(2): an area essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community

"Uninhabited by human beings" and "undisturbed by human activity." It seems to me, based on this definition, that building are precluded anywhere designated as wilderness.

Don't claim that Isle Royale National Park is wilderness if you are not going to honor the definition.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale is one of our most valuable assets as a nation--a wilderness area redolent of historical significance and pristine nature. Protecting it benefits all of us because our national parks and resources are our most treasured assets.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale's wilderness. Please review the following information when you make plans for the region.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Maximum protection for this area. MINIMUM intrusion.

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Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

When my grandfather was younger, he spent his vacations hiking across Isle Royale for 1 -2 weeks in the late summer. What he packed in, he packed out. He slept in lean-tos or under the stars. He studied his little books on plants and animals, observed them all but never interfered with them. He only left his boot prints. He had respect and appreciation for all the life on and around Isle Royale. That is how it should be.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 748Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 749Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:40:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Honestly, the park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer and fall. Humans trample their territory enough!

Correspondence ID: 750Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:40:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
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The real issues here are making designation of wilderness and holding to that definition to the exclusion of everything not

included. Some people will be unhappy because they feel they have a vested interest in this area but wilderness should be wilderness without exception. The main issue it should be preserving wilderness as wilderness for those who want to enjoy it, for the nation to have a store of pristine lands but moreover for those who call this wilderness home.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I mostly support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. That, to me, is one of the most important aspects of protection.

I don't think we need structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale, so if there are buildings that NPS wants to keep, they should be moved outside of the designated Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Any mixture of wilderness and commerce is against the tenets of Wilderness. Like oil and water, they don't mix.

As for visitor use in Wilderness, if it conflicts with solitude and wilderness characteristics, then it should be limited.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support proposal C with lots of reservations--let Mother Nature be; must have lots of accountability and be consistent with protesting the guidelines for preserving the wilderness especially the predators leave nothing behind but footprints 🐾

Correspondence ID: 756Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:42:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C to protect Isle Royale's wilderness character. It will also better limit large groups and crowding.

Building should not be in the wilderness area unless they are directly related to the administration of the area. Commercial uses should not be in the wilderness areas.

The park should be closed in the winter.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 757Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:42:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support the proposed Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 762Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:47:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No structures in the wilderness area and control the amount of visitors at all times

Correspondence ID: 763Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:47:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale as a wilderness area please.

Correspondence ID: 764Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:47:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of the Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as many of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in the Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 765Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:47:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't ruin Isle Royale with additional human impact. I support Alternative C, which best protects its solitude and wilderness character. There are fewer and fewer places like this. Once a place is over-run, there is no turning back. Keep it wild.

Correspondence ID: 766Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:49:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 767Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Specifically:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to my comment.

Correspondence ID: 768Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 14:50:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Wilderness should be treated as such. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

All commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 769Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:50:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully endorse the following points made by the Wilderness Watch organization:

*In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

*Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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*Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude, wildlife and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed for winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the heavy visitor presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 772Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 777Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:56:23

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Correspondence: Protect all wilde Plan C seems best. No commercialization. No new roads.

Correspondence ID: 778Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 14:57:40

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 779Project:109183Document:129858

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Finally, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 780Project:109183Document:129858

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 781Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:01:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royal is Wilderness. There should not be any structures in Wilderness. The citizens of the United States do not need any reminders of their past colonialism. Administer the Isle Royal Wilderness as WILDERNESS.

Correspondence ID: 782Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:05:01

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Correspondence: Just leave isle royale alone and as it is

Correspondence ID: 783Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:05:02

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:05:22

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Correspondence: Leave the PAWS act just as it is now

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:05:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:06:19

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Correspondence: Protect Isle Royal and wilderness, thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 789Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:07:23

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Correspondence: Please maintain the important wilderness areas.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:07:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello -

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:08:24

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Correspondence: It is very clear as to what wilderness is all about - so important in all our lives. Let's work to keep it that way. If we keep biting off chunks, we will soon have nowhere to go. What would our children, our grandchildren, and our great-grandchildren do? How could we leave them such a legacy?

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT. I'm hopeful this will be a win for the environment and thus for everyone!

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regards

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 799Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:10:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help protect our wilderness. Nature provides us with so much that humans need such as fresh air,water and beauty. It's time we do our part and take care of nature. Please help preserve/protect the wilderness I, not

only for us and future generations, but for the millions of animals who call her home.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 800Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:10:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please act now to protect the wilderness characteristics of Isle Royale. This issue is very important to me. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 801Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 802Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:11:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write today to urge preservation and restoration of wilderness in Isle Royale NP. In general I support Alternative C to do this best. Structures should not be maintain in Wilderness areas, and commercial uses should be eliminated. The Park should be closed in winter to provide relief and respite from heavy human presence during other seasons of the year.

Keep Isle Royale Wilderness wild.

Correspondence ID: 803Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:12:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C. It offers the best protection for Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized, but removed! Any structures which the Park Service believes it must use should be relocated outside of dedicated wilderness. Leaving such structures within wilderness would not be in accordance with the Wilderness Act, the only exception being those necessary for administering wilderness. Retaining park closure during winter months is in the best interests of wildlife and the island environment. Those formerly private cabins, purchased by the government so many years ago, must now be vacated and removed. It would seem to me that any life estates retained by the sellers should by now have long since expired with their passing. As such permitting the families and descendants of those original sellers to continue to use those cabins amounts to special treatment and a gift of public funds.

Correspondence ID: 804Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:12:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative B to the Wilderness Stewardship plan

Correspondence ID: 805Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:12:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In generally support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 806Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:13:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should NOT be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are unnecessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be ABSOLUTELY and PERMANENTLY eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 807Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding Isle Royal Wilderness, please review the definition of "wilderness". I believe even you will find it ludicrous to defend building/ maintaining lodging within a true wilderness is compliant to the definition. Protect not exploit!

Correspondence ID: 808Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:14:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 809Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Correspondence ID: 810Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:16:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep Wilderness just that...Wilderness! We keep disturbing and changing the natural order of things and we all suffer for it!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 811Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: we need to save plant earth

Correspondence ID: 813Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:18:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

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Correspondence ID: 814Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:19:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am submitting a comment to let the National Park Service know that I believe it is NPS responsibility to protect Isle Royale's wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 815Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 816Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:21:24

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Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:21:42

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Protect wilderness and animals.

Correspondence ID: 818Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:22:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale. I strongly object to structures on Wilderness land.

- In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
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Correspondence ID: 819Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:24:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Once again it falls to people who actually care about the people who were here before white men stole their land to explain to the thieves that they do not get to continue to own stolen land. The original people don't get to live

there any more and the white people should not either. Let the non humans have somewhere to live where they won't be harassed and killed. In order for me not to start writing something that would include invective, I am using the words supplied by Wilderness Watch:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:25:23
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Correspondence ID: 821Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:27:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For the most part, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during

spring, summer, and fall.
Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 822Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:28:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must return the lands to the indigenous peoples of our country. They were promised this land and people who came after them must not supersede the natives. What was stolen must be returned.

Correspondence ID: 823Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:28:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence ID: 825Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:31:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Draft Plan proposes removal for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWA), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary

for Wilderness protection. The resource of national historic significance on Isle Royal is it's Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate.

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Correspondence ID: 827Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:33:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing as a

- Utah Republican precinct chair (SLC074),

- biologist (1977 BS Biology, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Utah Secondary Teaching Certificate 1977-1992),

- lawyer (1979 JD),

- member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and

- member of Patriotic Millionaires.

The National Park Service has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

The agency is considering a broad range of actions for

- managing Wilderness and cultural resources within Wilderness inside the park boundary, and issues and potential impacts associated with wilderness management.

In addition, this plan will determine future use of historic structures in potential and designated Wilderness.

Located in the northern part of Lake Superior in the State of Michigan, Isle Royale National Park encompasses 133,788 acres

of land and 438,008 acres of surface water (571,796 total acres).

The park is the largest island in Lake Superior, which is itself the largest freshwater lake by surface area in the world.

There are over 400 smaller islands surrounding the main island, which together constitute the full archipelago of Isle Royale.

Approximately 98 percent of the land portion of the park was designated by Congress as Wilderness in 1976.

Later additions of land for wilderness designation brought the total wilderness acreage to 99 percent, encompassing 132,018 acres.

There remain an additional 93 acres of the island that Congress identified as Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs).

The Park Service can convert these PWAs to designated Wilderness once the non-conforming uses (including structures) have ended.

In addition to the Wilderness and Potential Wilderness on Isle Royale, 1,677 acres of the island are considered non-wilderness, including such places as

- Rock Harbor,
- Washington Island,
- the Visitor Centers, and
- the Park Service's administrative Mott Headquarters.

For many years, the future of historic buildings and structures on Isle Royale has been a controversial issue.

All of Isle Royale is publicly owned since it became a National Park in 1940.

However, some families have retained life estates or other continued access to their historic cabins they sold to the federal government.

How to interpret the history of the commercial fishing operations, lodges, and family cabins continues to be debated.

Also debated is the long and rich history of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people who pre-dated white European arrivals and their buildings.

The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs).

However, the Draft Plan allows for active maintenance or restoration for many others.

This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection.

The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

There is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness.

I believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character:

1. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

2. In the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness - - especially if NPS plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

3. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

4. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 829Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:36:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:37:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 832Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:38:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As one who backpacked on Isle Royale in the 1980s and 90s, I support option C in the proposed Draft EIS.
Keeping in the spirit of the Wilderness Act, all buildings and structures should not remain within wilderness boundaries.

Correspondence ID: 833Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:38:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible.

Correspondence ID: 834Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 835Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Anything that is classified as “commercial” should NOT be part of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Finally, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 836Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative C, allowing the wilderness part of the park to remain as wilderness, with it's continuing treatment per statutes on the books since the '60s. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 837Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 838Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to you to encourage you to keep commercial interests out of all wilderness areas and expand those areas. It Is Time to preserve and maintain Wilderness and restrict the amount of visitors through the areas. Keep buildings and roads out of all areas that are not needed there.
Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 839Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:39:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 840Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:40:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Staff of the National Park Service,
I urge you to select Alternative C for the wilderness portions of Isle Royale.
In order to observe the mandated character set forth in the 1964 Wilderness Act, structures in the designated Wilderness

portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses must never take place in the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character, with limits on large groups. Alternative C is the best option for that purpose.

Closing the Park to winter use will be best for the health of wildlife and of the ecology in general.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 841Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:40:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I have plagiarized someone else's words here. It's well said and I agree with it. Choose Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 842Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:40:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 843Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:40:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 844Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:42:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 845Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:42:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the Isle Royale wilderness a wilderness.. Treat it with the rules of wilderness. We (humans, and in this case the NPS) have enough other subjects on which to spend time, money, and physical activity. Don't go meddling with the wilderness portion of the park.

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Graduate of Michigan Technological University @ Houghton, MI. BS '07, MS '09

Correspondence ID: 846Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:43:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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Correspondence ID: 847Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:46:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this & other areas like this. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 848Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 15:47:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 852Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:51:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE: Wilderness Stewardship Plan:

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Correspondence ID: 853Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:52:46

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 856Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:54:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Wilderness Watch supporter, I respectfully request that you consider the following regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park:

1. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

2. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

3. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

4. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

5. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

6. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Correspondence ID: 857Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:55:00

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:56:30
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Received: Sep,14 2023 15:57:12
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Correspondence ID: 862Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 15:59:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't actually know any of the individuals who are trying to maintain habitations within the `disputed areas, but doubt that the buildings are primary residences. The individuals who claim them should be thankful that they've enjoyed he use for so many years at the expense of nature. It's time to protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. I seem to recall the Forest Service took action, I believe to the 1980s-90s, to remove individual claims to FS lands.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 863Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence ID: 864Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 16:01:15

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Also, it's important that

structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

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Correspondence: Greetings

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

thank you

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized, as per the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Thank you for listening to the all the People & groups who support this action.

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Correspondence: I have spent several days backpacking on Isle Royale and believe that Wilderness, not just the loons, the moose and the wolves, is the most important feature of Isle Royale National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 875Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 16:11:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs;

Alternative C is the best path forward. To adequately protect the Wilderness, commercial activities should be discontinued. The inevitably degrade the wilderness experience.

Buildings should be limited to non wilderness areas.Thank you (b) (6)

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It Concerns:

I support Alternative C for preserving the Isle Royale wilderness.

Thank you, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 881Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 16:15:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PASS THE MOST STRINGENT PROTECTION FOR ISLE ROYAL ITSELF, FOR ITS CREATURES, FOR ITS FUTURE!

Correspondence ID: 882Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 16:15:48

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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

I feel the visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

I encourage that the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 883Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

The structures should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Mostly, all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Thank you,

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is precious to our nation and particularly to our family.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that best protect solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Wilderness designation has very clear language. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. All structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I am writing today about the National Park Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. The structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized, and those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness. They can be curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public outside of designated Wilderness, and that will align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the NPS should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the entire Isle Royale Wilderness. There is no place for it.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed to protect solitude and the character of wilderness. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. FOr this reason, I believe that the Park should remain closed to winter use to

allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 890Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 16:21:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am wry to voice my support for Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the NPS should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I feel that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding so that visitor use will not detract from the solitude and wilderness characteristics.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and I believe that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

Yet, there is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. I believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. I am part of a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Thank you for considering my voice to help keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

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Correspondence: Isle royale wilderness has long been one of the area where "we got it right" about how to be proper stewards. It looks like proposition C comes closest to upholding that admirable commitment. Please protect this rare treasure!

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale Wilderness should be treated exactly as that. A wilderness. Any approach to "management" should be wholistic and organic. Since we've put a man on the moon, the human population has more than doubled while that of the wild animal nations has more than halved. The survivors, including those living in the Isle Royale Wilderness, need full protection and deserve to live and raise their families in peace.

Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point for us to be enacting policies that will only serve to push her over the edge. We must preserve whatever precious little wilderness remaining and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations.

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Correspondence: Do the right thing.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. On the whole I support OptionC of the developed proposals because it stays closest to the original wilderness legislation. Additionally I have the following recommendations:

1. The Park Service should not maintain structures in the wilderness areas of Isle Royale. Any structures to be maintains should be removed to areas not designated as wilderness. This also applies to areas that are being considered to be declared wilderness.
2. Commercial activities should not be permitted in the wilderness area. It is not consistent with wilderness.
3. Visitors need to be managed to maintain a wilderness character which precludes crowds etc. This especially important to maintain biodiversity, which we need to combat stresses from climate change. Many animals are very sensitive to contact with humans. The animals are the first inhabitants of the wilderness snd their needs have first priority or the wilderness designation will lose its intended effectiveness. For the same reason I recommend to prohibit visitors in winter: survival is already stressful and the animals need a break! Thank you

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Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royal Wilderness, this is the important part. NOT the buildings and other Euro structures. Focus on the Wilderness and protect it.

Correspondence ID: 906Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 16:54:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 16:55:29
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Correspondence ID: 908Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 16:55:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You just can't help yourselves, can you? You really have to mess up everything for the monied interests that buy you off.

Follow what the true conservationists, like Wilderness Watch etc, advocate. God, I get so sick of the slovenliness of the people hired to protect the public trust. Is this where the dung of society settles?

Correspondence ID: 909Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 16:59:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Correspondence ID: 911Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:02:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern;

Please maintain the Isle Royale wilderness areas in the pristine, wild condition that they have been in for so long. The wildlife and natural state of these areas is so very unique and a valuable treasure. To upset them in favor of a more touristy type of environment or to cause imbalance would change everything only for human benefit. The best benefit is to not permit the changes put forth. I agree with all that follows:

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Sincerely yours,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 912Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I strongly urge your attention to his most urgent matter. Keep it wild!

Thank you

(b) (6) Public Health Nurse

Correspondence ID: 917Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:12:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Generally, I support Alternative C, which best protects the solitude and wilderness character of Isle Royale.

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Thank you so much for your time and attention,

Correspondence ID: 918Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 17:12:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello: I'm writing and submitting my comments so you know I support Alternative C, because it protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness. Get rid of the structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale. I support the conversion of 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. Of course all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Our wildlife is important, not money making. Visitor use in the Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude & wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Close the park in the winter, to give wildlife a break of humanity and all their problems and pollution.

Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 919Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 17:13:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good afternoon,

Overall, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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In addition, I believe the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 920Project:109183Document:129858
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Please let wilderness be wilderness!

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Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 17:18:20

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Correspondence: I support Alternative 'C' as the best way to move forward with the Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 17:20:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely, (b) (6)

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Thank you for consideration of my views.

Correspondence ID: 928Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:30:42

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Save the planet and save us all!

Correspondence ID: 929Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:30:45

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative C because we MUST protect our wilderness areas! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 930Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:30:49

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Wilderness is just that. It is not meant for human habitation or structures. The wilderness should be maintained in its pristine serenity.

Correspondence ID: 931Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:31:03

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Please PROTECT ALL THINGS WILD & WONDERFUL!!

Correspondence ID: 932Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:31:05

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: We need to take better care of what is left of our environment, for wildlife, marine life, plant life, and people.

Correspondence ID: 933Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:33:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 936Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 938Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 17:45:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 939Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:45:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the National Park Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and Wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the National Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Additions to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 943Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We in Michigan are blessed with an incredible Wilderness Area called Isle Royale. It is true wilderness, separated from the Upper Peninsula by a stretch of the largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Superior .

We in Michigan revere this pristine wilderness . The solitude and wild character of this special place is unmatched in the rest of our country.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 17:57:01

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Correspondence: All though I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should definitely be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 947Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 948Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 17:57:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 949Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 950Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 18:00:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand the National Park Service has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

An additional 93 acres of the island that Congress identified as Potential Wilderness Additions is left and the proposal to convert these to Wilderness includes the removal of about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness

Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance/restoration of the others. Isn't this in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection?

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. They can be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. This would be aligned with the provisions of the Wilderness Act and the Park Service's main mission to maintain the wildness of the Wilderness.

Furthermore, please limit or close the Park to winter use so wildlife may be given a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Correspondence ID: 951Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:00:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 952Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:01:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I believe the following points are all appropriate actions to take, to preserve the Wilderness character of the majority of Isle Royale:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 953Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:04:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Correspondence ID: 954Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:04:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 956Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:05:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect our last remaining wild places! The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 958Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 959Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 18:07:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 960Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 962Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 18:08:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 963Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 18:11:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These are not my own words, but I agree with them:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 966Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:15:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Isle Royale Wilderness should be protected.

Correspondence ID: 967Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Thank you.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Thank you for your work in supporting wildlife and wildlands. The core phrase is "wild" - because of that Alternative C would be the least harmful. Visitor and commercial use should be minimized or removed, as should all structures that require maintenance - it will be wonderful for much of the PWA to be converted to wilderness (all 93 acres hopefully), but it should be a true wilderness, a haven and respite for wild animals to have a place to exist, with as minimal intrusion from people as possible, especially during the hardship of winter (when the park should remain closed for the season). Thank you again for your work and care. All my best.

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Thank you -

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Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale. While being one of the least visited National Parks, it has the most repeat visitors. It's wilderness quality and remoteness are unsurpassed. It attracts true wilderness lovers and those seeking remoteness and solitude. I've backpacked the Grenstone trail and plan to paddle the inland canoe route on my next visit. What a contrast to the more crowded, commercialized national parks.

Please consider my comments in the Draft EIS

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, but don't think there should be any structures in the wilderness areas. They should be located outside wilderness areas so the don't disrupt the wilderness character of Isle Royale. Isle royale should be managed in such a way that visitors don't do any harm and should be closed in winter to give wildlife a respite.

Correspondence ID: 981Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: We have the utmost responsibility to protect our majestic wildlife and pristine wild places for future generations. To allow the destruction of these things for the benefit of greedy corporations and special interest groups is not only shameful, it is a national disgrace! The American people are watching. What you choose to save is what you say about yourself. Choose well.

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Correspondence: Please consider the following points: I believe Human survival is intertwined with that of what we think of as the natural world.

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Thank you for your attention.

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Correspondence: Dear Sirs, I am writing in support of Alternative C, which best protects the wilderness values of this special place. In compliance with the Wilderness Act of 1964, there should be no structures in the designated wilderness. It's also important not to allow visitors during the winter to give the wildlife there a respite. Thank you for considering my comments. (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 991Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 18:37:03

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Correspondence: The ecology alone is sacred. Money is only a superficial human construct that all other species live wisely and happily without. No more of this, sirrah tumble-bug.

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Correspondence: My thanks to NPS for this diligent work.

In reviewing the DEIS, I vigorously support Alternative C. I think that it would best protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Human structures are clearly not appropriate in statutory wilderness. As such, the structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

If NPS wishes to maintain structures, they should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness. That is where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. These actions would align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Commercial uses are obviously inconsistent with Wilderness and therefore should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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In summary, I urge NPS to provide the maximum appropriate protection for Wilderness.

Thanks for considering my input and please continue this worthwhile work.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C for Isla Royale. Wilderness areas should remain wild and free of structures. This aligns with original intent when the land was designated as a protected Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 1002Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 18:51:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This crap just keeps going on and on and on. Humans just looking for a place for new entertainment and the hell with the well being of the wildlife there. Noise, pollution, added habitat loss all for the make believe story of improving something. GET OUT and STAY OUT. Leave the animals in peace....like they were meant to have.

Correspondence ID: 1003Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as many of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1008Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Generally, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1009Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:03:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Ms:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Yours truly,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1010Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:04:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1011Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:05:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In broad terms, I favor Alternative C, as it offers the highest level of protection for Isle Royale's pristine solitude and wilderness essence.

Structures within the designated Wilderness areas of Isle Royale should not be upheld or stabilized. Those that the Park Service aims to maintain should be relocated to non-Wilderness areas for improved preservation and accessibility to the

public. These actions align with the principles of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I endorse the transformation of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Areas (PWAs) into designated Wilderness, the National Park Service should refrain from reclassifying any PWAs as designated Wilderness if they intend to maintain non-essential structures on them.

Commercial activities should be discontinued within Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in the Wilderness should be managed to safeguard solitude and the natural character of the area. Alternative C stands out as the best choice for limiting large groups and overcrowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to provide wildlife with a break from the relatively high human presence during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Correspondence ID: 1012Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:05:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not live in Michigan, nor have I ever visited Isle Royale but since IR is a national park, I believe that I must speak up regarding your plans for this national asset. Generally speaking, I feel that far too much wilderness areas in our country have vanished or reduced in size. Thus, I believe that Alternative C of your proposal makes the most sense. Following are several reasons that I feel this way.

1) Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

2) While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

3) Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

4) Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

5) The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1013Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:05:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please select Alternative C. Keep this place as as wild as possible and give the wildlife a break in the winter from all of the 'tourists'.

Correspondence ID: 1014Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:06:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect isle royal national park from, logging,humans, hunting etc

Correspondence ID: 1015Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

Correspondence ID: 1016Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:10:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help protect the Isle Royale wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 1017Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:10:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1018Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:10:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1019Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:17:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

These are my personal comments for the DEIS for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale National Park. I support Alternative C, as the best alternative to protect solitude and wilderness character.

I don't support any protection of the approximately 100 human structures in designated Wilderness. The Wilderness Act doesn't allow, legally, for NPS or anyone else to maintain or stabilize these structures. If the NPS wants to maintain these structures they should be removed and set-up in the non-wilderness portion of Isle Royale. There they can be curated, preserved, and the public can have access to them.

I support turning 93 acres of potential wilderness area into wilderness. I don't support any effort to reclassify any acres of PWAs due to the maintenance of structures. The Wilderness Act doesn't allow this and should NPS decide to do this it will show the public that it's a lawless agency that should be sued and punished for flagrant violations of the law!

As the Wilderness Act requires, there should be no commercial uses of Isle Royale wilderness and any existing commercial uses should be removed.

Use of Wilderness must protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C does this best by limiting large groups and crowding. The NPS must prepare carrying capacities for all uses as required by the 1978 law that NPS has illegally not implemented. Do the right thing!

Isle Royale National Park must be closed to winter use because this allows wildlife solitude and rest from humans and their uses of their habitats, their homes. This makes sense because winter is a time when it's harder to maintain energy due to a shortage of food and because human use is heavy during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1020Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:19:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Overall, I support Alternative C, which really does best protect Isle Royale's remoteness and wilderness. But I do believe that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should definitely not be maintained or stabilized. The buildings that the Park Service wants to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better preserved and made accessible to the general public. I think these actions align with the directives of

the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should absolutely not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I also believe that commercial uses should be removed from the Isle Royale Wilderness and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1021Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:19:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. I believe that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1022Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:20:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: PROTECT IT! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1024Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:28:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1025Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:30:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in general support of alternative C because it offers the best protections of wilderness.

In wilderness, structures should not be maintained. Efforts to do so would be in violation of the wilderness act.

If a structure has historical significance, remove it from the wilderness. There should be no commercial uses in wilderness areas.

Further, please close the park in the winter so the wildlife would not be subject to additional stress.

Correspondence ID: 1026Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:30:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Please do the right thing to ensure animal welfare.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1027Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:31:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: • I strongly support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

• Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
 - Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
 - Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
 - The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
- Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1028Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:31:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the animals and habitats from extinction and banish. Save the animals and habitats together. Stand together.

Correspondence ID: 1029Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1030Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:32:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Draft Plan for Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1031Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:33:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1032Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:33:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1033Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:37:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1034Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:42:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Policy Maker, please ensure protection is in place for the Isle Royale Wilderness. We do not get second chances. Let us be stewards, I urge you. A concerned citizen, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1035Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:44:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the plan that protects the greatest area on Isle Royale from development.

Correspondence ID: 1036Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:45:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. I think that those structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act and are in keeping with the character of Wilderness. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 1037Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 19:48:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1038Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1040Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 19:51:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I want you to know that I support Alternative C, because, while still politicized and not perfect, it still best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character by codifying these elements:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1042Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Hello,

Concerning the proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park:

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for the administration of the Wilderness.

* Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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* Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

* The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you!

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: I would like to comment on the proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan. I strongly believe the term "wilderness" should be our guiding light. Isle Royale is unique in its wildness, and has remained so as one previously remote and unreachable area of this country after another has been consumed by efforts to make it accessible and accommodating to the public. These efforts include preserving and restoring historical buildings, carving out hiking and biking paths, erecting structures for rest areas - leading eventually to motor vehicle paths whether for two or four-wheeled, food vendors, parking lots, camping grounds, and all the resulting garbage, waste, air and noise pollution, and wilderness degradation that accompanies such "management" of our wildernesses.

Isle Royale is unique due in large part to its remoteness and lack of significant human "stewardship". It has remained a refuge for wildlife and for those few individuals hearty enough to spend limited amounts of time on the island. And although there are a few decaying remnants of old family homes, I believe they should be left as is, as a testament to how nature will return the trappings of civilization to their natural form, if left alone. Any structures designated for restoration

should be relocated to an area outside the wilderness.

Let us leave this wilderness to wildlife.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 1045Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 20:05:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Appreciate the attention to some very important issues to continue to work towards a protected Isle Royale ecosystem that ensures a wilderness experience for those seeking solitude.

Unfortunately, none of the options contain the steps needed to ensure greater protection of the Isle Royale ecosystem, enhanced wilderness, more solitude, and historical preservation that balances with a wilderness experience. For example, any suggestion of allowing larger groups should be a non-starter; larger groups more deeply affect the ecosystem and negatively impact the experience of those seeking solitude in the wilderness. Private boats are another area that should be more tightly managed at a place like Isle Royale. During 25+ trips to the island, too many times I've experienced boaters playing loud music, leaving gear, food, and trash all over, overstaying at shelters, cutting on trees, and containing numbers greater than the allowed group number. These boaters add to the crowding and noise at campgrounds and don't practice a wilderness ethic (it's clear some are not there for the wilderness). None of the alternatives has anything about this real issue of boaters negatively impacting Isle Royale and those who seek solitude in a wilderness setting. Adding campgrounds on islands for paddlers would be a great addition, but adding campgrounds for the benefit of private boaters is not helpful as long as private boaters are not tightly regulated.

A reservation system set up for those truly seeking a wilderness experience may have some utility. Will the system eliminate boaters whose only motivation is fishing and/or hanging out (drinking, partying), individuals connected to a cabin/cottage on Isle Royale but who don't have a clue or interest in wilderness, and folks trying to conquer the island (for example, fastpackers)? The reservation system suggested would keep some spots unreserved, but will it provide the flexibility that allows folks to flow as they experience the island or to change plans based on weather (e.g., paddlers) or injury or switch up their itinerary as they encounter folks who are negatively impacting their trip (for example, a couple times my partner and I have changed course due to hikers who brought along musical instruments - recorders, kazoos, ukeleles - that they seem to need to play at every campground).

Maintaining and interpreting some of the historical sites is important for educating visitors to the island. Those kept and maintained should be sites open to every visitor to Isle Royale. Those that seem to be the private homes of people should be opened to all or eliminated from the wilderness. For example, the Sivertsen Fishery could be maintained while so many of the other private houses in the Washington and Barnum Island areas could be removed from the landscape. The Park Service could easily shuttle people to the Sivertsen site from Windigo for tours.

Topics not addressed in any alternatives that should be included in a plan about wilderness: Float planes - too many trips per day (which also adds to the crowding), noisy as they fly over the wilderness, and pollution (we know planes are one of the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions). Expansion of cell coverage and other electronics (solar panels) which have the potential to negatively impact a wilderness experience. We're already dealing with loud talkers, folks playing music, ... due to electronics.

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Correspondence: Considering the considerable loss of forests in Canadian, Californian, Oregon, and Washington State wildfires, it is imperative that we, as a nation preserve as much woodlands as we possibly can. To erect more construction and to introduce more human interference in our wild and protected lands is incorrigible. It is time to put reality over greed. We should and must take all steps possible to keep and retain all the forests, wildlife and waterways that are now in protection. The future of this planet is dependent upon this.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, that best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

All commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding of visitors.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I am a frequent visitor of Isle Royale. I enjoy hiking, boating, kayaking, and camping on the wilderness island.

It's time to remove the houses that have been handed down to the people of the "entitled" generations. They haven't any more right to keep these buildings than any other American citizens. The island is a wilderness area and it's just not right to let the privileged people have summer homes on it.

Correspondence ID: 1049Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Overall, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to protect the Isle Royale Wilderness, as well as any other wilderness areas under your purview that are in danger of being exploited.

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Correspondence: yes

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: I am writing to ask that you do your utmost to prioritize the wellbeing of the natural treasurer that is the Isle Royale Wilderness. This Wilderness needs your support and protection -- commercial interests, private privilege, and entertainment have plenty of takers with financial resources to throw at their objectives. And unlike the Wilderness, they can go elsewhere to satisfy their wishes.

- In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
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- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I know that we humans can do so much better than just focus on what we want for ourselves. Your grandchildren will know that you did the right thing for The Isle Royale Wilderness and its life. Please do that.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Alternative C is the best option for preserving the wildness of Isle Royale!

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Hello,

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. BIG TIME.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. THERE IS LITTLE LEFT FOR THE CREATURES OF GOD SO PLEASE PROVIDE.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. THE ANIMALS ARE PART OF US AND NOT SEPARATE. WE NEED EACH OTHER.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1064Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support alternative C. The area's wilderness character should be maintained and promoted. Structures and commercial activity should not be part of wilderness. Crowd size must be reduced and the park should be closed during winter to protect wildlife.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character..

The primary madate of the Wilderness Act requires the proterction of wilderness area's.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is (b) (6). Please, help protect the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1069Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 20:49:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am voicing support of Alternative C, which best protects the solitude and wilderness character of Isle Royale.

Structures within the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be completely eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as many of the ninety-three acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in the Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I thank the NPS for accepting public comments regarding the Isle Royale Wilderness and 'grandfathered' structures. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and 'wilderness' character.

In light of the biodiversity crisis we face in our modern world, it would follow that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized in order to maximize our dwindling number of truly wild places where nature can regain her balance. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the NPS should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of that Wilderness.

Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the IRW, and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and actual wilderness. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding, and allowing the Park to remain closed to winter use would give wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild, and, thereby, strengthen the health of our global biodiversity. Truly, this is one of many powerful steps we can make towards restoring the health of our world!

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I write to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those structures the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Finally, the park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my views.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should be closed in the winter to allow wildlife a respite from inundating tourists who appear throughout the year.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which is the best alternative to protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized and instead moved if

necessary outside wilderness, as intended by the Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 1081Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 21:12:26

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I believe that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Also I believe that the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1082Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Isle Royale's wilderness character in compliance with the definition of wilderness in the 1964 Wilderness Act. I believe Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Because structures within designated wilderness will require public access as well as maintenance and curation, they should be relocated to areas outside wilderness. It follows that the NPS should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of wilderness. This can also help provide for placement of structures removed from wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. There is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Maintained structures should be located outside Wilderness, not in it. Commercial use should also be negligible or none at all because it detracts from the scenery and beauty and pristine state of nature. The Park should not reclassify 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness if it is going to maintain structures on it.

The park also needs to be closed in winter to allow at least a little time for wildlife to regroup, repopulate, have time to themselves, and be free from intrusion.

Additionally, the Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate. Not perpetuating cabins, lodges, and other structures which detract from the natural beauty of the Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing.

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Correspondence: In general, I support alternative C.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively.

Correspondence ID: 1087Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for allowing me to comment. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be

maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. And while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1089Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 21:39:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam,

Please consider my comments below regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plan-Draft EIS:

1. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

2. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

3. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

4. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

5. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

6. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during

spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely yours,

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1092Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: As a citizen who is concerned with the protection of our natural lands, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Our wilderness areas are at risk and we must take action now to preserve them for future generations and for the ultimate protection of our planet.

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Correspondence: I believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness.

How can it be "wilderness" if it's always being "messed with"?

We need to STOP trying to manipulate our wild places, and leave them BE.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall, and commercial uses should be completely eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Alternative C seems to be the best option at this time for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 1094Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you very much.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1096Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 22:00:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am submitting the following comments because in general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Also, while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Finally, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

And the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments regarding this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 1097Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 22:16:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 1099Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 22:24:53

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Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Isle Royale National Park, I generally support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. In addition, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

I also believe that the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1101Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1102Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Visitor use in Wilderness areas should be managed in ways that protects this solitude and wilderness character and Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to retain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. This includes structures which would characterize the indigenous and colonial histories,

All commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness and should be removed to areas outside of wilderness designation.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

These are my comments about the Isle Royale Draft EIS:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1108Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 22:40:11

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Correspondence: Dear Madam Sir!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

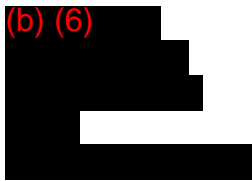
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall!

Sincerely

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Received: Sep,14 2023 22:42:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need to protect all of our parks-we have done so much damage with the mining, digging for oil, taking all our natural areas being polluted with their waste. It has to stop, we have been destroying our world. I have kids and grandkids what kind of world are we leaving them with.

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for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please accept my comments as written below on the proposal regarding Isle Royale's management:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. To that end, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should also be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should additionally remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

This message was sent as part of a public wildlife conservatio campaign by Wilderness Watch. I am not affiliated or employed with this organization, simply participating as an individual advocate.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1114Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 22:55:09

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Correspondence: Dear staff:

I heartily support Option 3 in your planning for Isle Royals. I believe all management actions going forward should respect the nature of designated wilderness, and only those structures compatible with maintaining and supporting this designation should be maintained.

Any structures not needed to maintain the wilderness areas should be allowed to break down, or if they warrant continued maintenance, they should be moved.

Further I encourage the regulations to close the area to visitors in the winter to allow the wildlife to get a needed respite from the heavy visitor traffic in the spring, fall and summer months.

Thank you for considering my views, and fur working to uphold and maintain this area's wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Sincerely,

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1117Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in

ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1121Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,14 2023 23:20:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your policy-making responsibilities for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. And I ask that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I also ask that, while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Please eliminate commercial uses from the Isle Royale Wilderness. And please manage visitor use in the Wilderness in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your kind attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 1122Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please choose alternative C for Isle Royale, as it will be best for preserving the park's wild nature.

Preserving the park's wildness is imperative! There is no room for any commercial enterprise There. Restrict access to the park in the winter so animals can rest and recuperate. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale and its very beautiful. Visitor use in the Wilderness must be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. I

believe the Park should be closed to Winter to allow the wildlife a respite from heavy human presence during Spring, Summer and Fall. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. The Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and make it accessible to the general public, commercial uses must be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. I support the conversion of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. The NPS must not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the wilderness. I support Alternative C which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Received: Sep,14 2023 23:47:07

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should be maintained or stabilized if they represent the historical context of the area prior to the wilderness act of 1964. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Portions of the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1127Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: KEEP THE WILDERNESS WILD....NOT SUBJECT TO "SELECT" WILD.

TIME FOR PEOPLE TO GET OUT AND LEAVE THE WILDLIFE TO LIVE IN HARMONY AND BALANCE AS INTENDED BY SOURCE.....NOT MEN!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale NOW!!!

Correspondence ID: 1129Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,14 2023 23:53:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Correspondence: Alternative C I think best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, and that is why I support Alternative C. To continue to maintain the wilderness of Isle Royale commercial uses should be eliminated. To further protect Isle Royale visitor use in wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. I think Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. To further allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the spring, summer, and fall, the Park should remain closed in winter. To further help protect Isle Royale, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of this park should not be maintained or stabilized. The structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may better be preserved, and made accessible to the general public. These actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: As an outdoor professional (UIMLA International Mountain Leader), I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Please keep wilderness as much as possible. Alternative C is the best choice. Please limit restorations and maintenance in wilderness areas as well as limit visitor numbers and times of the year people can visit in order to sustain wildlife. Keeping Isle Royal as natural as possible is important for the future.

Correspondence ID: 1146Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 04:01:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence: Leave the wilderness alone!

Correspondence ID: 1150Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 04:19:09

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Correspondence: please help the wolves to thrive. we need them and they harm no one. they deserve to live in peace and raise their families like any other living thing

Correspondence ID: 1151Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 04:20:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1152Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 04:22:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The following text was suggested by the Wilderness Watch. I have read, and wholly concur with, the opinions expressed. Please treat these comments as my own.

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Correspondence ID: 1153Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 04:26:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep this area as Wilderness , so that animals can continue to live in their habitat without human interference.

Correspondence ID: 1154Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 04:31:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a lover of the environment and all fauna and flora, I submit the following comments.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character

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Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Correspondence ID: 1156Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 04:44:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I appreciate Alternative C. This area should be managed in ways that protect its solitude and wilderness character. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1157Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 04:50:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Correspondence: Please help

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should have limited winter use to allow wildlife recovery.

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Correspondence ID: 1164Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: i support wilderness. if there are private structures, they have a plan for those to be gotten rid of when their time is up. i support his as a place for wildlife to live in peace. there should beno hunting or trapping on this site. for govt structures, why not get them out of the wilderness. i do not support high human use at this site. no new roads.no chemical poisonign of the site. no prescribed burns.

Correspondence ID: 1165Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 05:37:20

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Correspondence: Hello

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Sincerely,

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Received: Sep,15 2023 05:45:54

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Correspondence: Wilderness means FREE OF STRUCTURES!!

Do NOT maintain buildings or renew!

Correspondence ID: 1168Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence ID: 1169Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support alternative C which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness qualities. Visitor use in wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the heavy human traffic in the spring, summer and fall seasons.

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Correspondence: Go with proposal C and limit any buildings, give the animals on the island time to recover from having to deal with humans.... There are other places we can go; the animals have less flexibility.

Correspondence ID: 1173Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Dear All,

Please consider,

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Thank You.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Help protect the Isle Royale Wilderness

Correspondence ID: 1176Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In regard to the Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIA, I generally support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. In compliance with the Wilderness Act, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
In addition, while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. It is my opinion that Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
Lastly, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the rest of the year.
Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1177Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 06:52:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There's a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1178Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 06:52:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1179Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 06:53:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We MUST protect our native lands, or life as we know it will cease to exist in the future. We MUST work with our natural environment, not against it. Returning land to its 'original' state agrees with this scenario and can help to

create a viable future.

In general I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1180Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 06:53:56

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Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wilderness-thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1181Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1182Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1183Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 06:59:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For the most part I support Alternative C, which best protects the solitude and wilderness character of Isle Royale.

However, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1184Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:02:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1185Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:15:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better

curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1186Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:17:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For our (and our children's) soul(s) - let's keep the wild wild.

Correspondence ID: 1187Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:17:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need as much data as can be had inorder to implement best practices.

Correspondence ID: 1188Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:43:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1189Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 07:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. And while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness. Furthermore, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Obviously, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1190Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 07:45:36

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Correspondence: Twice I backpacked through this special space. Could see animals and beautiful places. Keep it wild and wonderful for the people coming after me.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: You can make a positive difference!

Correspondence ID: 1193Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been to the island 3 times, 2013, 2018, 2023. The 2023 trip seemed a lot different, more sea plane traffic for sure and also seemed like a lot more people, especially on the east/Rock Harbor end of the island. I like to see people enjoying themselves and the island, but I'm not sure that more people are a good thing for the island and it's sensitive ecosystem. I would like to see the amount of people limited in some way.

Correspondence ID: 1194Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1195Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 07:58:05

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Correspondence: Hello,

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: we must protect the wilderness we have left. Please consider the nature of things before destroying habitat.

Correspondence ID: 1200Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the wilderness's.

PLEASE eliminate all commercial operations and uses from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1201Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 08:16:46

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Correspondence: Of all the Alternatives, I believe C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding that would have both a disturbing and destructive impact to the Wilderness environment. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I hope that you will do all that is required to both preserve and add to the quality of this beautiful Wilderness area that I have had the privilege of visiting numerous times as a Midwesterner.

Thank you for all you do for the National Parks!

Correspondence ID: 1202Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 08:18:57

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1203Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 08:22:57

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Correspondence: I prefer alternate A. Not in favor of removing campsites or a permitting system that curbs access.

Correspondence ID: 1204Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 08:31:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Correspondence: Do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 1206Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: protect nature

Correspondence ID: 1207Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

I am aware there is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. Efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. Better yet, efforts should focus on how things were prior to Euro-disruption when the land belonged to Native Indigenous Peoples.

Other points to consider :

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1208Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1211Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:02:29

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Correspondence: Thank you for considering my comments. I largely support Alternative C of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

My main comments are that:

1. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.
2. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
3. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
4. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge passage of the most protective measures humanly possible. Protected federal land is our best future.

Correspondence ID: 1214Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:06:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello!

Would you please read my concerns as listed below:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness.

Buildings in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wants to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better taken care of & made available to the general public. These steps would more align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial use should be eliminated from Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that maintains & protects solitude & wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups & crowding.

And most important to me, the Park should remain close to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer & fall.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1215Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Wilderness Stewardship Plan EIS.

Correspondence ID: 1216Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:17:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must work to protect our wilderness areas for future generations and the environment!

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Correspondence ID: 1217Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:18:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID: 1218Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:20:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1219Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:21:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1220Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:23:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1221Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:24:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternate C.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized; relocate those the Park Service wishes to maintain.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Manage visitor use in Wilderness in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character.

Alternate C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowds.

Close the park in winter to allow wildlife a break from human presence during spring, summer and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1222Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:25:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1223Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:29:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 1224Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:31:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1225Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 09:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative C. We need to protect Isle Royale. This would include the elimination of commercial use. We need to protect all our forests and wild lands to fight climate change.

Correspondence ID: 1226Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 09:38:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Also, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding, and the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1227Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 09:42:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character and therefore should be the option selected.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any structures the Park Service wants to preserve should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better cared for and made accessible to the general public. This aligns with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness as such, whatever is converted should not contain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character and Alternative C meets that interest.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Wildlife needs to be able to maintain healthy body weight and human interference can result in calories burned that are disparately needed during winter.

Correspondence ID: 1228Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 09:45:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1229Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:54:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My comments today are in regards to the Wilderness Stewardship Plan concerning Isle Royale. I support Alternative C. This plan will do the most to protect the wilderness of Isle Royale. Any structures in the areas designated as Wilderness within Isle Royale should not be maintained. Structures that the park service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they can be maintained and made available for public use. These recommendations are in agreement with the 1964 Wilderness Act which essentially calls for Wilderness to remain wild and not subjugated to human intrusion. I would like to add that I agree with converting 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, however, if these acres are converted to Wilderness only structures that are necessary to maintain the area as a designated Wilderness should be allowed and maintained. All commercial uses should be eliminated from Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1230Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:55:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1231Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 09:55:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1232Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 09:57:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WE NEED EVERY ACRE OF WILDERNESS.....NOT MORE DEVELOPMENT.

SO. DON'T.

I EXPECT THE PARK SERVICE TO SERVICE THE PARKS.....NOT ANY OUTSIDE INTERESTS...ESPECIALLY DEVELOPERS....

Correspondence ID: 1233Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 10:02:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1234Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 10:02:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select the alternative requiring full and total compliance with the Wilderness Act . No deviation from the letter of the law, please.

I want designated wilderness to be pure natural wilderness shaped by nature alone, NOT mankind. In other words please obey the law. By definition that is your job description. Let designated wilderness be nothing but Wilderness . . . period.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 1235Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 10:18:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Get rid of the structures, prioritize the wildlife, and I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. This should be a proper and exemplary wild land.

Correspondence ID: 1236Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:24:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Wildlife need less contact with all of us rather than more to maintain themselves in the wild as intended.

Correspondence ID: 1237Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:31:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing in support of the application of the Wilderness Act to guide the use of and protect Isle Royale's wilderness areas.

The Wilderness Act directs that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. Structures that currently exist at Isle Royale are not necessary for wilderness protection.

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. The Park Service should not maintain or stabilize the structures in the portions of Isle Royale that are designated "wilderness."

The structures can be relocated outside of wilderness areas, consistent with the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I also strongly support the elimination of commercial uses from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use should be managed to avoid crowding, and large groups should be limited.

And lastly I support closure of the Park should remain closed to winter use.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1238Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:32:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1239Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:34:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1240Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:36:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am urging you to protect the wilderness of Isle Royale.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. In addition, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important and urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 1241Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:44:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Wilderness management feels as though it's starting to dwindle as more and more private land owners take over the designated Wilderness, forcing resources to abandon Wilderness rules and regulations that have been in place for decades. I hold the Wilderness as being sacred land to enjoy, exactly as is, it's disheartening seeing the USFS and other management resources NOT seeing or treating it with the same respect and high regard. The animals, ecology, and ecosystems should be allowed to be what they are without human interference dictating what we deem as necessary.

Correspondence ID: 1242Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:51:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Save the undeveloped, unpolluted land that is left in the USA

Correspondence ID: 1243Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:53:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1244Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 10:55:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for reading the following comments:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Let's protect nature!

Correspondence ID: 1245Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 10:59:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1246Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 11:07:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings,

I support Alternative C for Isle Royale's wilderness.

Any structures on the wilderness property, not essential to administration should be moved or left to decay.

There should be no commercial use of the wilderness.

The park ought to be closed for the winter season

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1247Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 11:07:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Officials,

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I think it is best that buildings that deserve to be maintained should be moved out of wilderness.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 1248Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 11:08:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

Correspondence ID: 1249Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 11:17:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN::

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. EMPATHY!

Correspondence ID: 1250Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 11:28:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale wilderness

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1254Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 11:57:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1255Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 12:03:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT ISLE ROYALE WILDERNESS AND WILD CREATURES!!

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1256Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 12:07:28
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1257Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Use your own words, but try to include the following points:

- In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,15 2023 12:15:40

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Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1259Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 12:20:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting visitor crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1260Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 12:21:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1261Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 12:21:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a concerned citizen who cares deeply about our environment, its wildlife, and our National Parks. My comments are in regard to the Isle Royal Wilderness.

Solitude and wilderness character should be protected, and toward this end visitor usage should be managed. The best option by which to limit large groups and crowding is Alternative C. I support Alternative C to protect aisle Royale's wilderness.

I support conversion of up to 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, but I believe the National Park Service should not reclassify any PWAs as Wilderness if it plans to keep structures on them that aren't necessary for Wilderness admin purposes. In alignment with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act, I support the relocation of the structures from the Wilderness portion of Isle Royale to areas outside of the Wilderness. The Park Service can better curate and preserve them, and they can be made accessible to the general public.

I support NO commercial uses of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The public should NOT be allowed access to the Park in winter. The Park should be closed to winter use for the good of the wildlife.

This allows time for wildlife in the Park to recover from the presence and influence of humans from the rest of the year. The Park's wildlife population needs this time as a natural respite.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1262Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1263Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 12:51:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

My name is (b) (6), here are my comments on the proposed Wilderness project:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1264Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1265Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 12:52:00

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses must be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness must be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1266Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1267Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:02:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in regard to the Wilderness Stewardship plan for the Isle Royale Wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

It makes sense to me that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized, as human structures are not naturally found in a wilderness. Structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1268Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1269Project:109183Document:129858

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1270Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C appears to best protect Isle Royale and its Wilderness status. However, commercial use should be eliminated, structures in the designated wilderness portions should not be maintained or stabilized, and the park should remain closed during winters. These actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1271Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:27:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Choose Alternative C. Keep the wilderness wild! As for the parts that aren't wild, let them go back to nature.

Correspondence ID: 1272Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:31:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C,

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1273Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:34:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep and expand the wilderness on Isle Royale.

, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1274Project:109183Document:129858

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1275Project:109183Document:129858

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1276Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:51:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Let's keep our parks in great order! I love our natural resources!

Correspondence ID: 1277Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:52:50

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1278Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 13:59:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

thank you for listening

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Correspondence ID: 1279Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:08:48

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the Wilderness wild !!!

Correspondence ID: 1280Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:16:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 1281Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:21:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 1282Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:22:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated wilderness areas of Isle Royale should be relocated to areas outside of wilderness. Those structures would then be better curated, preserved and made accessible to the general public, while also being in alignment with the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to wilderness, but NPS shouldn't reclassify any PWAs as designated wilderness if the intention is to maintain structures there that are not necessary for the administration of the wilderness.

Commercial use should be eliminated from Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitor use should be managed in ways to protect solitude and the character of that wilderness.

Alternative C is the best option to limit large groups and crowding. I support the park being closed in winter to give wildlife a break from all the tourism of spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1283Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:27:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1285Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:37:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help the environment and the people and animals that are suffering.

Correspondence ID: 1286Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:38:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1287Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 14:40:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the Royale Wilderness. We are losing wild spaces faster than one can imagine. Wild spaces give us: cooling of the earth, wildlife, protect from over development, clean air....etc.

Correspondence ID: 1288Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 14:40:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, when plans are mdade, consider the needs for wildlife as well as humans. They need solitude and free range without worrying about humans.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1289Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 14:45:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am counting on the NPS to be compliant with the enabling legislation of the Wilderness Act of 1964 which forbids any and all human construction, including maintenance or "improvement" of any type, within designated Wilderness land.

Correspondence ID: 1290Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 14:52:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

My family knows it! We'd never come back to the area at all unless this was observed and put into practice!

Correspondence ID: 1291Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 14:54:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The very definition of "wilderness" means that commercial activities have no place in a wilderness-designated area. No commercial use at all should be allowed in the Isle Royal Wilderness. In addition, this area hosts sufficient visitor activity in the spring, summer, and fall that it should be closed in the winter, to allow for wildlife recovery.

Thank you for considering my input,

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Correspondence ID: 1292Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:57:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1293Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 14:58:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

We ALL have a responsibility to work together in order to Protect and SAVE our Wilderness, Waterways and Environment from senseless Destruction and Poisoning in the name of Ignorance and Greed.

We have to STOP the senseless harassment and killing of our Wildlife out of Ignorance and Greed!

Correspondence ID: 1294Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:01:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1295Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 15:07:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go with Option C! This wilderness needs to be kept pristine. It was my only wilderness experience! People have many other options to go to cabins and other facilities for outdoor experiences. And, as I always conclude these comments, once it's gone, it's gone!

Correspondence ID: 1296Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 15:07:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have never been to Isle Royale but many of my close friends have hiked the trails many times. They rave about the wilderness aspect and the fact that the island is undeveloped except for the lodge. Their encounters with wildlife have been amazing. This island must be kept wild and designated as wilderness.
I support plan c as that seem as to be the best fit for the island and maintaining its wild character and wildlifes' needs. Structures remaining in the wilderness area should not be repaired but if in good enough shape to save, be moved to trail or campsite areas.
This is such a magical place and one of least visited National parks. That is because of its remoteness and the cost to get there. Pleas' do all you can to keep it wild.

Correspondence ID: 1297Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 15:11:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Wilderness of aisle Isle Royals. I generally support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
Thank you protecting wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1298Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 15:18:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C,

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 1299Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:21:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1300Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:39:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Thank you f

Correspondence ID: 1301Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:48:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel strongly that Isle Royale should remain as the highest designation of Wilderness possible. This is consistent with the original vision of the founders when this land was first proposed for wilderness around fifty years ago. Human structures are an impediment to the natural processes of life and a degradation of the ecosystem. They should not be maintained or repaired in any way. I am sick and tired of people thinking that a human-centered environment only has value. Wildlife and wild lands have intrinsic value of their own as is. Humans and human structures should be removed from

wilderness areas as much as possible to let the lands heal. To this end, Isle Royale should remain closed during the winter to allow wildlife to recover during what is the most stressful time of the year for them.

Correspondence ID: 1302Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:49:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1303Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 15:53:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider these my personal comments.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1304Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:03:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better

curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1305Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:07:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C. This option best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character, and the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Although I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1306Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:24:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1307Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:29:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for accepting public comments, and in general, I support "Alternative C", which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character for the following reasons:

* Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

* While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

* Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

* Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

* The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1308Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 16:30:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this area from developers of any kind. Some areas in this country need to be protected. This is one of them.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1309Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 16:32:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1310Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 16:33:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Please 🙏 have a compassionate, considerate and humane approach to handling countless species of animals that call those wilderness lands home. ❤️

Correspondence ID: 1311Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:34:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need dto start protecting our wild spaces...not destroying them. These are my reasons for protecting:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1312Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:35:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's start protecting our beautiful wild places:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1313Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:43:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to use from Oct 1 thru Mar 31 yearly to allow wildlife a respite from the overuse and poorly behaved public. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Thanks

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Correspondence ID: 1314Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 16:56:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a life l g member of IRNP historical society, I am submitting my choice foe option C

Correspondence ID: 1315Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:05:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop taking public lands to fund greedy developers plans.

Correspondence ID: 1316Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:20:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1317Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:27:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Overall, we support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While we support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
There should be no commercial uses on the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow a break for wildlife from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for accepting our comments.

Correspondence ID: 1318Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 17:28:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Overall, we support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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There should be no commercial uses on the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow a break for wildlife from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1319Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 17:28:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Overall, we support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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There should be no commercial uses on the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

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Thanks for reading!

Correspondence ID: 1320Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:29:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Overall, we support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained. Those the Park Service wants to keep should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

The actions above are in accordance with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While we support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

There should be no commercial uses on the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow a break for wildlife from the heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for accepting our comments.

Correspondence ID: 1321Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:31:05

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Correspondence: As someone who has visited over 100 national parks and monuments, whose kids have earned 50+ junior ranger badges, and who has earned 15+ junior ranger badges myself including one at Isle Royale, I support Alternative C. It best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. I don't think that buildings that currently exist in the Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained. Any buildings that should be preserved should be relocated outside the wilderness area so they can be preserved and accessed by visitors. More importantly, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the rest of The year.

Correspondence ID: 1322Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:31:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for inviting public comments.

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1323Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 17:48:58

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1324Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Please don't open this environment to any sort of development. Keep it pristine.

Correspondence ID: 1325Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

These points are a way for Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park to maintain and enhance it's current beauty for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 1327Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1328Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 19:13:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1329Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 19:25:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. While I support the conversion of as many of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs) to Wilderness as feasible, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Any structures remaining in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Commercial uses should be eliminated completely from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1330Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 19:51:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Manage visitor use in Wilderness in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
Close the park to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1331Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 19:55:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1332Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1333Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: According to the 1964 Wilderness Act, structures in wilderness areas should not be maintained. If the buildings need to be preserved for historic reasons, please remove them from the wilderness to a safe site where they can be maintained.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and

crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1335Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 20:37:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1336Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 20:43:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C. Do not stabilize any structures and leave the wilderness wild.

Correspondence ID: 1337Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,15 2023 20:53:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Correspondence ID: 1338Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1339Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: no sructures needed leave the animals alone

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1342Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,15 2023 22:07:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To the National Park Service decision makers,

Re: Isle Royal Wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

Correspondence ID: 1343Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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Received: Sep,16 2023

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. No building should be included in the Wilderness. That is what a Wilderness is all about--being a wilderness and not a wilderness with building on it and people going in and out of those building for anything else but what is needed for the park to be maintained. This means that all commercial users should be eliminated immediately, and all visitors use the Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect quietness, peace to the animals that live there and also to anyone who is in the Wilderness to relax and enjoy nature as a Wilderness and protect the Wilderness character.

I believe Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowds as it is the one closest to maintaining the Wilderness as a Wilderness for the land, water, and animals that live there. Also, the park should be closed to all winter use to allow the wildlife a change to relax and enjoy the park without any human being present. Hours for visiting the Wilderness should be only during the daytime with no overnight allowed and only a minimum of days per week even in the spring, summer, and fall. The Wilderness is not a tourist attraction where people need to go to have fun but a place to relax and maybe see the innocent wildlife in their natural setting. This Wilderness should be kept that way. With few wildernesses left, this one need to be protected so it can be safe as a Wilderness and only a Wilderness.

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Received: Sep,16 2023 06:00:48

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Correspondence: Please protect the wilderness

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Correspondence: Dearest National Park Service,

I writing in response to your plan for the Isle Royale Wilderness Area. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. I do support the plan to maintain and preserve historical buildings in the Area. I would need further information regarding costs and feasibility of moving these building to non-wildneress areas. If they remain, they should not be used by the families that sold them to the National Park Service, but be used for educational and research purposes.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness, or research and education.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your great work in protecting our wilderness areas.

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Correspondence ID: 1353Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. In short, let the Wilderness stay as wild as possible!

Correspondence ID: 1354Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 07:49:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If the park service isn't going to enhance or sustain an area. then at least leave it alone. Wilderness Stewardship means stewardship, not denigrating on the whim of some oligarch only wanting more money. Wilderness belongs to all of us.

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Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1356Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

KEEP the Isle Royale Wilderness WILD! Follow the guidelines of the Wilderness Act. Thank You.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We feel that Alt. C best protects wilderness characteristics and solitude on Isle Royale NP. Protecting our remaining wild lands and their biodiversity is very important to us as is strictly abiding by the Wilderness Act. Thank you for this planning process and the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 1359Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 08:38:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should be no structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale. Keep any structures where it doesn't affect wildlife.

There should be no commercial uses of any part of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1360Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 08:41:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We want you to keep Isle Royale as wild as possible. Remove cabins and buildings whenever and wherever you can. Minimize busy periods. Alternative C supports wilderness best.

Correspondence ID: 1361Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 08:43:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1362Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 08:43:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. I also support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness.

The National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Any existing structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any structures the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of the designated wilderness areas where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. These actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act and preserve these sensitive wilderness areas.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1363Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 08:50:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative "C" seems to be in accordance with wilderness. I support that.

The over-arching issue that is the lens through which all decisions now are made is Climate Change. Or, global warming, if you prefer that term.

The intense stresses on everything and everyone -- that is, on ALL species - means we must look to what is the central cause of the acceleration of warming. All signs point to human activity. Let's face it, humans are selfish, want as much fun as they can get, use machines and tools and fossil fuels to do just that. They use our parks, our national parks, our preserved areas and then gripe about having to pay taxes - because they just don't want to think that maybe - just maybe - their taxes are needed to keep the parks cleaned and staffed and pay people a decent, living wage. The amount of garbage alone that a single person produces and expects someone else to pick up and cart away is something people don't think about - they don't think about what that means in terms of carting garbage off an island (any island) and how much that costs and how that relates to paying their taxes.

I haven't been to Isle Royale National Park in a long time, and I probably won't be able to get there anytime soon. But as a native Michigander (now New Yorker) I am deeply concerned about all things that affect the Great Lakes, the pollution that has damaged the waters, the invasive species that have also invaded and the human activities that assist in that damage.

As I said, I haven't been to the Park in quite a while, but I am hoping that the Park Service insists that ALL visitors to the park be made to first watch a video on man's impact on parks in general, on parks that are on islands and make them think about that, before setting foot out to hike, backpack, whatever.

And please instill in them the "leave nothing behind, but footprints," and don't stress the iconic native wildlife by trying to get that selfish picture showing how close you got to any of our iconic native species.

This is all prelude to the hard decisions. If it were up to me, I'd make every visitor wear a body cam so they would be forced to be good citizens, good visitors and to prove they are not harrasing the wildlife or damaging the land.

Or, perhaps the occupants of those structures that are somehow grandfathered in, could be "recruited" as a sort of Civilian Conservation Corps, to watch out for areas in the park and be trained in making sure people are responsible to the land and to the wildlife? . Rangers can't be everywhere, they can't help everyone in distress, but perhaps recruitment of these people as allies in the struggle for wildnerness might prove useful to maintaining the wilderness character of this wonderful Park.

Correspondence ID: 1364Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 09:05:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not want to see the spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act destroyed by a thousand cuts.

I support Alternative C that offers the best protection to solitude and wilderness.
Structures should not be maintained or stabilized because they do not belong in Wilderness. Move them out and make it an archaeology project to preserve them elsewhere. I have seen this done in the Los Alamos area where old settlers strutures could not be visited on Los Alamos National Laboratory lands but are now in the townsite for the public to see them.

I support the conversion of 93 acres of PWA's to Wilderness but not if structures are to be maintained.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Limit all large groups to preserve the wilderness character.

Close the Park in winter to give wildife a rest from human interference and disturbance.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1365Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 10:00:24
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan C - thank you - (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1366Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 10:14:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: to WHOM IT PROBABLY DOESN'T CONCERN,

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service SHOULD NOT RECLASSIFY any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IMMEDIATELY from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed IN WAYS THAT PROTECT SOLITUDE AND WILDERNESS CHARACTER!!!

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK HUMANS SHOULD BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEAR THIS PRISTINE AREA!!!

The Park SHOULD REMAIN CLOSED DURING WINTER to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1367Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you, (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1368Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 10:33:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character and limits large groups and crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness areas should not be maintained or stabilized but should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Wilderness areas.

Use of the Wilderness by visitors should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.
I think the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.
In my opinion, alternative C is the best option.

Correspondence ID: 1369Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 10:33:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep the wilderness free of people and development. Say no to greed.

Correspondence ID: 1370Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 11:03:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1371Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 11:36:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think Alternative C is best.

There should be no commercial uses in designated Wilderness. Structures in the Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Relocating structures is a better choice. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the rest of the year.

Correspondence ID: 1372Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 11:41:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C- follow all wilderness resignation rules, limit crowds, close in winter for wildlife recovery.
Structuresin wilderness should not be maintained or should be moved to non-wilderness. Same thing If non-wilderness gets reclassified as wilderness .
Convert as much non-wilderness to wilderness as has no structures.
Remove all commercial use from wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1373Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NPS Isle Royale Wilderness Stewardship Plan:

I have been a boater at Isle Royale over the last two decades. I feel the park service needs to reduce the amount of visitors to Isle Royale. To achieve this I would drastically reduce or eliminate seaplane service to the island. I see there are around 3100 people ytd who have arrived by concession planes. The amount of noise these planes produce as NPS quoted close to 120 db is too much. If the preferred alternative B is approved I see there is no cap on seaplane visitors. I feel this will only create more demand for seaplane frequency visiting the island as people will spend the money for the plane ride out of convenience vs worrying about obtaining a camping permit if they arrived by ferry.

Although I am sad to see Duncan dock go, Wright is a good upgrade. I know boaters make up a small percentage of visitors there, I wish there were more docks for us to use. Many of the day use only docks I wish we could stay at for overnight if we boat camp only. I am fortunate to have a self contained boat to stay on, but for those who do not I would like to see the unique shelters of Isle Royale stay.

End of the day more boaters are a positive there. I have lost count how many times I have given food or fuel to hikers/kayakers at docks. More importantly I found myself the only boat at Chippewa harbor dock on 09/02/23 and met a hiker having a stroke who I was able to rush to Rock Harbor on my boat, and get him the medical attention he needed. If we were not there I am not sure how he would have faired with no way to communicate.

If I have to pick one of the 3 plans I pick alternative B, but you can see my above concerns with it as it is currently written.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1375Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 12:38:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I strongly support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I strongly support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

All Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Overall, I support the C Alternative, because it best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Any structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain, could be moved so that they are accessible to the public. in accordance with the 1964 Wilderness Act.

The Isle Royale Wilderness should be left as true wilderness and not have any commercial uses within it.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Wilderness should be closed during the winter months.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

The National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness, and commercial uses should be

eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,16 2023 13:46:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to say I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

No structures should exist at all in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness entirely.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those which the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much as possible of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

All commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the other seasons.

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Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during

spring, summer, and fall.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 1384Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,16 2023 15:20:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1385Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1386Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: This is essential.

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Correspondence: Thank you for allowing me to provide my thoughts on this topic. I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, I am concerned if the Park Service decides to do so and continue to maintain any structures in this area that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Structures in this Wilderness area of Isle Royal should not be maintained (with the exception of those necessary for the administration of the wilderness as mentioned above). Any structures that do not serve this purpose and the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. In short commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Also visitor access to the Wilderness should be managed to protect the solitude and wilderness character, limiting large groups and crowding as we unfortunately see is no many National Parks. With this in mind, I think the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Thank you for your time!

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Received: Sep,16 2023 17:32:12
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Correspondence: Only those buildings required for administration of the Isle Royale wilderness area should be continued and maintained. Family cabins could be given a limited lease, say 50 years or less by which time they must be removed.

Visitors should be restricted to a narrow time period during the summer season to allow wildlife some respite. The Wilderness Act needs to be upheld in managing this area.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: We must protect our remaining wilderness!

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence ID: 1394Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 18:43:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing regarding the Isle Royale Wilderness plan. Visitor use in wilderness areas should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. I believe that Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. And of course, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. The Wilderness area should not be used for commercial uses.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

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Received: Sep,16 2023 18:51:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1398Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 19:04:41

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Correspondence: I am writing in support of option C for Isle Royale to preserve the wilderness character of the Park. I advocate leaving the Park closed in winter so ecosystems can recover. Structures in wilderness areas should not be maintained as this activity is not compatible with a Wilderness designation. Please be mindful of what the Wilderness designation means so that this island can be kept as such in a world that is losing the opportunity for solitude and nature by the minute.

Thank you,

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Correspondence ID: 1399Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 19:04:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a backpacker, paddler, and power boating enthusiast. I've been to Isle Royale four times, three to backpack and this past summer to kayak for the first time. I have never power boated at Isle Royale because it seems contrary to the wilderness ethic of the island. In my own experience, every time I've been to Isle Royale power boaters, at best, detracted from and, at worst, completely ruined any notion of wilderness. On our recent kayaking trip, power boaters played music loud enough to be heard from our tent, brought into the wilderness numerous cases of beer cans and beer bottles and left cans and beer can packaging littering the wilderness campsites, created illegal fires that left fire scars and half burned beer cardboard boxes in the middle of the wilderness campground, used a noisy battery-powered inflator to inflate a sleeping mat at 9pm at night, created a tremendous amount of noise while knocking down and then carrying numerous trees to create a huge bonfire, broke the quiet of the morning by letting kids run around the wilderness campground whacking away at various trees with an axe, and boated past our kayaks well above no-wake speeds. In fact, during our eight-day kayak trip, much of it through the "quiet/no-wake" zones, I did not observe a single power boater obeying anything close to a no-wake speed. I love power boating but I, like most other people, go to Isle Royale for the wilderness, not for the ability to bring in all the noise, pollution, modern amenities, and alcoholic beverages of our busy everyday lives. There are literally hundreds of places to go power boating in the Midwest to enjoy a private campground-like atmosphere; Isle Royale should be kept wild so that people can make the choice to go there to escape the noise of our modern world. Indeed, the managers of Isle Royale have the mandate to "preserve the wilderness character" and provide for "outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation." I have found wilderness character everywhere on the interior of the island while backpacking but almost nowhere on the exterior of the island where power boaters have access. Paddlers have the same right to find outstanding opportunities for solitude on Isle Royale that backpackers can enjoy, yet power boat access makes that difficult to impossible. Alternative A, no action, is obviously not working to preserve the wilderness character of Isle Royale. Therefore, change is needed so alternative C is preferred. The

Park Service has a mandate to manage the wilderness appropriately, and limited funds, so I support the removal of most docks that connect to the main part of the island, all shelters in wilderness be removed, and letting many of the cultural sites that are in wilderness be allowed to molder. Additionally, the noise pollution from power boats is problematic and no-wake rules in the wilderness sections, such as Duncan Cove, are not being obeyed so power boats should be restricted from going into these wilderness coves. Lastly, I support alternative C because it will do more to "preserve the wilderness character" of Isle Royale, however I think it is not reasonable to force paddlers into a set itinerary due to the changing paddling conditions on Lake Superior. Paddlers need some flexibility in their schedule for days when water conditions are too dangerous for small human powered watercraft.

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Correspondence: protect all animals and protect forests and all bodies of water.

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Correspondence: The Draft Plan proposal is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

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Correspondence: Save earth

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Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1408Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,16 2023 23:03:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

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Thank you,



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Correspondence: We only have one planet and need to protect it from the greedy

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Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Please save our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 1413Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1414Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option c, due to the fact that it would best preserve and protect Isle Royale's wilderness character of solitude and near pristine nature. It would allow man made structures in the wilderness area to gradually deteriorate, and would limit the amount of people that can enter the wilderness at certain times.

Correspondence ID: 1415Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 07:41:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 1416Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 07:49:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service must chose Alternative C, as it is the best option to protect the solitude and wild character of the Isle Royale Wilderness. This option will also best help limit the number of large groups and crowds.

All commercial operations must be removed from the Isle Royale Wilderness, along with any buildings or structures the Service intends to maintain. No structures or buildings within wilderness can be maintained or stabilized unless they are necessary for wilderness protection. Relocating this infrastructure to areas outside of wilderness will make them easier to maintain, curate, and visit. I support the designation of the 93 acres, currently listed as Potential Wilderness Additions, as wilderness. But if the Service intends to maintain these structures as they have been, this area cannot be reclassified as wilderness.

Keep the park closed in winter to allow Isle Royal's wildlife a respite from human activity. The wilderness character of this group of islands is their most important quality. Please include the interests and historical contributions of the Indigenous peoples who have cultural ties to this area. The perpetuation of colonial heritage is not nearly as important as biodiversity or open space to distance Ourselves from the preponderance of man-made infrastructure, machinery, and pollution.

Thank you for you attention.

Correspondence ID: 1417Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 07:58:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C. This option is the best to ensure that Isle Royale's wilderness is protected and maintains the ultimate feeling of peace and undisturbed nature.

Structures in the designated Wilderness areas should be allowed to be consumed by nature. Broken down to become a part of the landscape and eventually dust. If the Park Service really wishes to keep these structures intact through maintenance and stabilization, they should be relocated to the 1,677 acres that are not designated or potential Wilderness. Here they

can be visited by the public, further minimizing the human impact on the rest of the island; aligning with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

The presence of any maintained structures within the 93 acres of PWAs that are not to be relocated, would rule out these areas from becoming designated Wilderness if the structures are non-essential to the administration of the Wilderness.

All commercial uses of land should be immediately wound down and removed from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Large groups of visitors to the island would lead to a shattering of the Wilderness ambiance for the wildlife and other visitors. Visits should be managed based on the principles of achieving and maintaining the feeling of solitude, and should be managed accordingly. Alternative C is the best option for addressing this issue.

The public visits Wilderness in greater numbers in the warmer months. The Park needs the winter months to be free from human presence, to allow wildlife to reestablish its connections to over-used areas, and popular routes to recover from wear and tear. Therefore, the Park must be closed during the winter.

Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

Correspondence ID: 1418Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 08:02:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an avid outdoorsman, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. If the Park Service wishes to maintain structures, they should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they can be better preserved, and made accessible to the general public. This would align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be completely eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1419Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 08:04:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Wilderness Act clearly states what will constitute Wilderness. To do otherwise lessens the experience and undermines the Act itself opening the opportunity to change existing Wilderness areas. Wilderness must remain Wilderness as defined in the Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1420Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 08:19:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My first-ever backpacking trip was to Isle Royale in the 1970s, and the memories of that trip are still clear to me today, even after countless other wilderness trips. It is the wilderness that provided lasting memories--not cabins, not other structures, not amenities.

I support Alternative C.

Although some infrastructure is necessary at access points to allow visitors, the wilderness should remain wild. Commercial uses of the park should be prohibited. Structures in the wilderness area should be removed.

Please keep Isle Royale a true wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 1421Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 09:07:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If we keep destroying the Earth, where is every living thing going to be able to survive?

Correspondence ID: 1422Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 09:22:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The essence of wilderness is its wildness. As such,structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Therefore I support Alternative C in general, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1423Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 09:25:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1424Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 09:45:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I believe that existing structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness, as this sends a mixed message about the nature of Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you

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Correspondence: I am in support of removing all unnecessary structures on this island, to keep it as pristine as possible. thank you.

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Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence: Hello, I do not think the existing campground shelters should be removed from the campgrounds. They are a great place to dry off during the spring when there is very wet weather and do not negatively impact the enjoyment of the park.

I do think a reservation system could be helpful to prevent doubling up at campgrounds and the need to rush between campgrounds to ensure a good site. However, 85% seems like a high threshold to have fully reserved presenting little opportunity for those who don't plan far in advance. I would think something more like 75% pre-reservations and 25% open reservations would present more flexibility.

I do not think group sizes should be increased. Small groups and solitude are part of the beauty of Isle Royale. Similarly, I do not think commercial guided tours or excursions should be permitted on the Island. It should be a place for individuals and small groups to plan ahead, and explore on their own vs. being commercially monetized.

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Correspondence: Please do all you can to keep the Treasured and Beautiful Isle Royale Wilderness intact!

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Correspondence: There is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. We believe efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. I want the National Park Service know there is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 1435Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Leave Nature alone. She is much smarter than humans.

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Correspondence ID: 1437Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Do any government agencies have brains? You all make some of the worst decisions regarding wild places, national forests, and wildlife. Why must you destroy? It's disgusting to read your lame-brained ideas. Wake up. Start listening to the [people who treasure these things, stop your destruction.

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Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Save earth

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Thank you for raising

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. I believe that the Wilderness portions of the islands be managed as wilderness. I believe this most closely aligns with Alternative C.

So far as the Potential Wilderness Areas (PWAs), only designate them as wilderness if the structures are to be removed. If the structures remain, the PWAs can still be part of the National Park, showcasing the history of structures and human life on the island. It just would not meet the criteria for wilderness.

As with all Wilderness Areas, commercial use should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness with the exception of strictly regulated outfitter-led excursions in the wilderness area. The wilderness area should be closed to the general public in the winter to allow wildlife a quiet period free from human intrusion with an exception of closely regulated scientific studies on a extremely limited basis.

Thank you again for your consideration.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

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Correspondence: This is in reference to the appendix covering the Tobin Harbor Historic District and is to clarify the content relating to the Connolly Camp/ Cliff Crest and its guest house which is called Spider Haven.

In 2019 and 2021 Spider Haven which the roof was in terrible shape was put to rights. The foundation was jacked up and realigned so it was stable and fairly even. Then for the roof- rotten boards were removed the 3 rafters were sistered and a new plate was put around the top for greater stabilization. Then the rolled roofing which was the type the NPS was asking us to use was applied. As there had been motors, gas cans, oil etc stored in there, we put down roofing paper and then topped with rough cut boards. New steps which were in the same fashion and style of the old ones which were rotten and unstable were attached. A door was found under Cliff Crest which not only fit pretty well but was from the 1910's-20's was used to replace the one which was rotten and animals had chewed holes in. Fresh curtains were hung. It now is a tighter

and more comfortable building and is used as a sleeping cabin. No longer are motors and gasoline etc allowed if at all possible.

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Correspondence: Save earth

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Correspondence: I will also send this hard copy with proper formatting assured.
Please do not publish my email or phone number in the public documents.

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September 16, 2023

Superintendent Denice Swanke
Isle Royale National Park
Wilderness Stewardship Plan
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, MI 49931-1896

Dear Superintendent Swanke:

I offer the following comments on the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan and EIS, with appreciation for the opportunity and great respect for the process and the hardworking and dedicated ISRO staff. I have known many of them for years.

You and I have crossed paths a few times and I was delighted with the news that you had become the superintendent; ISRO needs someone like you. I only regret that you arrived after I had departed Apostle Islands, where I was superintendent for 16 years, ending in 2018. Hence we had no chance to get to know one another as Lake Superior superintendent colleagues.

As a bit of background, and hopefully “cred” to put the following comments in perspective:

- I served as natural resource manager and wilderness coordinator for ISRO 1985-91.
- 4 national parks that I served at and worked on wilderness issues were recognized with one of the NPS national wilderness awards. APIS and BIBE while I was there; SHEN and EVER soon after I departed, based in part on work that I had contributed to.
- I was invited to be a member of the NPS national wilderness steering committee while superintendent of APIS, based on the successful wilderness study and congressional designation that occurred under my leadership.
- APIS completed a Wilderness Management Plan/EIS under my direction.
- I have taught numerous park-based, regional and national wilderness training courses, or parts thereof.
- I have recently retired from over 41 years with the NPS and almost 5 years as superintendent of Big Bend, a park with almost 600,000 acres of “orphan” recommended wilderness that has yet to be designated by Congress. Changing that was a high priority in recent years and I remain active in the effort known as Keep Big Bend Wild. (b) (6)

My comments follow.

Purpose and Need

I agree with the one of your key bullets in this section, that says: Changes in wilderness use, management actions, increasing visitation, and associated human- caused adverse impacts suggest an underlying need to more proactively manage human activities that directly or indirectly affect wilderness character.

I recommend that the plan include decision criteria evaluating every choice in the plan against whether or not it is meeting this need; Table ES-1 does not do this adequately . There are always tradeoffs, or course. Proactive management of human activities inevitably trammels more. But several of the items (noted below) that increase use, increase group size, increase the permanent footprint of structures, even cultural resources, negatively impact wilderness character more than the plan acknowledges.

Identification of Alternatives

Your decision to frame the action alternatives as “improving the visitors' wilderness experience” (alternative B) or “improving solitude” (alternative C) unfortunately, sets up a false dichotomy. These two definitions are not mutually exclusive but if I read no further I would also have been sure that you would pick B as the preferred alternative. Experience tells me that NPS rarely, if ever, chooses an alternative that could be perceived as anti-visitor, which “improving solitude” will be perceived to be by many, regardless of your intent. Alternative C reduces trails, shelters, and other facilities, eliminates commercial access, and while it may improve solitude for the few, it will significantly reduce the number of people who benefit from an ISRO backcountry experience. It's not realistic, practically or politically, and appears therefore to be a “strawman” to make it more comfortable to select B as the preferred alternative.

It's also not necessary under NEPA to create alternatives that are thematic, or opposed to one another. NEPA does require, however, that all alternatives considered meet the purpose and need, and be viable. My recommendation would be to reframe the alternatives to lay out a range of actually viable options for the specific issues the plan addresses, with less

concern with matching them thematically. Barring rewriting the plan, I urge you to pick and choose, creating a hybrid between the options in the record of decision.

Winter Closure

I fully understand the attractiveness, in concept, of allowing some limited winter use. It certainly allows people to experience the wilderness on its own terms. I strongly urge you not to open the park for public winter use, however, for the following reasons:

NPS and its partners have virtually no winter rescue capability and have no intent of creating any. It will be fine to say that rescue may not be available, but people will inevitably get into life-threatening trouble. With satellite communications, the world will know about it and NPS will be under tremendous political pressure to respond. It's a lose-lose as the demand is minimal and the risks to the agency are not worth it.

Visitors facing a life-threatening winter situation may break into structures or destroy cultural resources; with no agency presence, the ability to protect infrastructure (or even detect it) is virtually non-existent. Staff will come out each spring wondering what havoc visitors have caused, not just what Lake Superior and winter have done.

ISRO is one of the few places on the planet where wildlife are truly protected from human interference, at least for part of the year. That, too, would end if the park were open for even limited public use.

While climate change projections for Lake Superior, a topic I am very familiar with, have a high degree of confidence that that ice cover will decrease, they do not project balmy or hospitable winter conditions. No ice does not mean calm; in fact high winds, in addition to warmer temperatures, make ice formation less likely. But crossing Lake Superior is likely to be a very high hazard situation for the foreseeable future, and therefore opening the park to winter access all but predicts there will be people who die because of NPS' decision to allow it.

Recommendation: do not include even limited public use in the winter in either alternative.

Group Size and Crowding

ISRO is one of the parks that is currently recognized around the NPS for having a good handle on group sizes. Yet even now many of the backcountry campgrounds do not have the physical capacity to accommodate parties that are permitted under the current party size rules in the superintendent's compendium. Yet when I asked on the zoom public meeting if there was any thought being given to add tent pads to some of the smaller campsites (eg Pickerel Cove), the answer was no, it would "not be a huge impact" and there was no need to expand any individual sites. With all due respect, I don't think this is well thought out. I am not suggesting that NPS should increase the capacity of these smaller sites; but building in an overcrowding situation, which is likely to get worse with larger party sizes, and increasing visitation, is, in my judgement, a preventable error.

NPS acknowledges that use is increasing; I am comfortable with carefully planned expansion in the number of backcountry campgrounds. My experience in the park suggests that it would be difficult to expand the size of some of the smaller sites that already exist. But barring a plan to assure that the capacity of the campgrounds matches the group size that is allowed, I recommend that individual party sizes not be increased beyond the current limit. I am less familiar with designated group campsites but if there is not a match between physical capacity and group size, I recommend not increasing group sizes either.

I recognize that while Section 2c of the Wilderness Act defines wilderness, in part, as a place that "has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation," neither the Act, NPS policy, nor regulations define these terms. I submit, however, that just as your alternatives would be improper if they pose solitude in one alternative versus improving the visitor's wilderness experience in another, increasing party sizes, especially with no citation

of social science studies suggesting otherwise, decreases those peoples' opportunities for solitude. There is no legal or policy requirement for NPS to accommodate larger groups than it currently does. And encountering larger groups on the trail is likely to create more inter-party conflict and negatively impact the feeling of solitude for those not part of the large group.

Shelters

I cannot, unfortunately, find the reference but I believe the legislative history of the establishment of wilderness at ISRO indicates an expectation from Congress that the shelters would remain and be maintained. I am in support of selective removal, provided it is not inconsistent with that legislative history or other legal mandate or commitment from the past. Recommendation: please research the legislative history to assure that a decision to remove shelters is not a violation of a mandate or previous legal commitment.

Impacts on Wildlife

Table ES-1, which summarizes environmental consequences of the alternatives, significantly omits any analysis of impacts on wildlife. The Environmental Assessment for the Removal of the Feldtmann Trail completed some time during my tenure (1985-91) at ISRO cited literature and empirical data that wolves preferentially den as far as possible from trails. Putting in new campsites, and increasing group sizes, may also potentially have an impact on wolves and other wildlife. Even more troubling is the lack of analysis of public winter use on wildlife. These issues do not appear to be analyzed thoroughly in the plan.

Appendix B states that "Management actions under consideration in this EIS do not pertain to the management of terrestrial wildlife, and actions considered would not result in significant impacts or issues for wildlife. Management activities proposed under the alternatives in this plan, including maintaining and preserving structures, creating new campsites or campgrounds, allowing specific uses, clearing vegetation, and managing trails may affect wildlife species by disturbing, displacing, or temporarily altering habitat or behavior. These impacts would be localized, affecting individuals but not affecting the species' populations or habitat overall, and would not lead to persistent changes in wildlife habitat." This statement is not backed up by any analysis and is therefore speculative.

The Draft Plan/EIS, Chapter 5 (IT1200), identifies that some commenters in the scoping process had the same concern, that impacts on wolves in particular need to be included in the plan. Yet the topic continues to be dismissed

Recommendation: Survey the scientific literature and assess and document the potential impacts on wildlife from increased numbers of campsites, larger party sizes, and winter use and utilize that information to inform the alternatives and decisions made from this plan.

Cultural Resources / Draft Programmatic Minimum Requirement Analysis (Appendix C)

The decision criteria I wrote for the Apostle Islands Wilderness Study and EIS (circa 2004) specifically considered the impact of the alternatives on the ability to perpetuate the cultural stories of the area; but intentionally not on the extant cultural resources. Nothing in law, or federal court cases, requires that NPS actively manage, preserve, or stabilize cultural resources in wilderness (see the NPS national wilderness steering committee's white paper at https://www.nps.gov/subjects/wilderness/upload/NWSC-White-Paper_CR-and-W_508.pdf). And while I commend the ISRO staff for the detailed structure-by-structure analysis, and the inclusion of the draft programmatic minimum requirement analysis in this Draft Plan/EIS, there appears to be significant pre-decisional intent to actively manage a lot of the historic structures in wilderness in the park.

Notably, the draft programmatic minimum requirement analysis lacks any discussion of the methods that would be employed to treat the cultural resources under this document. Law, policy, and the aforementioned white paper all require

that even when NPS determines that active management of structures and installations is “necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act” (as required by section 4c of the Wilderness Act) , it must still comply with the rest of the Wilderness Act, comparing that supposed minimum to no action and to other alternative tactical responses.

Notably, RM-41's supplemental chapter on Cultural Resources in Wilderness: Guidance for Considering and Managing Historic Structures and Installations (https://www.nps.gov/subjects/wilderness/upload/CR-in-W-Guide_508.pdf) states that “[i]f active perpetuation involves extensive or regular and re-occurring wilderness character impacts, active perpetuation may not be the appropriate decision. Conversely, active perpetuation may require limited intervention with minor impacts, and consequently preserve wilderness character.”

And while NPS does not require a specific format for the MRA, the draft in my judgement does not met the intent of DO-41 or RM-41 for what has to be considered.

Continuation down this path also puts the NPS at risk if sued, as both NPS and the USFS have lost numerous federal court cases when we have declared historic preservation itself a minimum requirement and then proceeded to violate some of the prohibitions in Section 4c of the Wilderness Act. The courts have not been pleased with this approach. ISRO's analysis is more sophisticated, but still, in my judgement, is legally vulnerable - and unwise.

Recommendation: Re-assess whether or not the proposed treatments for cultural resources truly meet the legal intent of minimum requirement. Redo the draft programmatic minimum requirement analysis to address specific methods that will be employed in treatment. Consider whether or not the detail required to address the plethora of structures identified in the draft is truly appropriate for a programmatic MRA at all.

Research / Winter Study

Appendix D, IRSO's Wilderness Research Strategy, is undated but appears to date from ~ 2009 or shortly thereafter. I think it makes sense from a management intent perspective, but assuming it as. “given” for the purposes of a parkwide Wilderness Stewardship Strategy is pre-decisional. The Winter Study, and in particular the extensive low level flying, the landing of aircraft on wilderness lakes, and especially the continued radio collaring and intensive handling of wolves deserve more attention in this document. Perhaps all those issues were thoroughly addressed in a previous document, particularly when the decision was made to introduce new wolves to the park a few years ago. If so, then that document's analysis and conclusions need to be cited and current management should indicate that this is settled and why.

The wolf-moose program is a blind spot for the park vis a vis wilderness, and was in my time, too. Let's be very explicit and bring it forward and make sure that we meet all wilderness management requirements and are transparent about it.

Recommendation: Address the wolf-moose program, and the winter study in this plan/EIS, assuring that it meets the minimum requirements of law and policy. If it has already been done in a previous document, then be very explicit in this document about the previous analysis.

Fire Management and Other Forms of Manipulative Natural Resource Management

Appendix B mentions that vegetation management will not be analyzed, but there is no mention of fire management activities anywhere that I have seen in this Draft Plan/EIS. It also mentions that invasive species management is covered by a 2012 plan, which I note is now 11 years old and not available on PEPC or your website as far as I can tell. While it may well be an excellent plan, the reader is left to wonder what the management actions affecting wilderness are, and whether or not they have met all the legal and policy requirements for minimum requirement.

Recommendation: Wherever the NPS intends to explicitly continue current management action that involves either a

section 4c prohibited activity, an existing management plan, or an existing MRA, those actions - as they are components of wilderness stewardship, the purpose of this plan - need to be very explicitly brought forward into this document and identified, rather than assumed to continue without further discussion or analysis.

Employee Boat Dock on East Caribou Island

This facility extends onto land, and the trail and bridge from Mott Island are anything but “substantially unnoticeable.” As a former private boat owner at Mott Island, I appreciate the utility of this infrastructure, but I have always had a hard time rationalizing it vis a vis law and policy. I do not think it is wise or transparent to continue to keep it under the radar in hopes that no one will object. Let's be transparent!

Recommendation: it staff believe the employee boat dock and associated on-land infrastructure are truly the minimum requirement to administer the area as wilderness then make the case in the plan. Do an MRA. Consider alternatives!

Lastly

Notwithstanding some significant concerns I have about this plan meeting the legal requirements and the intent of an NPS wilderness stewardship plan, I applaud the staff for this effort and the park's clear intent to do the right thing when there are conflicting values at stake. As a park natural resource manager and the superintendent of several wilderness parks, now retired, I recognize and appreciate that this is a huge and important undertaking. For that I thank everyone who has worked on the Plan.

If my experience and expertise can be of use, I welcome a discussion as perhaps I can be helpful as you finalize this effort.

Please do not publish my email or phone number in the public documents.

Thank you,

/s/ (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1447Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 16:42:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 1448Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 16:46:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character but I oppose the maintenance of any structures within the wilderness portions of Isle Royale. I support the effort to take apart these structures and relocate them outside designated wilderness assuming it is done in a manner consistent with the Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of potential wilderness additions to wilderness as possible, I don't support reclassification if the National Park Service is going to maintain current structures that aren't needed to maintain the wilderness.

Commercial uses are inconsistent with wilderness status and should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in wilderness areas must be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character by limiting large groups and overcrowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1449Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 16:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1450Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 16:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In regards to Isle Royale, I support Alternative C, which best protects the island's wilderness character. Visitor use in Wilderness areas should be managed in ways to protect solitude, and alternative C is the best option for reducing crowding and limiting larger groups.
Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized- -those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act, and there is a long history of moving historically significant structures to locations where they can be easily maintained and are more accessible to the public.
Thank you,
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Correspondence ID: 1451Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 17:59:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1452Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 18:29:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 1453Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 19:34:30
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale Wilderness

Correspondence ID: 1454Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 20:01:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Aloha,

I ask that you support the strongest protection for Isle Royale. it appears that Alternative C would be the best choice for protecting the wilderness character which is vanishing by the minute in our nation and world.

-Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized but can be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. that action fits with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

- Support conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness
- The National Park Service should not, however, reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- I feel strongly that commercial activity would undermine the strong reasons for protecting Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed to protect its wilderness character including that it remain a place for spiritual and person sustenance as a place where one can be truly alone with nature
- . Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

thank you for hearing my views and using your power and integrity to protect this irreplaceable wilderness.

sincerely,

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kailua-kona hawai'i

Correspondence ID: 1455Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 20:08:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support maintaining Isle Royale's wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1456Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 22:20:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character and Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1457Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 22:30:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am very disappointed with these options. I have no choice but to ask for Option A as that is the only one that retains use of the cabins by the life lease and special use permits. I am also concerned that the park management seems to be doing everything it can to destroy the history of the people on the island. It already has more than enough wilderness and option A should include more trails and not close any. Why were some things like Barnum and Washington island not even covered and The hotel on Barnum should be restored. It seems to me that if the park management has its way they would be happy if people stopped even going. Daisy farm for example was once a beautiful place to camp and enjoy the bay. Now it is so overgrown from the management that it's hard to even stay at that campground knowing what it once was. It's time to convert all life leases to permanent leases to family's dependents. They are the ones that will make sure to preserve the buildings and the history.

Correspondence ID: 1458Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 22:33:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1459Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,17 2023 23:04:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

It is important that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the

best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thanks very much!

Correspondence ID: 1460Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 23:16:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for addressing my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1461Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,17 2023 23:23:24
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C.
Thank you for reading this.

Correspondence ID: 1462Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,18 2023 03:01:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1463Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 06:38:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs-

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time

Correspondence ID: 1464Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 07:01:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

If possible, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 1465Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 07:38:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence ID: 1466Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 07:39:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C because it best protects Isle Royal's wilderness, as well as its solitude. There should be no commercial use of the Isle Royal wilderness, and the park should be closed in winter to allow the wildlife and environment to recover.

Correspondence ID: 1467Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 08:01:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1468Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 08:31:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support, in general, Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1469Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 09:06:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While in general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Likewise, I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness; the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Furthermore, I believe commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

More to the point, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Again, Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Finally, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Respectfully,

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Goshen, IN 46528

Correspondence ID: 1470Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 09:27:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1471Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,18 2023 09:30:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,
I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Correspondence ID: 1472Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,18 2023 09:39:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1473Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,18 2023 10:27:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1474Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 10:40:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Respectfully : There is a surprising lack of any mention of the early use of Ham Radio, AKA: Short Wave, Wireless, Two Way Radio, as it was present from early in it's inception on Isle Royale . This is documented in Dorothy Peterman Simonson's published Diary , which in fact is being sold by the NPS . She documents the contacts she had with Michigan Technological University's HARC Husky Amateur Radio Club, call sign W9YX in November of 1932 and afterwards . She also documents the use of 1 Battery Powered Equipment 2 An engine driven charging system for charging the batteries ,3 an external Antenna of wire that required shifting to get propagation to Houghton and W9YX . Further the Log Books of W9YX are preserved for inspection at MTU as part of Archive Exhibit # MTU-041 and will confirm all contacts from W9YX with Isle Royale and others . Dorothy's call was W9LFP, Viola Johnson's call was W9IIT, and Vivian Johnson's call was W9PCU . Also a contemporary that may be in these logs is Helen H Schmoch W9GJX . The sanctioning of Amateur Radio in US Title 47 Part 97 in it's very first statement dedicates Amateur Radio to Public Service by non Commercial Citizens especially in the event of Emergency Communications , this can be read in Title 47/Part 97 / 97.100 A . It is true that not many artifacts of the physical type remain on the Isle Royale Wilderness, but it was the nature then and now of Radio Equipment to be expensive and fragile left to the weather , such that even today most operators carry their equipment on the island and back off the island when they leave at the end of their visit . The artifacts are in the station Log Books , not on the ground .

Correspondence ID: 1475Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 11:07:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,18 2023 11:48:35

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Correspondence: Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Therefore, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

The wilderness regions should be left unchanged and undisturbed by any type of intervention. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I strongly advocate that all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1477Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Alternative C is the best of the worse. I think all structures that are not absolutely necessary should be taken down. No commercial anything should be allowed there. Animals stand little chance in a habitat full of loud tourists that outnumber them. Let wilderness do what it's supposed to do. Let it be the animals home and habitat, not a tourist destination. Our wild places are not living zoos, they are where the animals actually have to hunt, fish, raise families, live and pass on. They are not exhibits. The more accessible the area, the more people will come. Let our animals have this. We are a plague that just spreads everywhere, unchecked. Let's get to checking that spread. Let's do that here.

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Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in the Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 1483Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 13:03:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. I do support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer and fall.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Concerned Citizen

Correspondence ID: 1484Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 13:28:16

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Correspondence: To whomever it may concern;

The restricting of Point Reyes' native tule elk from grazing and watering areas to protect the 'rights' of cattle breeders, is a disgusting and cruel overreach of the National Park Service.

It's resolutely unacceptable to allow these elk to die of thirst and malnutrition especially in a national park, where so many come to visit them. What values are you demonstrating to those visitors?! The National Park Service must choose

Alternative B; "Unconfined Elk Herd and Pierce Ranch Core Area," which will remove the fence keeping the herd from accessing food and water, and allow them to naturally roam free.

Then once that fence is removed, free-roaming elk must not be subjected to culling, hazing or harassment for any reason. They too are a local national resource and must be protected.

Private cattle operations aren't appropriate in Point Reyes anyway, and must end to honor the charter of our National Seashore. The Point Reyes Enabling Legislation mandates "maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment" around Point Reyes, and the Organic Act designates national park lands to "provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you in advance for considering my request. My family and friends and I look forward to further visits to Point Reyes, and supporting the local economies there IF we know you're taking steps to support the health of native tule elk herds, in and around Point Reyes, California.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence ID: 1487Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 16:40:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that of the alternatives listed Alternative C provides the best protection for Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

To continue to protect it, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any structures that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be placed outside of the Wilderness, where they may be better preserved and put to the use of the general public. This policy aligns with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

In addition, the conversion of as much as possible of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness should be accomplished and in doing so the National Park Service should not maintain structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

There should be no commercial uses in the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The management of visitor use in Wilderness must be designed to protect solitude and Isle Royale's wilderness character.

Alternative C offers the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife relief from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. The primary function of the Wilderness is to preserve its non-human species and their ecosystems.

Research has provided increasing evidence that any human presence at all disrupts--even severely--animal and plant life.

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Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my comments above.'

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence ID: 1493Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,18 2023 19:38:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Is there any plan in the future for the Park Service to re-introduce caribou back on the island? And could the environment and habitat support caribou?

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Correspondence ID: 1497Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 01:24:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see a plan similar to alternative C. minus the eliminating some trails, implementing a camping reservation system and removing the shelters. There has to be a happy medium between alternative b and C. By removing the trails, it makes the island less attractive to visit and restricts visitors to main trails which will lead to more overcrowding. The reservation system has ruined the free spirit and flexibility of the backcountry hiking. Reservations have ruined both the State and Federal campgrounds, people book these reservation well in advance and when it comes to the date to go, they bail thus leaving the chance for a person who would have taken it out cold. A better solution would be to allow a certain number of visitors on the island at one giving time. I visited the island in 2022 with my 9-year-old son for the first time and was disappointed to see the amount of people there for a place to be called the least visited park it was very much crowded for us. Since we are us to hiking the NTC and not seeing anyone for days. we were also very disappointed that small camp/cooking fires were not permitted.

Correspondence ID: 1498Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 05:07:39

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Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Correspondence ID: 1499Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 07:23:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not change anything about the way camping on the island operates. Reservations will cause excessive headaches and stress to visitors. It also limit's flexibility for weather conditions or rest days that someone needs to have that are not planned. Then you have a site reserved not available for anyone else but also

not being occupied.

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Reducing the number of shelters is also a negative idea. Having shelters gives those that are not quite as hardy a chance for some better sleeping conditions.

If anything more camping places as the number of visitors is increasing.

I have visited once and plan to go back unless reservations are required then it would depend.

Correspondence ID: 1500Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 07:28:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor keeping the current limits on group sizes. Once limits are increased, I fear that it would be very difficult to go back. Isle Royale is such a special place, seems like difficult enough to control visitors, who don't always follow the guidance/rules currently in place to protect it, e.g. the amount of time it took to try to counter the effects of the parvo that came to the island years ago. Please keep it as wild as possible. Thanks (b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1501Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 07:28:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep doing what you are doing and use common sense if you want to make changes to camp spots adding or subtracting.

Correspondence ID: 1502Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 07:44:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I firmly oppose a permitting system. Such a system would curtail repeat visitors access. There have been fluctuations in the past with visitors and the current high end visitation will also subside.

A permit system would unfairly disadvantage small guide services who would have to vie for permits against larger businesses whose guides are less knowledgeable about the island but who can afford to purchase in advance large blocks of permits. This method has the potential of diminishing services available to those provided solely by distant corporations who care only about bottom lines.

Raising the size of groups would further congest campgrounds. Instead, add a few sites to existing campgrounds so that people are not forced to camp atop one another.

The ferry system already limits access to the park. No further curtailment of access is necessary.

The focus instead needs to rest on how visitors are afforded seclusion and what amenities are made available.

Not everyone wants to disconnect. In fact, disconnection for some is not optional. Make paid wifi available in Windigo and Rock Harbor. Add group site to accommodate the overflow. The artificial nature of "seclusion" for visitors at these areas is painful to experience as park staff enjoys satellite television and internet service while they operate their cell phones. End the facade of rusticity and provide amenities to all with wifi that can be purchased. This will reduce congestion in the truly secluded areas because many will choose to remain connected. Accommodate them.

Make both Windigo and Rock Harbor truly accessible. Make the fact that they are accessible known.

ADD (make more sites near the housekeeping cottages) a set of 5 to 10 reservable shelters at both Windigo and Rock Harbor for modest income people, nonaffluent campers who cannot hike but still want to see the park. The park is not

exclusively for the young, the fit, and the affluent. Do not designate reservable shelters from what is available--add shelters for this purpose.

Correspondence ID: 1503Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 08:30:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C. Stop trying to make nature into a amusement park. It's not fair to the people who go to seek splice or the creatures and habitat you destroy by doing so. Humans are truly the cancer of the planet and this questionnaire proves this. Anything humans put their hands on ends up in worse shape.

Correspondence ID: 1504Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 08:45:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, but the structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained. Those the Park Service do wish to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of the Wilderness where they may be made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness as is possible, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures there. Additionally, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in the Wilderness should be limited, and managed in ways that protects the solitude of the wildlife, such as closing

The Park in winter to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1505Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 08:48:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I visited Isle Royal in the summer of 2022 and had a wonderful time. Note that my philosophy for user access is that the wilderness should not be inaccessible to humans, but should also keep the park difficult to get to and wild to discourage guests whose investment in getting there and being there translates into a lack of respect and stewardship of the place. Nobody urinating in geysers or spray painting rock faces.

As one would expect securing a campsite on the eastern third of the island (from West Chickenbone eastward) after 3pm wasn't easy. Given geography of the island and the location of Rock Harbor, it seems like a high percentage of the backpackers stay in the eastern end of the island resulting in overcrowding in all of the eastern campgrounds. The same is probably true of Windigo and the western third of the island. For the average backpacker, who's visit is no more than three or four nights, ranging into the middle third of the island is a stretch.

Depending on the park service's directives to secure tracts of the wilderness just for the moose and wolves, it would might help if there was a more substantial base of operations somewhere like Malone Bay from which backpackers could access the middle third of the island. This might help spread the volume of visitors out, reducing the overcrowding on the eastern and western ends of the island. This base should be more than a dock. It should have park services (ranger staff on site, small store, maybe showers), and be a destination port for the ferries coming in from Michigan and potentially Minnesota.

If we would have had that option, we would have probably done a point to point trip from Malone Bay back to Rock Harbor, rather than a circle route from and back to RH which would have taken us out of the more crowded eastern zone.

Correspondence ID: 1506Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence ID: 1507Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 09:44:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I I prefer choice A, 7 to 10 people per group. However overcrowding at the camp sites is common, and as there are no alternatives, you have to be allowed to set up wherever you can find a spot.

Correspondence ID: 1508Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I feel that option A is the best course of action. I have been a visitor on a few occasions, each for 8 days, and the only negative experiences I had on the island were from larger groups of people and the noise and carelessness they showed towards the other campers. If you allow larger groups, you're only emboldening these larger groups to do what they want and potentially ruin the whole experience for others. What makes Isle Royale great is the solitude and the island itself. The less human interaction, almost seems to be better. Option C sounds enticing, but I believe that the current number of campgrounds and structures are sufficient, and getting rid of some would only create more human impact on the island in the form of backcountry camping. If you look at parks across the country, visitors are becoming less and less respectful of the park rules and the wildlife, and tend to do whatever they want. The island is a sacred place for many. The isolation and solitude are what bring people back time and time again. Please don't ruin this implementing plan B, which I believe would encourage more people to come to the island.

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Correspondence: It's too bad the park has grouped the Wilderness Alternatives and Cultural Resource Alternatives together because my responses for each would be different. Even within the Wilderness options, if the reservation portion was separated out my response would be different. But here we are, so my preference is for option A because I think a reservation system is dangerous and unenforceable. I volunteer at the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore which has a reservation system for campers on the various islands. Volunteers and staff on these islands spend a lot of time radioing to HQ to change people's reservations because of weather, injury, illness, etc. How will the park enforce this reservation system? Will there be volunteers at every campsite? I hiked in Jasper National Park in Canada this summer which has a reservation system. In talking to other hikers, the system is largely ignored as there are never staff to enforce the policy. Sites that were listed as full the day we began our hike ended up being empty the next night when we arrived which likely meant those who did try to honor the reservation system were

unable to access that part of the park.

I've hiked Isle Royale for 5 years now and while I mostly have followed my planned itinerary, the times I didn't were because of weather. I would hate to be forced to hike on one of the ridges in the rain or in a thunderstorm only to try and meet some reservation. It's a safety issue. We're supposed to be able to self-rescue in the event of an emergency. Forcing a reservation system takes away an important tool. For the reasons of safety and inability to enforce a reservation system I can only choose option A which has no reservation system.

If you separated out the Cultural Resource aspects from the Wilderness in options B and C, I am in favor of Option B in particular creating new campsites on Wright and Johns islands. I am also in favor of the the historic structure plan laid out in Option B. Removing the shelters is a bad idea per Option C. Having shelters on an isolated island is a safety measure.

My choice- Option A

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to offer my views on the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

Alternative C

Of the three choices, I believe Alternative C best suits the island. The island should remain wild and relatively natural. No place on earth can be considered "pristine" due to changes in even the atmosphere cause by human activity. I am not suggesting that human activity, by that very fact, is bad. I am only suggesting that Isle Royale needs to be as isolated as possible from the effects of human activity, it is nearly as pristine and we can get anymore, and should remain so.

Over the past several years, I have noticed the goal of "access" to nature being touted every time a change which chips away at a natural area is implemented. I believe there are enough areas where access has been given greater priority than environment. Isle Royale should be reserved for those who still want to see parts of the world, within reach, in it's relatively natural state.

Again, I know this is only one person's opinion, but I appreciate being allowed the chance to offer it. Feel free to contact me if I can offer any more thoughts.

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Correspondence: I like the idea of opening up Isle Royale NP in the winter provided there are regular options for the public to get to the park.

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Correspondence: In response to the proposals I have the following comments;

1.) Proposal A this really maintains the status queue. I don't think this is a truly viable solution.

2.) Proposal B seems to be the best one to me. I have questions on how this would work with personnel that have access cards for admission. How would they be able to register ahead of time? I also believe that the shelters that are there should be maintained. We hiked the island June 2022 and didn't meet a bunch of big crowds. All of the campsites were well maintained and the shelters were clean and comfortable for us.

3.) Proposal C is a no go. You would remove campsites and take away trails. I believe that this would cause more crowding and less experience of the wilderness.

I loved our trip to the Island and have already planned at least 2 more in the future. The best proposal to me is Plan B. It will allow us to continue to experience the beauty and wildness of the park. Keep historical sites for study and most of all gives everyone an opportunity to travel to the Best National park in the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence ID: 1513Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. I believe Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1514Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's every American's God given right to die on public land. Open the place up for winter camping and have an annual body count like the annual windfall count.

Correspondence ID: 1515Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 11:49:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. This alternative is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding in order to protect solitude and wilderness character. Following are my additional comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

To align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any structure that the Park Service wishes to maintain must be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, but only if the National Park Service does not

reclassify any PWAs where they plan to maintain structures which are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1516Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 11:56:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1517Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 12:41:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would be in favor with option B. I visited the park for the first time in August and loved it. Part of me does not want anything to change but I do like the idea of a couple more campsites. The only thing I would like to see is more fire pits. During times when it is safe to burn, a campfire is great

Correspondence ID: 1518Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 12:43:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please place the environment's health and safety first in your decisions.

Correspondence ID: 1519Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 13:04:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's wilderness character. Rather than maintained or stabilized, structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should, if they are to be used, be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness, following the 1964 Wilderness Act.
While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite.

Correspondence ID: 1520Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1521Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 13:40:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm in support of Alternative C. If there is any national park that should put an emphasis on protecting wilderness and the wilderness experience it should be Isle Royale. I've only just visited the park for my first time this year, but the aspects that enhanced my experience was the feeling of solitude gained when on the island. The part that took away from my experience was the crowded shelter campsites and noisy neighbors that broke the solitude.

Correspondence ID: 1522Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 13:45:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1523Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 14:13:50
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Correspondence: Bangsund Cabin and its outbuildings sit in designated Wilderness, yet the site has been used by various peoples for various purposes for thousands of years. Recently, thousands of park visitors have come to learn about the wolf/moose project that has been based in summers at the cabin since 1960. The cabin itself is open to visitors, because they own it. Public lands offer citizens an opportunity to ponder how good it feels to share ownership with our neighbors and to be free from the responsibilities of private ownership, such as home repairs, yard work, inheritance, and real estate taxes.

The wolf/moose research that has been based, in the summer, at Bangsund Cabin since 1960 has been funded to a great extent by public money, and the information gained from the project needs to be communicated to the people who support it with their tax dollars. The National Science Foundation, especially, is interested in timely sharing of research findings. As of this writing, 1,975 Isle Royale visitors have come to Bangsund Cabin in 2023, and 860 Daisy Farm campers have attended presentations about the wolf/moose research given by project personnel based at Bangsund Cabin. The site has been maintained for more than 60 years through thousands of donated dollars. The original structure, built in 1926, has not been visibly altered by research activities, and is a touchstone for interpreting the rich human use of the site extending back thousands of years.

My hope is that Isle Royale visitors are inspired by the healing energy of nature. The island, again managed by wolves, is a healthy ecosystem, and my hope is that all visitors leave the island with their faith in humanity restored. We all return home to places that need our care and attention. The endless pursuit of happiness, which involves "bucket list travel" and competitive Facebook posts, is counterproductive to establishing peace with justice here on earth. By welcoming visitors at Bangsund Cabin, I tell visitors that the best thing we can do for wilderness is to get along with each other and work together to solve problems,

P.S. The cabin is also appreciated by river otters, who continually work to keep air flowing underneath the floor.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary

for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1526Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 14:20:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in regards to the Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale Wilderness. I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

In addition, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1527Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 14:32:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My recommendation would be for Alternative B as the first selection and Alternative A as second. Definitely not Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 1528Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,19 2023 15:08:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: First, I'll start by saying I have spent years hiking, camping, fishing, and boating on Isle Royale. I have enjoyed it in almost every way, and I intend to vote to protect the Isle Royale experience!
To do so I MUST VOTE FOR OPTION "A"

In addition:

1) I would love to see all of our historic buildings preserved, as they are a part of the island and it's history. The visitors at Isle Royale want to see them and learn about the history as well. The Isle Royale families take great pride in their cabins, and should be funded to keep the history alive! One of the biggest complaints I hear from visitors is the lack of flexibility and mobility they have (by water) to get around to visit a lot of these places. Many visitors don't even have a clue that a lot

of these buildings are even out there!

2) We could really use an extra campground on each end of the island for hikers (possibly just expand the existing campground in Windigo.) An additional campground and dock (only accessible by boat) would also be a very welcomed addition. (the reason I say additional campground is that the existing docks don't have room for any more boats if the shelters are full)

3) A few minor changes in the way permitting is done could greatly reduce some of the occasional crowding, but I REFUSE to vote for an option that would take away the flexible itinerary at IR.

4) We would love to see Isle Royale open year round (as it should be since it is our park.) Additional requirements could be put into place during the permitting process (such as requiring the trip to be with a CUA holder.) This would ensure qualified trips with extra safeties in place.

5) I think the majority of people would like a little bit of each option, but because of the way this was presented, we have to choose option A.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative B.

Specifically, a reservation system for backcountry camping permits would be ideal

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a member of the Gale family and next-generation descendant of now-deceased original leaseholder John Gale Sr. I have regularly visited Isle Royale since 1947; in the last decade or so, since the deaths of all leaseholders, my visits have been as leader of Volunteer in Park groups working on projects in the Tobin Harbor area.

In addition to the description of Gale Camp by NPS I suggest adding that the cottage structure was constructed in the mid-1930's by workers including my father and uncle as (supervised of course!) teenagers. This information adds detail to its long-standing presence in the Tobin Harbor Historical District predating establishment of the Park. I would also add that

altho Gale camp structures are boat-visible, for many visitors they seem to arouse curiosity and positive interest; although, as NPS notes, they may “detract” from wilderness solitude, that is not the sole goal of many (most?) visitors. Regarding designation of structures at Gale camp, “stabilization” for tool shed and guest cottage is inconsistent with “preservation” status of the main cottage. The structures at Gale camp are a unit. The tool shed was the first structure built on Gale Island and supported construction of (and continued critical support for) the cottage. Similarly, the guest cottage serves a critical supportive role not only sometimes housing visitors/workers (witness its need for the 2023 roofing project) but also ongoing maintenance/gear storage

It has been a pleasure serving Isle Royale Natl Park through volunteer work and bringing knowledge of cultural history to many visitors over the years. Visits comprising overnight stays of at least weeks duration are needed as part of Partnership Agreements if service and camp maintenance activities are to be successful and ongoing.

Correspondence ID: 1532Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep wilderness wild.

The less human interference the better,

Any historic structures should be left to nature.

They are beautiful as nature claims them back.

Do not maintain or rebuild them in the wilderness areas.

It would be OK to move them, but only if you can do that without loud power equipment/tools.

In wilderness, the priority should be the wilderness itself, not “our use of the area”.

If we prioritize our use of the area, we will lose what we love most about wilderness.

Do what's best for the wilderness and wildlife.

Close in winter since that can be a difficult time for the wildlife. Let them rest and survive.

Keep commercial use out of wilderness, it is always more valuable than \$\$\$\$.

No motorized vehicles or bikes.

This is a special place, please keep it that way.

Alternative C is the best option you offered here, but it could be better and go farther to protect the wild.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Received: Sep,19 2023 16:23:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to recommend option A (Option B -second choice). Do not like requiring reservations and limited access. If this is selected I doubt we would ever return to the island. It doesn't seem like a good plan to allow public to enjoy our natural park system.

Thank you!

Paul

Correspondence ID: 1535Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Although I have not personally visited Isle Royale, my best friend had a wonderful trip there with his family. I have hiked and camped in many wilderness areas when I was able to do so. I firmly believe that we need such areas for people to enjoy and to preserve such areas from development. It's for my grandchildren and generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 1536Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I like the park just the way it is. I greatly dislike the reservation system for pictured rocks national park and would discourage you from adopting anything like that.

Correspondence ID: 1537Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,19 2023 16:54:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character and limits large groups and crowding, with the following conditions:

Of the 93 acres of PWAs planned to be reclassified as Wilderness, only those that will be without structures (except ones necessary for the administration of the Wilderness) should be included.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale are not be maintained or stabilized. Those the NPS wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Commercial uses are eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park is kept closed in winter so wildlife gets a break from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer and fall.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1538Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: From the choices given alternative A with modifications.

Reserving campsites- I reviewed Apostle islands , Picture Rocks and Sleeping Bear Dunes and all require reservations during the summer months. One big difference is that campers can change reservations by mobile phone unlike Isle Royale. All charge for camping.

Even if 50% of the sites were reserved how would it be enforced? Roving backcountry Rangers? Campground hosts?

Is there any reason why more campsites can't be added to existing campgrounds such as 3 mile and Rock Harbor? They

really aren't wilderness. More camper cabins in Windigo are needed based on the reservations that are filled as soon as dates open.

Island open in the winter with Lake Superior being 100% ice free for 5 years is unlikely. Harbors and bays would still have ice. People can go over now from Minnesota and Canada if they have a boat. Who stops that? Many Natl. parks close partially in the winter due to snow.

History of the island should be preserved even if not mentioned in Alt A. The people that lived and worked here add to the richness of the history,

The America dock never should have been allowed to be destroyed. The path to it could have been made more accessible to all. As such there was no mention of access for disabled and aging population. More lodging is needed for those who can't, nor want to, backpack.

The IR Queen had to use Daisy Farm dock for a bit. Did that allow people to disperse quicker? Maybe should consider if concessioner's MV Sandy could meet Ranger III at Mott and run over to Daisy farm for that purpose.

Ask concessioners what they have seen working and need for future. IRQueen family, Voyageur and manger at Rock Harbor lodge have more experience on the island than most current NPS employees and could help.

I come to the island to be by Lake Superior, whether hiking the shore line, watching the loons, boating or just sitting and enjoying the views. Luckily enough to have been going there since 1975 when the people you read about in the history books were alive, living and working there.

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Correspondence: Option B sounds good to me. More campgrounds and larger groups!

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence: Option B, improve visitor access.

Correspondence ID: 1542Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not increase or consider further limits on the group sizes and number of camp sites. Large groups are loud, disruptive and obtrusive. There are plenty of places to camp as large groups in many parks and public lands across the country. Please do not open Isle Royale for winter camping. Keep Isle Royale as remote and wild as possible. That is the beauty and solitude of the park.

Correspondence ID: 1543Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A - we are seeing so many areas such as the AT overused. Large groups become hard to monitor.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These National Parks should be respected and treated with TLC. You people are just trying to find ways to ruin our land and to make money off by tourism or building some kind business. You should leave well enough alone.

The National Park should have a break from tourism during the winter months, give it a chance to breathe and allow it to have a moment of peace and quiet during the winter season.

Correspondence ID: 1547Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 02:14:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Good morning,

Please protect Isle Royale Wilderness, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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Thanks,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Plan B increasing access.

Second choice would be Plan A - Change Nothing.

I do not support Plan C.

I am an avid backpacker (several hundred miles a year) and Isle Royale is a crown jewel. It is the perfect balance of rugged and accessible. There are few other locations that strike this balance.

Access is naturally limited due to the need to come by boat or plane and does not need to be further limited artificially.

A reservation system would provide more balancing loading of the back country areas.

There are plenty of other existing locations that are true wilderness for those seeking that - there are no other Isle Royales.

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Correspondence ID: 1550Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 05:31:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage you to choose the 2nd proposed plan to improve visitor access.

Correspondence ID: 1551Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 05:53:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please move the park towards alternative C, the solitude plan. There are many many other parks in the country with easy access for large groups, but relatively few places, especially in this region, with limited group access. Please make Isle Royale a more wild place by increasing solitude and decreasing commercial and group access.

Correspondence ID: 1552Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 06:34:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly prefer alternative A, the "no-action" alternative.

Correspondence ID: 1553Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 06:40:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service. As a supporter of wilderness conservation and education, I strongly prefer that you exercise Alternative A, the "no-action alternative". Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1554Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 07:06:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good Day,

I strongly support Alternative A - the no action alternative.

I have been to Isle Royale many times and am in love with this National Park. I especially like the way that the current character of the Island(s) strikes a balance between opportunities for public access and opportunities for solitude. I do not feel that either alternative B or C will enhance my experiences.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1555Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 07:32:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in support of alternative B. I think this would allow for the best visitor experience while also preserving the unique wilderness of Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 1556Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 07:41:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Out of all of these plans, Plan B looks the best, and Plan C looks the worst. With plan B, there will be more available campgrounds and better facilities, not removed facilities. More options for camping would help spread people out and cause less crowding. This would also preserve the winter closure, which I view as important. The winter closure allows the animals to live without humans for a winter, and also make the island safer for our Search and Rescue workers.

Plan C would be a disaster. Removing campgrounds wouldn't lower the number of people camping on Isle Royale. Instead, this would just cause massive overcrowding at the few campgrounds left. This would also cause more people to try to go off trail to camp, which would worsen the impact on the area. Even if you try to remove trails on the island, these trails would still be used as social trails, and would cause more people to run astray. As stated before, I don't think the island should be open in the winter.

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Correspondence ID: 1558Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 07:56:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

My name is (b) (6) and I have been a volunteer for the Isle Royal Moosewatch expedition since 2017. I am writing to urge you to choose Alternative A, the "no-action alternative". Isle Royale is such an incredible place because of its history, geology, flora, and fauna. It is part of the attraction of the park to learn about the miners, fishermen, and loggers and how they transformed the island into how it is today. Removing campsites and historical structures would be a great loss for the park, and it would not erase the changes that humanity has already made to the island. It is more important to remind visitors about the impact they can have on the fragile ecosystem of the island by keeping these

structures intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

(b) (6)

Correspondence ID: 1559Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Since 99% of Isle Royale is designated wilderness and Bangsund Cabin (used as a home base for the wolf-moose project for 64 summers) is essential to maintaining the balance of this wilderness, I strongly recommend Alternative A, the no-action alternative.

Demolishing Bangsund Cabin would cripple ecological research on the island, undoing your efforts to preserve wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1560Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 08:39:16

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Correspondence: Please do not increase the group sizes. They are difficult to pass on trail and often do not follow LNT guidelines as closely as smaller parties. Even guided groups have difficulty with noise levels and respectful behavior. In addition space for camping is usually close to full and we do not want to increase the number of campsites on the property. Please keep it limited and preserve the park.

Correspondence ID: 1561Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I am commenting on the proposals for Isle Royale National Park. I would like to see Alternative C used for this pristine property. It is an area that needs to be protected because you just cannot trust some people to be respectful of the natural surroundings, look at Yellowstone as an example.

Correspondence ID: 1562Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 09:05:56

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Correspondence: Changes to the management plan, while increasing the ability to plan will detract from the "wildness" of the area. More parks and or recreation within the United States are going to an advanced reservation system. This really takes from the ability to Just GO. By creating a backcountry reservation system, you will be limiting the ability for others to change their routes and figure it out on the way. Reservations at campgrounds within Michigan fill up, the weekend or day that they are open. I can't see this being any different for ISLE ROYALE.

I suggest keep the planning on island to a minimum, backpackers can then plan for anything and everything.

For Winter Camping, I would keep the above approach, but open the park for winter excursions as well.

Vote: No Change - Add Winter.

Correspondence ID: 1563Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I am in favor of making isle royal and remote as possible. Reservation for campsites is also an amazing idea. With the number of remote places in the yoop and the northern part of lower MI, it would be nice to take a step in safeguarding isle royal as a remote as possible. I don't think taking away is necessary but avoiding adding would be nice.

I am also in favor of stewarding the land to keep it a healthy native landscape.

Correspondence ID: 1564Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 09:24:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly prefer: Alternative A, the "no-action alternative:"

Correspondence ID: 1565Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 09:43:04
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A no change.

Correspondence ID: 1566Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 09:52:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C, best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

More than any thing else, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 1567Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 10:07:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm a frequent visitor at many national parks and also national forests and lakeshores. Have visited scores of state and county parks and trails. Nearly all of these are well visited places, perhaps over visited. As I look towards the future I only see more and more visitors wanting their chance at "wilderness" that is rapidly disappearing in a miasma of climate change, overuse, extinction, neglect, and abuse.
PLEASE leave this one tiny, hard to get to national treasure as hard as possible to "humanize". I would plead for the third option. I haven't visited this park and don't plan to. I do watch the moose and wolf videos. I hope millions can enjoy the "wild" as long as we can.

Correspondence ID: 1568Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 10:11:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A, the "no-action alternative:"

Allowing winter access to the park invites unnecessary risk and additional overhead to the NPS when winter backpacking activities are available elsewhere in MI. Furthermore a relatively small number of serious backpackers are "in to" winter camping always.

uggestions include:

- reducing seaplane traffic to the island in order to reduce its constant noise pollution.

- add 120v/USB charging to the east end of the island

-add a 5g repeater for east/west ends of the island.

Correspondence ID: 1569Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 10:27:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I had the pleasure to visit Isle Royale twice this summer and was astounded to see how much more crowded it was than on a previous visit in 2015. I understand that National Parks are for everyone, but the park was overcrowded in that we had to emergency camp in a group campsite with three other previously unassociated groups at Three-Mile the first night and arrive to Daisy Farm by mid-morning to secure our second night. It was at once heartening to see so many individuals enjoying the space, but disturbing to see how trampled the most popular areas of the islands are coming. If nothing is done it will change the character of the islands forever. I strongly advocate for Option C and that the park remains closed in the winter, primarily for safety reasons.

Thank you kindly for your efforts in preserving Isle Royale.

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Received: Sep,20 2023 10:43:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

There should be no winter visitors & visitors at other times should be strictly regulated.

Existing structures shouldn't be reinforced/ improved. No roads should be built.

Correspondence ID: 1571Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 10:48:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep Isle Royale Wilderness JUST WILDERNESS without maintained structures. Please close in the winter season to give animals a respite from humans. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1572Project:109183Document:129858

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In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Lastly, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: After reviewing the three alternatives included in the plan, I am writing to say I strongly prefer the "No-action Alternative," (Alternative A). I have visited Isle Royale three times and I strongly believe that the way things are currently being done with regards to permitting, campgrounds, the "wilderness experience," etc., is the correct way.

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Correspondence: I recommend Alternative A: No Action.

Do not implement a reservation system. Having the ability to change my itinerary enroute due to weather or physical limitations is extremely important to me.

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Correspondence: 1. Corrections & Recommendations to Section 1.7.7 of the Appendices:

a. Section 1.7.7 of the Appendices states that Herman Johnson and John Anderson purchased the island and describes this as rare in the fishing community. This information is not correct and should be revised. Herman Johnson and John Anderson homesteaded Johnson Island. John Anderson's youngest son, Gilbert Anderson, and his fishing partner wintered over on Johnson Island to fulfill the 12 month continuous occupation requirement to receive a homestead patent. The patent was issued to Herman Johnson on January 24, 1916, because he was the elder and senior partner at the fishery. When Herman retired & sometime before his death in 1923, he sold the island to John Anderson for \$1.

b. Section 1.7.7 also states that the Anderson family was one of the first fishing families in Tobins Harbor before moving to Johnson Island. This is also incorrect. The Anderson fishery located next to the Mattson fishery in Tobins Harbor was founded by Andrew Anderson, around 1890. John Anderson of the Johnson Island fishery began fishing from Pickerel Cove, living in tents, before moving to Fish Island (now known as Belle Isle) around 1892. His partner at that time was Louis Mattson. Sometime between 1894 and 1900, Louis Mattson and Herman Johnson (who had been fishing at the Tobins Harbor fishery since sometime before 1889) switched locations and Herman began fishing with John Anderson at Fish Island while Louis moved to Tobins Harbor. Herman Johnson and John Anderson moved from Fish Island to what is now Johnson Island sometime around 1911 when Fred Scofield purchased Fish Island with the intent to open the Belle Isle Resort. He told the two fisherman they could move their fishing operation to the small island to the south of Belle Isle, which he thought he also owned. He later discovered he did not own that specific island giving Herman Johnson and John Anderson the unique opportunity to homestead.

c. Appendices Section 1.7.7 discusses the "Draft Determination of Contributing Structures Necessary to Preserve the Historic Values of Isle Royale Wilderness" on Johnson Island. It states that the location is not eligible for the National Register as a fishery, but the individual structures are eligible because of their association with fishing. The determination that Johnson Island was not eligible as a fishery was made in the 1990's and I would contend is outdated and should be revisited. Section 1.7.7 refers to Johnson Island as a fishery seven times and states in the conclusion that "As a fishery it is a fundamental resource of the park" yet, it is not eligible as a fishery to be on the National Register. This seems to be illogical and I would ask that the determination be re-visited with the SHPO.

2. Comments on the Proposed Treatments in Preferred Alternative (B):

a. Johnson Island:

i. The "stabilization" treatment of the original cabins built by Herman Johnson and John Anderson in 1912, when they first moved to Johnson Island, is a downgrade from the current active preservation done annually and an adverse effect. These cabins are not vacant and as the Appendices states are in "good condition and retain high integrity". The cabins have been actively maintained and preserved for decades. Without annual maintenance and care, these buildings will deteriorate. I strongly urge NPS to change the treatment of these buildings to preservation. Stabilization of any building that is being actively preserved is adverse effect.

b. The Belle Isle Community (Johnson Island, Crystal Cove and Captain Kidd):

i. I would like to strongly urge that NPS make no decisions about "removal", "molder" or "stabilize" treatment of the cultural resources in the Belle Isle community until a nomination to the National Register can be prepared for the district and submitted to the Keeper for review. Given the determination that the Tobins Harbor Historic District is nationally significant, it is indeed likely that the structures in the Belle Isle community would also be designated at least regionally, if not nationally, significant. No treatment that could potentially cause adverse effect to these historic structures should take place until that determination has been made.

ii. The Belle Isle community is a collection of buildings, each telling the story of the overall community. The log cabins built by fisherman Emil Anderson at Crystal Cove, Captain Kidd and Johnson Island are a collection of works by a master craftsman. All should be preserved as a collection. Preservationists don't say "because you have several buildings you only preserve one." That would be akin to only preserving one room of an historic home and letting the other rooms deteriorate.

iii. The buildings relocated from Clay Island and Crystal Cove to Captain Kidd are a fine example of the island community's tradition of reuse and recycle. These buildings should be preserved and used as a stellar example when teaching park visitors about the historic Isle Royale community's conservation ethos.

iv. It is also incorrect to say that the sleeping cabins at Captain Kidd are in poor condition and lack integrity. They are in better condition than the McPherrin Cabin. The sleeping cabins and McPherrin cabin are being actively cared for and stabilization and molder are adverse effects on potentially regionally or nationally significant cultural resources. Most of the foundations are solid, windows slide easily open and shut, and they contain wonderful pieces history from the island community. For example, one of the sleeping cabins has the organ originally located at the Rock Harbor cabin of Peter Weart. The organ was given to Betty Orsborn when Mrs. Weart left the island. The organ was kept at the Orsborn cabin, "The Driftwood", in Snug Harbor. Sally McPherrin of Captain Kidd eventually married Jack Orsborn and the organ was moved to Captain Kidd shortly before NPS destroyed The Driftwood. The cabins at Captain Kidd also contain wicker furniture from Crystal Cove given to the McPherrin family when Nixon sold out and chairs and other pieces from the Belle

Isle Resort.

v. Ethnographic Study of the Community: I would also urge NPS to conduct an ethnographic study of the Belle Isle community and the entire park itself, for that matter. The relationship between the summer residents and fishing families has never been fully studied or documented in an ethnographic analysis, despite its unique nature. Families from vastly different socio-economic backgrounds formed long-lasting friendships that would have been unlikely in the urban environments of the time. These relationships have lasted for generations. For example, in the Belle Isle community:

1. Sundays on Johnson Island in the 1930's were spent with the McPherrren and Anderson children sprawled on the floor of the main cabin reading the comics from the newspaper while the adults sipped coffee and visited. And because the Winyah could not dock at Captain Kidd, the McPherrren family always spent their last night on Isle Royale each summer at Johnson Island before catching the ferry and starting their long journey back to Omaha. Beds were limited so the young children from the Anderson family shared their beds with the McPherrren children.
2. Crystal Cove was largely empty until the park service moved Milford and Myrtle Johnson to the location in the 1950's. It was Johnson Island's Emil Anderson who, nearing retirement, showed Milford and Myrtle where to set their nets and gave his fishing grounds over to them. Eventually, the family of Ron Johnson, including his son Steve, spent many summers at Johnson Island after Emil and Elna Anderson's retirement in the 1970's. Bill Orsborn of Captain Kidd helped Milford Johnson fish for several summers.
3. Ed Anderson of Johnson Island taught Marjorie McPherrren how to run an outboard motor when she first arrived at Captain Kidd in the 1930's. And it was the McPherrren family who saved the life of Ted Lind, the hired helper at Johnson Island, one night when he fell overboard on the way back to Johnson Island from Captain Kidd. Emil Anderson pulled him out of the water, but he was not breathing so Emil went back to Captain Kidd and the McPherrrens were able to revive him.
4. These are just a small sampling of the close ties the families of Isle Royale have forged over time and I believe strong evidence of the need for an ethnographic study of the entire community.

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The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1581Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: Please don't open this park up in winter. It would likely encourage a new bunch of under prepared individuals to attempt to reach it and either die trying or result in some sort of rescue that taxpayers would end up funding. I vote for option B.

Correspondence ID: 1582Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023

Correspondence Type: E-mail

Correspondence: There's a lot to comment on with the new draft plan and I (and you) don't have the time to do all of that here. But if I was to write a comment from a hiking/hikers' perspective I would say this:

The Isle Royale trail and campground inventory has not changed significantly since Wilderness designation in 1976. In fact, the trail and campground system is largely an artifact of a pre-wilderness period of park management. So, really, what campers are experiencing on the Greenstone Trail is a pre-W layout (with a couple of tweaks- - East Chickenbone being one of them). Perhaps the greatest drawback in terms of visitor experience is the "aggregated campgrounds" especially on the Greenstone. Isle Royale has never really considered "dispersed" individual sites like in the Boundary Waters or on the Superior Hiking Trail which parallels the Big Lake in MN. Perhaps the biggest bottleneck to this is good reliable water access necessary for a usable campground. Two or three campgrounds which really crowd in campers are as you know the Chickenbone Lake campgrounds, especially West Chickenbone, Hatchet Lake, and South Lake Desor. One option, thinking out of the box, is to provide individual campsites along the north central shore of Siskiwit Lake. Lots of room and lots of water. Good dry ground to get there to and from the Greenstone. Major drawback is putting in a new trail. But since the trail inventory has actually shrunk in W era (closure of east Feldtmann Lake Trail) I don't see adding a new ten mile (my guesstimate) segment as a big deal. It is also beautiful country. Anyway, I do think "bunching" up hikers in Greenstone campgrounds IS NOT much of a wilderness experience (especially considering solitude, untrammelled and effectively encouraging the "social aspect" of these campgrounds). Just a thought. And since Isle Royale has always (in my experience) been very quiet about bc country travel, providing a higher quality W experience should be considered a goal in this plan (along with others). Raising group size, in contrast, is going the opposite direction.

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Correspondence ID: 1583Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 15:28:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly prefer Alternative A, the "no-action alternative:"

Correspondence ID: 1584Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 15:43:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

I think Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1585Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1586Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1587Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,20 2023 17:50:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I generally support Alternative C, it offers the best protection to retain this area's solitude and wilderness.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. These actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Keep wilderness wild!

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character; that is the priority.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Equally important, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1588Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 18:03:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1589Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 18:29:15
Correspondence Type:Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A, the "no-action alternative:"

Correspondence ID: 1590Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 19:14:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no action alternative!

Correspondence ID: 1591Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 19:34:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1592Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 20:25:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE, do not change ANYTHING!!! The island is perfect the way it is!!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE , DONT CHANGE THE WAY IT IS!!!

Correspondence ID: 1593Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 22:13:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to protect the natural wilderness character of Isle Royale in alignment with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Alternative C seems the best choice to achieve these directives.

Manmade structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any which the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for avoiding damage to the unique character of this island.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during other seasons.

Finally, while I support converting as much as possible of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. This might set a bad precedent to the management of other Wilderness areas.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 1594Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 23:03:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like alternative B to me implemented. I'm strongly against alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 1595Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,20 2023 23:46:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. This alternative is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated,

preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1596Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of as much of Isle Royale's territory, including the 93 acres of PWAs, as possible to be Wilderness, however, understand that some area of non-Wilderness is necessary for administration of the Wilderness. I am in favor of all structures that are to be maintained, in order to be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public, to be within the non-Wilderness designated area of the Park, either as they are situated originally or relocated. I am in favor of any structures in the Wilderness portions of Isle Royale not be maintained or stabilized. I believe this aligns with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

In addition, I would like to see commercial uses eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness, and the Park remain closed in winter to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I believe visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect the wilderness character and its solitude. I support alternative C as the best option.

Correspondence ID: 1597Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 01:05:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please approve alternative C. Keep the wilderness wild. Thanks for your hard work.

Correspondence ID: 1598Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 03:18:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park

Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Correspondence ID: 1599Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Although I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1600Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 04:44:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think Isle Royale has unique history and should be left the way it currently is for the public to explore and enjoy.

I urge you to choose Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 1601Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 05:25:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I encourage the option that supports solitude at IR. National Parks, generally, have become crowded and difficult to access because of people. Isle Royale is incredible and unique because of its solitude. It's a rare gem because of that. Increasing visitor capacity by instituting larger capacity campsites, reservation systems, etc will begin to degrade the magic of the island. Of course people can still come, but let's keep the magic of the wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1602Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 05:31:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild. I support Alternative C which best protects the solitude and wilderness character. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the wilderness and visitor usage should be managed in ways that protect the solitude and wilderness character. Large groups of people and crowding should be limited! The park should be closed in winter to allow wildlife a break from human presence; please give wildlife and nature a place free from human destruction. So many other places have been ruined by overcrowding of Man, please keep this place wild! Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1603Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 06:02:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider my vote for Alternative A, which is to say that I prefer the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE. I have enjoyed and supported the work of a long-time friend who has participated in the Wolf-Moose project and I think this work is very important. He tells me the cabin that is being considered for removal is key to the success of the group so please leave it intact!

Respectfully

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Livonia, MI

Correspondence ID: 1604Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 06:17:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1605Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 06:45:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A - the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Correspondence ID: 1606Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 07:12:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, please consider the following comments regarding the Isle Royale Wilderness Plan:

1. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
2. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
3. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

4. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

5. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

6. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1607Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 08:23:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go with Alternative C. Keep Wilderness wild, as mandated by the law. Keep impact low and allow us "modern explorers" the right to find untrammelled places to explore on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1608Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 08:40:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1609Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 09:14:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protecting Wilderness areas is of utmost importance to me and the American public and must be protected at all costs.

Of the 3 alternative plans suggested, I believe that Alternative C best protects Isle Royale's wilderness character. Structures are not part of Wilderness", and should not be maintained or stabilized, but moved to areas outside of the designated Wilderness on Isle Royale. This is demonstrated by the 1964 Wilderness Act and should be enforced.

I strongly support conversion of 93 acres to Park Wilderness Areas, as long as the National park service does not maintain any structures that are not absolutely necessary for maintaining the Wilderness.
No commercial use should be any where in the wilderness areas.

Visitors do take a toll on the wilderness and should be controlled as to large groups, and limited times to be able to go into the wilderness. The public loves nature and should be able to enjoy the solitude and sanction that it gives, but with the safeguards of doing as little damage as possible to the area.

Wilderness is Home for Nature and Wildlife, and they must be given rights to their domain. Therefore, during winter, wilderness area should be closed to allow privacy and solitude for their well being, before outsiders come to visit in the spring, summer and fall.

KEEP THE ISLE POYALE WILDERNESS WILD.

Correspondence ID: 1610Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 09:14:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone who has made 23 trips to Isle Royale, hiking and camping throughout the vast majority of the island, I strongly prefer Alternative A, the "no-action" alternative. There is marvelous historic value to the very few remaining structures of old fisheries, light houses, and fire towers, so I believe they should be maintained. There is ample wilderness throughout the archipelago. Places like the Bangsund Cabin provide an opportunity to learn directly, concretely about the remarkable wolf/moose project which has generated so much new information not only about these species, but also about their impact on the whole environment. Such studies should continue unabated, and the programs and buildings that support that project and others like it should be honored for posterity.

Correspondence ID: 1611Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 09:54:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the Isle Royale should be designated a protected National Treasure and closed to all PUBLIC ACCESS!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1612Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 10:11:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: Duplicate Entry

Correspondence ID: 1614Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,21 2023 10:40:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have to admit that I enjoy the island the way it is now, but I recognize that if the number of visitors continues to increase, some adjustments to policy might be needed. Without any drastic change in policy, the Park could require reservations for all but day visitors. No major changes to infrastructure would be required. There would be no need to remove picnic tables or shelters(a great relief on buggy days). There would be no need to remove trails.

With respect to winter camping, I would like to see the Park open in winter, but this is a major consideration. I am an experienced winter camper including in the Arctic and I realize that camping during the winter on Isle Royale can be a dangerous proposition for many campers.

Finally, increasing accessibility for all visitors should be a primary goal.

Correspondence ID: 1615Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 10:50:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I oppose winter camping in the Park for several reasons. I am concerned with the impact winter camping will have on the wildlife, particularly wolves and moose and disruption of their activities, especially during breeding season.

I also have concerns with the human/safety aspect of winter camping. Summer camping is enough of a challenge but winter camping can be life threatening if not properly equipped or trained. Winter storms can delay even air rescue.

I suggest possibly a hybrid approach between alternatives A & C and potentially extend the camping season into October or November before wolf breeding begins.

Correspondence ID: 1616Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 10:54:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel passionately about the unique character of the wilderness, and am writing to indicate my support for Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

The laws are clear that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering the input of the citizens of Michigan and the US, as mandated.

Correspondence ID: 1617Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 11:26:48

Correspondence Type:Web Form

Correspondence: Strongly prefer option A with no action

Correspondence ID: 1618Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 11:48:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a previous visitor and backpacker to Isle Royale I wish that it remain a wild, unsettled island that allows visitors that leave only footprints. I am not sure what the new proposal allows, but I think maintaining the two lodges with island access managed carefully to protect the island's wilderness profile and limiting backpackers /campers streaming through to protect this wilderness beauty. It is also a good idea to give it a rest from visitors during the winter. Isle Royale is truly a jewel and if left unprotected will lose its luster.

Correspondence ID: 1619Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,21 2023 14:07:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I visited IRNP for the first time this year and backpacked with my husband for 7 days in late August. The trails were pretty quite but the campgrounds closest to RH were overcrowded. (especially RH, 3Mile and Daisy Farms). The farther from RH the quieter the campsites.

Limit group size and eliminate commercial groups.

I saw the issue as too many people being transported to the island while others not able to get off due to weather and Rock Harbor campground was like a KOA. Many people were "displaced" by cancelled Sea Planes and full ferry's and couldn't get off the island. My suggestion is the Sea Planes company make a better plan for getting scheduled people off the island before bringing new passengers to the island. If people are "stuck on the island" make extra runs to get them off before bringing new. Traveling to the island is part of the adventure and of course safety is most important, but limit the number of people on the island by setting rules/limits for the sea planes and ferry's.

Set the expectation that shelters are to be shared when sites are full. It's ridiculous and 1 or 2 people have a shelter to themselves while others are setting up tents in overpacked groupsites or next to the trail.

The island is such a wonderful place and I do think the number of people on the island needs to be better managed.

Correspondence ID: 1620Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1621Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Overall, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Also, Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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Correspondence: I and my family have traveled three times over several years to Isle Royale. We explored it back packing and canoeing. Our children have grown up desiring to return with my grand children. I keep a record of all the National Parks, Lake Shores & Monuments. I have visited 39. Isle Royale is one of my favorites. I realize the importance of keeping it wild, but first off it is very difficult to get there. The boat ride there can be challenging. (I have experienced the waves in Antarctica). Secondly, if people are going to marvel at the wonder there, they need to explore parts of the island. Pack packing is really only for the young and hardy. I have heard that shelters have in some places been destroyed. It has always been my desire to take in the lower portion of the island and the lodge there. It is now gone. In years ago I felt that the boaters that arrived at Rock Harbor were treated better than hikers. In addition, while I feel much concern has been shown for the wildlife as moose & wolves I believe they need added consideration.

Back to the initial question, whether the island needs to be kept completely wild, and saving it as animal preserve or as something that can be carefully saved for many different kinds of visitors. I vote for the later, If needed perhaps restrictions on numbers be put in place as in other parks.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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I have visited Isle Royale twice and enjoyed its beauty. It would be sad to spoil it with development.

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Correspondence: Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. The National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: The Isle Royale Wilderness needs to be administered as Wilderness. As such, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs) to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses have no place in Wilderness; and, as such, should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding in order to maintain this.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

As the Draft Plan proposes removal of only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or PWAs, while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others, it is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. Therefore, please authorize Alternative C in order to maintain Isle Royale Wilderness as Wilderness.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

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While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale NP for the first time in August 2023 after multiple years of research. I strongly support option A with the additional possibility of adding more campgrounds. Many people I encountered on the island needed to adjust their plans mid-trip due to rain and unexpected struggles to hike their planned miles. It wouldn't have been safe or even possible for many of them to keep to their original itineraries if reservations were required for campgrounds. I was on the Windigo side and overcrowding was never an issue. The 3 day maximum stay limit makes sense there since Hugginin Cove is the only campground less than 5 miles away. If another campground was created 3-5 miles from Washington Creek, then perhaps a 1-2 day maximum stay at Washington Creek would work.

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Correspondence: I am connected to Cliff Crest the Connolly/Caskey/Lawrence camp. I have commented but realized my comments were incomplete.

What you call the guest house and we call Spider Haven as noted was built in 1916. And as I wrote before is in great shape as so much work was done in 2019 and 21. But it should be on the preserved list not stabilized. Our family out there for most of the first 3 decades 1914-40. of Charles Parker Connolly his wife Ellen Wilder, daughter, Sarah Frances, son, Carter David, mother in law Mary Irwin Wilder and Jim Lawrence Ellen's son from a previous marriage. They did not all sleep in Cliffcrest. They overflowed into Spider Haven. It was not a "guest house" but more accurately a sleeping cabin. That gives much more of a context to Cliff crest.

I do like that you are considering a trail from Dassler's, Seifert, Mattson and Snell camps. I wonder if you are routing it through our front porch (which we need to stabilize) or behind it? Reading my great grand mothers and grandmothers diaries which contain wonderful information about the daily lives and all the socialization on Tobin's harbor. What is also clear that though the solitude that being in a wild place gave them to refresh and regenerate it was the company of other like minded people who left the creature comforts of their year around home to be out in the fresh air and were challenged by more rugged conditions.

I also would like to add/remind that it was my grandfather who made the trail to Monument Rock which then was expanded to up to Lookout Louise. And worked with the other "Tobinites" and people who loved Isle Royale to have it become a park or a protected area.

I believe that really the only way one can with any resolve keep maintaining these fragile structures is staying in them while doing the work that needs to be done. It is hard enough to get a work party together but then to have to camp 5 miles away seems pretty near impossible.

I have hiked all the trails on Isle Royale. From talking to people on the ferries the last couple of years it seems like the trails and campgrounds are very busy and crowded. Does not really sound like what the human construct of "wilderness" ideal is. (as we know "untrammelled by man" is a misnomer at best if not shortsighted and rude.). I think the some percentage of prepermitting is a good idea. But I also know there is the aspirational plans that hikers have and then the reality. It would be unwise and therefore unsafe to have people have to stay with their original plan if they are unable.

It also sounds like liquor sales at Rock Harbor and Windigo have become detrimental to people's experience. But I think that is beyond the purview of these comments.

Thank you (b) (6)

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Correspondence: HUMANS ARE AKIN TO LOCUSTS ON THIS PLANET!!!!

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Correspondence: Given the alternatives, I would prefer no change. Option A

I see no reason to implement a reservation system. I also view removing campgrounds and trails as something other than a benefit.

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Correspondence: Bangsund site

Fifteen years ago, during a major celebration at Isle Royale commemorating 50 years of wolf-moose research, Associate Director for Science Bert Frost gave a speech at Rock Harbor. After noting the rarity of long-term research, Frost posed the question, "How do we keep this going?" I think he meant literally, not rhetorically. Regarding the Bangsund site which has worked well for this project (and the Park) since 1960, I respectfully submit that the Preferred Alternative B of the Wilderness Stewardship EIS does not present a good path forward. I suggest a continuation of the status quo for the Bangsund site in the short-term (more akin to Alternative A), and long-term planning to commence as appropriate during the short term for interpretation and public use.

Bangsund site, short-term: Present occupancy by MTU wolf-moose researchers continues a pattern of staging for field research and, perhaps more importantly, provides an interpretive site for exemplary exposure of Park visitors to emerging findings of science in the Park. The other values specified by the Wilderness Act of 1964 - educational, scientific, historical, and scenic - are currently serving their intended function at an exceptional level. Current use provides the necessary context for these values to be realized in a manner that is unique in Isle Royale National Park, perhaps across all National Parks. At present, thousands of park visitors to the Bangsund site are seeing and understanding these Wilderness Values annually through personal experience.

Bangsund site, long-term: When the present pattern of occupancy is no longer practical, I suggest the Bangsund site be used for interpretation of long-term wolf-moose research. Maintenance of significant structures and installations can be accomplished through a "friends" group, or partnership agreement, and interpretation could be similarly accomplished with an on-site docent.

Areas closed to camping

Presently, camping is prohibited in large areas of ISRO to, as stated in the EIS, reduce wolf-human interaction. Most of these closures were established in the 1970s at the behest of Superintendents Beattie and Morehead (see Allen, *Wolves of Minong*, pp. 410-411). In the 1970s I supported these closures, but after a half-century of new science and understanding, I believe these area closures serve neither the public interest nor significantly reduce wolf-human contact. More specifically,

- 1) Closures for "wolf management" are unnecessary for wolf security. The opinions of additional wolf biologists with experience in human intrusions at wolf dens should be sought: Bridgette Borg, Diane Boyd, John Erb, Tim Gable, Dick Thiel, Dave Mech, Ken Mills, Brent Patterson, Doug Smith, Mike Schrage, and Adrian Wydeven.

- 2) I am not aware of any evidence that area closures have reduced wolf-human interaction at ISRO. Experience with "fearless wolves" in 2004-2006 and current (2023) visitor reports of wolves indicate that wolf-human interaction occurs where human activity is concentrated (often predictably), not where wolf activity is concentrated (almost always ephemeral and relatively unpredictable).

- 3) Area closures at ISRO significantly reduce opportunities for "primitive and unconfined recreation", a major objective of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

- 4) Area closures contribute to over-crowding at established campgrounds when substantial surrounding areas are closed.

5) Campgrounds currently exist within closed areas (e.g. Hay Bay, Pickerel Cove, Intermediate Lake and Lake Richie). Although these are intended for paddlers, adventurous backpackers also use them. And, within ¼ mile of several interior lakes and Lake Superior, the closed areas do not apply. In other words, when desirable for paddlers, the rationale for closing areas has already been compromised.

6) Figure 6 in the EIS is significantly different from 2023 regulations, so it doesn't correspond well to a "no change" alternative. Specifically, four areas formerly closed are proposed to be opened (14, 22, 23, and 46) while seven areas formerly open are proposed to be closed (18, 18, 25, 27, 38, 44, and 45). This would suggest that Park management is moving toward closing more areas, under the assumption that wolf-human interaction will be reduced, even in the absence of compelling evidence.

Trail closure

The preferred alternative proposes elimination of the trail between the east and south ends of Lake Richie. I recommend this trail continue to be maintained, as it is a well-traveled trail providing access to Lake Superior for backpackers and access to the island interior for boaters. This proposal is a carry-over from the 1998 GMP and is based on the questionable premise that boaters and backpackers shouldn't mix.

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Correspondence: Sir:

Please select alternative C. Do not maintain, fix, repair or preserve any structures located within designated wilderness. For me, maintaining wilderness character comes first, before all else.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: My comments in part express my overall preferences related to the Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale (I prefer the do-nothing option A, with the possible addition of a few aspects of Alternative B; definitely not C); more importantly, my comments acknowledge an overlooked aspect of the Wilderness Management Plan as related to the "Bangsund site". As any of the tens of thousands of visitors to the "Bangsund site" over the past few decades would likely attest, what makes the place special and significant is not the cabin itself (although it remains to this day my favorite home), but the people who have maintained the site as the home base for the wolf moose research project since the 1970's; my parents, (b) (6) . (b) (6) were not excluded entirely from the plan; appropriately, they appear in the photograph of Bangsund Cabin on page 30. And that's kind of the point...they, and their use of Bangsund Cabin, embody the scientific significance the Wilderness Stewardship Plan acknowledges and purportedly seeks to preserve.

Indeed, (b) (6) stewardship of the Bangsund site as the home base of the decades-long wolf/moose research and, more importantly, their willingness and passion for sharing this research with visitors to Isle Royale should be specifically acknowledged and considered in actions under consideration in NPS planning efforts. Instead, the plan, common to Alternatives B and C, that "research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin and associated structures would be relocated to nonwilderness as soon as an alternative site is available" is both unnecessary and shortsighted. The Bangsund site is unique in many ways. Most relevant to the Stewardship Plan is that it remains an active research station where the "current use" has been remarkably unchanged for half a century and where visitors are welcome to learn about the research and Island directly from the researchers themselves.

A visit to the Bangsund site also offers visitors a unique personal connection to Isle Royale's cultural heritage; indeed, (b) (6) are one of the few remaining human linkages to the Edisens of the Edisen Fishery. Not only are visitors to Bangsund often offered bread made from Laura Edisen's recipes, the current use of the Bangsund site retains the character and spirit of previous generations of Isle Royale residents. Much like the original Bangsund and his fellow Isle Royale fishermen salvaged stateroom doors from the Cox and cobbled together odds and ends to make their island lives possible, the Bangsund site itself in its current state is an amalgamation of structures built for function over form, often from salvaged supplies (indeed, the most structurally sound building at the Bangsund site currently houses the one-of-a-kind collection of antlered bull skulls and was built almost entirely of reclaimed materials from the NPS scrap heap on Mott Island that would otherwise have been incinerated). Sheds, yurts, and other structures that all could probably be removed in a weekend or two of hard work each serve a purpose related to some aspect of the research. These structures pose neither long-term environmental risks nor threats to the future wilderness character and should be allowed to persist as long as they provide a useful function to the daily activities of the research station. What better demonstration that science does not always take place in a sterile lab? (Sometimes you have to boil rotting flesh off moose skulls in a steel garbage can over a propane torch to add to the dataset).

I do not suggest that everything at the Bangsund site be left as-is forever. As much as I wish wolf and moose research could continue indefinitely at Bangsund Cabin, or that when my parents are no longer physically able to carry on, another researcher will step in to continue the study just as they have done for so many years, I recognize that neither scenario is likely. Research priorities change, and most people are unwilling to commit so fully to a place or project for such a long time period. But for the time being, for as long as (b) (6) are able to function at Bangsund Cabin, let that "current use" persist. I cannot think of a more significant resource to preserve as an example of long-term scientific research but also living ambassadors of the natural and cultural history of Isle Royale.

Too often, we do not realize the significance of what we have until it is gone; why else would there be a Wilderness Act? In the case of the Bangsund site, a narrow focus on preserving the historical structures of a bygone era of commercial fishing to the exclusion of the current use of the site would be a sad mistake. The truly unique way in which research has occurred at Bangsund cabin, and the even more unique public accessibility of not only the research but the researchers themselves is worthy of prioritization and should be considered in the planning related to the site.

Better yet, go visit and experience the "current use" of the site. You can almost guarantee that, if my parents are there, they will drop whatever they are doing and talk to you about the Island, its people, its history, the wolves and moose (obviously); but also the snowshoe hare, the current year's balsam fir cone crop, the deer mice, the warblers calling in the background, the mosquitoes. The breadth of their knowledge of the natural history (and human history) of the Island is unmatched, as is their willingness to talk to you about it. Part of what makes them so unique is their love, not only for the Island, but its visitors. In the height of summer, a nearly constant stream of visitors wanders over to Bangsund on the path from the Edisen Fishery or paddles ashore in canoes and kayaks to marvel at the collection of moose bones, learn about the research, and share stories about the island. Twice a week, they paddle a canoe laden with bones over to Daisy Farm to give talks to backpackers who cannot reach Bangsund Cabin on foot or by boat. Even though (b) (6) certainly know more about the Island than anybody else living, they will still listen with genuine interest to your stories about the moose you saw or the fish you caught or the wolf howls you thought you heard when camped at Lake Richie. Most people would quickly grow tired of the constant interruption and lack of privacy, but (b) (6) have devoted much of their lives not only to the decades-long wolf/moose study but also to sharing its lessons with the island's visitors. Nothing could replicate their unique understanding of Isle Royale or their willingness to share their knowledge and experience with the island's visitors.

After they can no longer carry on the research and stewardship to which they have devoted most of their lives, a re-evaluation of the "best use" of the Bangsund site and its structures is warranted. Should another researcher be willing to devote themselves so fully to the wolf/moose research as to sacrifice indoor plumbing, electricity, insect-proof walls, running water, and the many other comforts of modern life, continued use of the Bangsund site for research should be celebrated. In the more likely scenario that future researchers prefer to base their operations elsewhere, preserving the

original historic structures with interpretive installations focused on the wolf moose research would be appropriate. Ecological field research, unlike commercial fishing and lighthouses as critical navigational aids, will hopefully never be a thing of the past on Isle Royale, but the particular style of ecological field research that has occurred at Bangsund Cabin for over a half-century is certainly unique and worthy of preservation and will be of interest to island visitors for decades to come.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the draft EIS Stewardship Plan. I just returned from backpacking the length of the island and would love to see the park and it's wilderness protected. Please accept the following comments:

I support Alternative C as the best options to maintain the wilderness character of the island, with the following specific comments.

I believe that Wilderness Areas should be managed as dictated under the Wilderness Act. If buildings in proposed Wilderness are not being removed then the area should not be designated as Wilderness. It would be best to remove any historic structures to non-wilderness locations where they can be preserved and interpreted but if this is not done the area should not be called a Wilderness Area.

I am concerned about visitor use of the island during the winter and support steps that will keep the park closed at that time. Reduction in stress to the wildlife is important and being the most densely used backcountry has an effect on them. Closing the park in the winter is the right step to take.

Commercial use in the backcountry should not be allowed. The general public is using the park at a sufficient level. Having commercial activity would either reduce opportunities for the general public or would increase visitor use to an unacceptable amount.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: I am a researcher and was able to finally visit the island this July 2023. It was as magical as always described.

Please do whatever is possible to preserve the wilderness of this island. Also, please preserve the historical buildings as they are as much a part of the island as is the wilderness. Biodiversity and culture are being lost at alarming rates and we need to do everything possible to slow that, especially on islands.

A limit to the number of people who can visit a year may seem harsh, but may be necessary. It further will help people to greatly appreciate the opportunity when it comes. The addition of campsites will cut away at the wilderness and impact the wildlife in negative ways. It will increase the spread of invasive species to even more extents of the island.

Please think first of the island and its flora and fauna. It is a treat to visit and something I have waited years to do. I hope to return often, but if I must wait my turn, it will be for the best of the island.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character, and is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

I am particularly concerned about the buildings and structures in the wilderness area. For many years, the future of historic buildings and structures on Isle Royale has been a controversial issue. All of Isle Royale is publicly owned since it became a National Park in 1940, but some families have retained life estates or other continued access to their historic cabins they sold to the federal government. How to interpret the history of the commercial fishing operations, lodges, and family cabins continues to be debated, to say nothing about the long and rich history of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people who pre-dated white European arrivals and their buildings.

The NPS's Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. This is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

Yet, there is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. That's fine, but those structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

And then, going forward, converting as much of the 93 acres of PWAs (Potential Wilderness Additions) to Wilderness is a great idea, but the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I am also concerned about human presence on Isle Royale. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Also, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. And lastly, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak up for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

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Correspondence: An injury in the wilderness is far more stressful than sharing a campsite. I am speaking from personal experience here. Recently I visited Isle Royale National Park to backpack. This was my third trip, however, it was the first one where I intentionally took things a little easier. Last year, on a different island in a different Great Lake, I broke my ankle in the wilderness and resorted to self-rescue. I had surgery a week later and spent the next six months rebuilding my strength, stability, and stamina. So this year, I was a little anxious about getting back onto the trail. I knew a few things for sure: I wanted to revisit Isle Royale and didn't want to become injured in the backcountry again.

So, my goal for this trip was not to let the slippery rocks win. And because I know that Isle Royale's rules allow for flexibility in your schedule, I took advantage of that. Instead of hiking out to Lake Ritchie the night before a large thunderstorm came, I hiked to Daisy Farm instead. The trail between Daisy Farm and Moskey Basin is a challenging, rocky terrain, and the idea of hiking back across it on a rainy day made me pretty anxious. So I hiked east instead and spent a day finding greenstones at Daisy Farm, instead of anxiously hiking through the rain. On this trip, the slippery rocks did not win.

Isle Royale is a place that rewards those who slow down. I can understand the need to address crowding challenges, I spent three of my eight nights sharing a group campsite, which I agree wasn't ideal. Especially for those whose goal for their trip is to crush miles, knowing that after a long day of hiking, you'll have to socialize, doesn't always equate to a restful trip. But I am concerned that requiring people to stick to their itineraries, may result in people pushing themselves further than they physically should, and becoming injured instead. Requiring people to stick to their itineraries also will tend to favor those who are in better physical condition, and faster, which is another thing that irks me. I'm 5 foot 3, and have strong, fast-walkin' city legs, but a 10-mile hike to me is wildly different than that same hike to someone a full foot taller than me. If you must make adjustments, please do not do so in a way that favors young, and the tall, at the expense of those of us who are shorter and slower. Isle Royale is a place to hike, not a place to hike at a minimum speed.

One tool that might help alleviate crowding, which already exists on Isle Royale, is the water taxi. I believe this is an underutilized tool. Instead of a wild rush of hikers down the trail from Wendigo and Rock Harbor, if hikers knew that the water taxi would deliver them to a different trailhead, on a posted schedule, even for an additional fee, I think it would help relieve a lot of the pressure on the campgrounds closest to those two travel hubs. Both Rock Harbor and Wendigo are already public transit hubs, so it would make sense to work with the water taxi to develop a regular schedule, and post that for visitors before they arrive on the island, so there is an alternate way to move visitors around the island, reliably, and which can help alleviate crowding on the island, without favoring the most physically fit.

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Correspondence: Comments on the Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan

The Crystal Cove crew has been working on the site as volunteers for the last six summers. Many hours have been put in to bring the lodge and cabins back to the point they are now. We would like to continue our restoration work through the new Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

We have made the main lodge very accommodating and want to continue the overnight use of the site for a few weeks each summer as we have been doing, while we make our repairs. Many visitors stop in at all times of the day, we enjoy touring them safely through all the buildings, answering their questions and explaining the future plans for the site.

The buildings are in various stages of repair. We had to patch up the roofs to stop the rain and elements from further damaging the interior wood, floors, walls and ceilings. Wood preservative has been applied to the floors and walls to restore and protect them and to bring back their natural color and wood grain. The ceiling of the main lodge is 4" tongue and groove drop ceiling and water damage had made it sag and hang, almost falling down in places, many hours were

needed to put it back up and wood preservative was applied.

Inspection and repairs were made to the fireplace, mortaring in the iron arch and loose stones to make it safe and usable again.

The brush and under growth was cleared away from all the buildings to allow for air flow to dry the structures and let them breathe.

As stated all the buildings need some repair. We try to address the priority projects first, roofing repairs are an every year job, until new roofing can be installed on all structures.

In 2022 the NPS through a grant began the project of replacing some of the wall logs and leveling the main lodge. They also have a grant to replace the roofing on the lodge, the crews got a good start that summer but much more work is needed to complete the projects.

The Generator Shed has been listed as removal, we feel this building has a very high historical value to the site. It provided electrical power and water to the compound below it. Crystal Cove was one of the few sites on the Island to have this luxury. It is also an Icon up on the ridge telling travelers in Amygdaloid channel they are reaching Crystal Cove. It has stories to be told! The south side roofing has been replaced already, the rest of the roofing will be replaced as the elements tear the old roofing off.

The Smoke House is another building on the removal list that we feel should be preserved. It is a symbol of the fishing history that took place on this site for many years. Back in the 60's and 70's my family would spend the entire summer up on the island, staying in the small cabin or at Johnson Island. My father would repair Milford's boats. Many nights were spent keeping the fire at the smoke house going as it had to run continually until the smoking process was done. Many friends and family enjoyed the fish that the smoke house produced. This building also has its own story and history. Repairs and materials are already on the schedule to replace the roof next summer. We would very much like to be able to save and restore the smoke house structure.

Our family ties to the Island are strong, my Great Grandfather Mike and Nellie fished out of Edison Fisheries for many years before, Uncle Pete and Aunt Laura took over and made Edison Fishery the attraction it is today. My father's family, Arnold and Olga Johnson and Milford and Myrtle Johnson lived in the Rock Harbor Light House for a while when he was young. Grandfather, Arnold Johnson fished out of Starr Island for many years. Holger and Lucy Johnson fished out of Chippewa Harbor. Myrtle is a Sivertson from Washington Harbor, she married Milford, living and fishing out of Crystal Cove since the 50's.

Which leads us back to the Partnership and Stewardship we would like to have with the National Park Service, allowing us to continue our restoration work on Crystal Cove as we have in the past.

Respectfully Yours,

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Crystal Cove Crew Members:

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I'd like to express my opinion that Isle Royale Wilderness should be maintained and protected as WILDERNESS.

I support Alternative C, which best protects the peace, solitude, and wild character of the park.

I support the conversion of as many as possible of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, but only if the National Park Service does not plan to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I do not agree with maintaining or stabilizing existing structures on Isle Royale. Historical structures that the NPS wishes to preserve should be relocated outside of Wilderness in order to comply with the Wilderness Act's Directive that Wilderness be free of any structures that are not necessary for wilderness protection.

Commercial uses should no longer be able to exist on Isle Royale Wilderness, and visitation should be managed in such a way as to protect its wilderness character. Also, I am in favor of continuing to keep the park closed in the winter, allowing wildlife a break from the human traffic that occurs at all other times of year.

"Wilderness" on the planet is scarce and becoming scarcer..... please secure and protect Isle Royale Wilderness from further degradation of its wild-ness!

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I believe a combination of elements of alternatives A and B would best serve both the need to prevent over use and conflict between park visitors but it also seems that changes to enhance and expand facilities and opportunities for kayakers in water access areas is at the expense of power and sail boaters (removal of Duncan Bay dock and establishment of paddle only campground on Johns island) This could be balanced at little expense to people seeking solitude by making one or two additional overnight docks available to boaters at Wright island and Crystal Cove which is away from the main island.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please do not remove the treasure of the three sided shelters. Please do not implement a permit system for the campgrounds, especially if Rec.gov is how to reserve. That will be very limiting to people who don't have the time, skill or inclination to spend hours refreshing pages to secure a permit.

All of our national parks bear the scars of human intervention but without our intervention and continued support, our national parks and public lands would not exist. We cannot erase our presence. We can only rejoice in the love we have for the Island.

Winter access to the Island is ill advised. The First Nations knew to leave the Minong before the winter. Let us allow the wilderness to enjoy the winter without us.

I am not often a fan of status quo, but please leave the island as it is now.

Correspondence ID: 1655Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,22 2023 23:00:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi,

My main concerns are:

- In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.
- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thanks for your time,

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Correspondence ID: 1656Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,23 2023 01:04:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

I am writing in support of Alternative C, to best protect the Isle Royal Wilderness and its wildlife and habitat. In general, I support not maintaining or stabilizing any structures within the wilderness area. I believe that structures within the wilderness area should be relocated to outside the wilderness area if the Park Service deems it necessary to preserve or restore them. However, relocating structures should be done with an absolute minimum disruption to the environment around them.

Please adhere as closely as possible to all the provisions of the 1964 Wilderness Act in all decisions regarding the maintenance and restoration of structures. While I value the opportunity to visit the Park, I believe it is essential to preserve the entire wilderness area for the benefit of the trees, plants, birds, and animals there and their habitat. For this reason, I oppose permitting any human activities, including visitation, during the winter months.

I believe we need to preserve as much area as possible in Isle Royale for wilderness, so I fully support adding as much as additional acreage to wilderness as possible, with the provision that existing structures in those areas be removed or allowed to degrade (removing at least all toxic materials first). Some scientists report that we have lost as much as 70% of

wildlife since the 1970's, so it is truly imperative for us to preserve as much wildlife and its habitat as possible, especially on public lands in the U.S.

For this reason also, I believe visitation, especially large groups, must be managed so as to minimize disturbance to wildlife and habitat.

Please select Alternative C, and thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which seems to best protect Isle Royale as it is and limits large groups. I believe commercial use should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

However, if it is to be maintained as Wilderness, Park Service could relocate structures within to other areas where they may be better preserved and accessible to the general public. I support the conversion of as many acres as possible of PWAs to Wilderness, but only if National Park Service does not plan to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

I also believe The Park should remain closed during the winter. Wildlife needs a break from humans.

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Correspondence: Regarding changes to the Group Camping policy at IRNP, I support Option C, which continues the existing rules with extensive, hands-on monitoring by IRNP staff added. IRNP staff who are involved with the proposed multi-year, extensive monitoring of group camping needs, environmental impact, and overall effect to the quality of backpackers' IRNP experience should prepare at least two interim reports regarding monitoring results followed by a final report to the Park's superintendent. The Park's superintendent, informed by the interim and final reports will then make changes or not change IRNP's group camping policy.

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Correspondence: Having been to Isle Royale four times over the last 10 years, and having been to nearly every single campsite via backpacking and kayaking, we agree Isle Royale is a special place in need of protection. Over the past 10 years, we would agree that Isle Royale has become crowded and the backcountry wilderness experience we had on our first visit has been harder to come by. On our most recent trip, we spent 30 days on the island and feel we have a solid understanding of Isle Royale's systems, areas, and crowding. We have also stayed at nearly every site and have a good understanding of what each spot has to offer.

While, there are aspects of each plan that we can support, we feel a hybrid plan is needed.

We would support:

- A permitting system for reservations (free from bots and fair to all applicants)
- Reduced commercial access and add caps on group size and number of commercial reservations
- Extended season (ex: add a month)with possible winter opening depending on weather
- keep the shelters and picnic tables, etc.
- create new campsites and trails (particularly in the southern route)
- reduce power boater access and noise, require power boater permits
- increase kayak access (non-commercial)

Thank you for allowing comments and we look forward to seeing your final plan.

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Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A. I've backpacked Isle Royale 5 times in the last 25 years. The absence of a reservation system is one part of what makes the park stand out from other, larger parks. If that means less people go there I'm OK with that. I like the idea of keeping the group sizes smaller. This summer we seemed to have a similar itinerary to a scouting troop. They were respectful and were as quiet as a group of teenage boys can be...but I can't imagine what a group twice their size would be like. I'm in favor of preserving wilderness and solitude. To me Isle Royale is not meant to be a bustling tourist attraction. The microtrash we picked up was the most I've ever seen. Thank you for seeking comments on this decision.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale that the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better preserved and made accessible to the general public. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

No commercial activities in the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I have been backpacking three times to Isle Royale and spent a week working around the island as a common loon bander. My last trip was just a few weeks ago and my first was more than three decades ago. I am also planning a return trip for next September to hike the Feldtmann/Greenstone trails from Windigo to Rock Harbor and plan to hike the Minong Trail in 2025. As an active volunteer with The Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy and Michigan Audubon, I am a proponent of wilderness, habitat, and open space preservation. I generally support Proposal B as outlined in the 'Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.'

I support a reservation program to help control overcrowding in wilderness area, maintaining (and even expanding) the existing Adirondack shelters at campgrounds along the Lake Superior and associated bays campgrounds. However, I do think that the campsite usage program needs to continue to accommodate backpackers to adjust itineraries as weather or physical challenges require them to make adjustments to their hiking plans and the availability of commercial guides to introduce visitors to this unique Great Lakes wilderness. I believe new campsites should be added to campgrounds where itineraries show frequent bottlenecks occurring. I also believe designated campsites and privies help control negative impacts on the surrounding wilderness.

I believe the maintenance of historic structures in the wilderness enhances Isle Royale visitors' experience and that the preservation of historic structures/sites is consistent with the Wilderness Act's recognition that wilderness areas may also contain "features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value." Consequently, I also think The Bangsund Research Station should be maintained as a historic and scientific site. The moose-wolf predator-prey study is the oldest of its kind in the world and as such this station is of international scientific and historic significance. Although it is probably beyond the scope of this wilderness plan, I also wish there were more historic interpretation opportunities for the Native American pre-colonial period usage of the island for copper mining, maple sugaring, hunting and fishing. If it does not already exist, some interpretive signage at McCargoe Cove should be added about it being the main portal of access for seasonal usage of Native Americans of the island archipelago. It would also be nice to see an example of a seasonal encampment at Windigo or Rock Harbor ran by Anishinaabe that show what life was like fishing, hunting and sugaring on Isle Royale.

Lastly, I want to express my opinion that visitor usage of Isle Royale should continue to be seasonal (April to October).

Historically, the island has primarily been a Spring/Summer destination for Native Americans, colonists, and Americans. This should continue, even if Lake Superior stops freezing over. I believe this seasonal closure from visitors best reflects mandates in The Wilderness Acts such as "where man himself is a visitor who does not remain" and the area should be without "human habitation."

Best Regards,

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to express my comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Additionally, I believe that structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Furthermore, while I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Finally, I believe that commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Thank you for considering my comments on this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 1666Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,23 2023 09:53:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Based on the information given in the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Plan B appears to be more favorable than the other alternatives. Specific comments and questions concerning Plan B are summarized below.

- Before considering a new permitting system for the backcountry/wilderness permits in advance, NPS may want to consider restructuring their contracts with the Sea Planes to reduce the allowable flights and passenger numbers to the island.
- On Page 21 the following statement is made concerning campground shelters and picnic tables: "Under this alternative, the park would maintain 20 shelters within wilderness and would not construct additional shelters. The GMP direction is to remove the boat dock at Duncan Bay campground. Shelters at Duncan Bay would be removed from this location once the boat dock is removed. Shelters that would be maintained would be addressed in an MRA to show these structures are the minimum necessary and that they consider wilderness qualities. The MRA would address long-term maintenance of shelters.

Picnic tables are currently located in a number of wilderness campgrounds at Isle Royale. Although picnic tables are installations that decrease self-reliance and detract from the opportunity for the primitive and unconfined recreation quality of wilderness, they protect sensitive vegetation by keeping visitors off vegetation and generally keep campsites from

expanding. The NPS would not expand the number of picnic tables within wilderness and would consider removal in some locations"

I usually read the Isle Royale Forums on Facebook to see the experiences of mainly hikers that visit Isle Royale. One of the facilities they REALLY like about their experience is the use of the shelters throughout the island. When reading the comments one of the first things hikers look for when coming to a campground is an open shelter. The use of shelters is unique to IR that allow hikers, kayakers and boaters the opportunity to get out of rainy cold weather, reduce their exposure to the pesky insects and food stealing varmints, and dry out from a rain-soaked tent. Shelters have been part of the culture of hiking and boating on the island since IR was established as a national park.

For the few hikers that oppose the use of shelters on IR they do not have to use them. If it takes away their wilderness experience they can obtain a backcountry permit and camp away from campgrounds. Both types of experiences can be enjoyed by all on IR.

Shelters and picnic tables should be maintained by the NPS. There is no discussion of what will be built at Belle Island campground. Isle Royale Boaters Association repaired the pavilion and some of the shelters back in 2004.

- The opening up of Wright Island to overnight boating and camping is a welcomed change. This will provide boaters with an alternative place for shelter. The same is true for opening the Crystal Cove dock for overnight stay. Opening up Johns Island for a paddler campground is also a favorable move. Picnic tables and a shelter at each site would be very much welcomed.

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Correspondence: Leave these people and their ancestral homes/cottages alone! Isle Royal is big enough for them, and your proposed camp ground! Just because some bureaucrats think it's a 'good' idea, doesn't mean it is.... They're beautiful old buildings, and the history should remain.

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Correspondence: I have been going to Isle Royale for over 30 years for the solitude that only wilderness can provide. However, I have noticed over time that the waterways and campsites feel increasingly like a noisy state park campground instead of a National Park with a mandate to provide and protect its wilderness. The noise from boats and boating parties, and float planes coming and going has gotten worse and worse over the years. Therefore, I think that the Park Service needs to provide stronger protection for Isle Royale and should adopt wilderness stewardship protection alternative C. As part of that they also need to consider the removal of most of the boat docks from the wilderness campgrounds as I have noticed that the noise always comes from power boats and power boaters. Truth be told I would miss the shelters but I think the overall protection of the wilderness experience for the island ecology and visitors of the park is more important. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I believe the alternative that best protects Isle Royale's wilderness is C.

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Correspondence: Alternative C seems to be the best protection for Isle Royale.

Please do not designate the rest of the acres to PWA -- the use of the original 93 acres should be sufficient now to allow full use and enjoyment of the area.

The 1964 Wilderness Act specified that structures in the designated wilderness portions should NOT be maintained or stabilized -- they could be relocated to areas outside of wilderness where they could be better preserved or made more available to the public.

No commercial use should be allowed at all -- we need to preserve the historic and ecological nature of the area.

No large groups should be allowed -- close attention and supervision should protect Isle Royale.

Please do not open the park during winter -- the wildlife need a break from the humans and all of the possible disturbances we cause them.

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Correspondence: I support alternative B.

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Correspondence: • In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

- Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.
- While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
- Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
- Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
- The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

However, I would like to add the following requests:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not

reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: 1.7.5 Captain Kidd Cultural Landscape. (as edited by Sally McPherren Orsborn, 9/20/23. My comments are below the edits.)

(First Paragraph, final three sentences):

"Often, the structures were relocated from camp to camp and island to island in their entirety. Thus, many of the camps display vernacular styles subject to what construction materials were on hand or could be repurposed. In this manner, the McPherrens acquired a bath house from Crystal Cove, and a sleeping cabin from Clay Island. (NPS documents verify that McPherren consulted Superintendent George Bagley prior to these removals from abandoned islands.) Like Crystal Cove, the Captain Kidd complex is located in the more isolated eastern side of the Isle Royale wilderness.

(Second Paragraph):

The complex currently consists of the McPherren Cabin, Sleeping Cabin #1 which is a gazebo (c.1915-1919 on Captain Kidd); it was later enclosed and expanded, Sleeping Cabin #2 (1922), Sleeping Cabin #3, a boat house, a bath house (1920), a tool shed (1915) and a flag pole. The Captain Kidd Cultural Landscape was determined eligible for listing in the National Register at a local level of significance. Its period of significance spans 1920 when George Megeath began construction in conjunction with his Crystal Cove complex until the 1940 acquisition by the NPS.

(Third Paragraph beginning with Sleeping Cabin #1):

Sleeping Cabin #1 is a one-story frame structure with a central pyramidal hipped asphalt shingled roof and two opposing shed additions on the east and west elevations. The central portion measures 8' by 8' and was initially a gazebo on Captain Kidd at the time of the McPherren purchase in 1934. It was subsequently expanded and enclosed. The eastern shed addition has collapsed.

(Third Paragraph, final sentence):

Sleeping Cabin #1 is deteriorating except for the central section which could be returned to its original intent as a gazebo as pictured in a 1930s photograph. Sleeping Cabin #2 is in very good condition, was built on Captain Kidd and present at the time of the McPherren purchase in 1934. It has been well maintained since that time. The foundation, floors, windows and logs remain sound and level. Sleeping Cabin #3, oldest of the three, was moved to Captain Kidd from Clay Island and has been restored. Sleeping Cabins #2, #3, bath house and tool shed were all professionally reroofed in 2016 at considerable expense.

Conclusion:

The McPherrren Cabin is in good condition and retains high integrity. It is significant because it represents Rustic Architecture integrated into island vernacular. Thus, it is necessary to convey the significant contributions the site played in the early twentieth century recreation movement on Isle Royale first as an auxiliary to a private resort complex and later as a private summer camp. This cabin (with kitchen and sitting area) along with two sleeping cabins, the bath house, and tool shed is necessary for the continued understanding of how people historically interacted with wilderness. These well-maintained cabins are sufficient to represent the wilderness values associated with the site.

(Second paragraph):

The bath house, The boat house, flag pole, tool shed, and three Sleeping Cabin #1 are in poor condition and lack historic integrity.

1. Comments on Proposed Treatments to Cultural Resources in Draft EIS/WSP Preferred Alternative:

a. Captain Kidd

i. I completely disagree with the proposed treatment to stabilize the McPherrren cabin and allow the Sleeping Cabins 2 & 3 (as corrected in the above) as well as the bath house to molder. As stated above these cabins are all in very good condition and have undergone extensive roofing projects in 2016 at great expense. They are being actively preserved each summer. My hope is NPS will reconsider this decision and change the proposed treatment for all of these buildings to preservation.

ii. I further recommend that no decisions on molder or stabilize treatment of cabins at the Captain Kidd Cultural Landscape be made until the NPS has prepared and submitted a National Register nomination for the entire Belle Isle district (Captain Kidd, Crystal Cove and Johnson Island). All the structures on Captain Kidd are part of a collection of historic cultural resources in the Belle Isle community and, given the similarities to the camps in the Tobins Harbor Historic District, are likely regionally or nationally significant. To allow these potentially nationally significant cultural resources to molder or only be stabilized before a determination of their significance can be made by the Keeper of the National Register is a great mistake. Decisions that could potentially lead to the deterioration of cultural resources should only be made with accurate facts and data in hand. There are no facts and data at this point because no architectural historian has done the work to prepare the nomination. And to base this decision to molder and stabilize on the idea that there are similar buildings at other locations is not in keeping with the principles of historic preservation. In historic preservation, one does not look at a group of historic buildings (a collection) and decide to only preserve one. The entire collection should be preserved as a sample of the "Rustic Architecture integrated into island vernacular."

iii. Captain Kidd was and remains a central component of the Belle Isle Community, both physically and culturally. The contents in the cabins proposed for molder and stabilization contain a wonderful collection of pieces of island history, including the organ, originally located at the Rock Harbor Weart cabin, then at the Orsborn cabin in Snug Harbor, now at Captain Kidd. The wicker furniture, originally at Crystal Cove was given to McPherrrens along with other furniture when John Nixon refused a life-lease on that camp. Additional furniture came from the Homer (Coach) and Elizabeth Orsborn cabin when they died and that cabin was subsequently destroyed. At that time, their younger son, John (Jack) was married to Sally, the younger daughter of the McPherrrens. They met while working summers at Rock Harbor Lodge. The elder Orsborns were significant in the history of the Rock Harbor Lodge, first as designers and builders of the tennis court there, then in the new Rock Harbor Post Office, then also on Mott Island where Coach spent some of his last years on the radio there. The entire Captain Kidd Cultural Landscape is a testament to the island community's tradition of recycling, reuse, and of significant cultural interaction; one that could be of great use in teaching visitors about the historic community's conservation and interaction ethos.

iv. I, Sally McPherrren Orsborn, (91) was on Captain Kidd for three weeks this summer. Various McPherrren descendants visited, each contributing to the maintenance and care of those treasured historic cabins. I have old photos confirming all above changes. I also have an M.S. Word document with line-in/line-out changes to Wilderness document with my changes to that study. In that it doesn't transmit as such on this form, I edited it to my intended text on this comment form.

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Correspondence: I have just completed my 4th trip to Isle Royale, and the experience was wonderful.

I support option A.

I met hikers who needed to modify their itinerary, and Option C appears unworkable.

We all come on the same boat, leading to a certain comradery, and the future interaction of meeting those persons at the campsite was OK, even though not providing solitude, we are all rather of like mind in the hike and share experiences or tips (and no politics get discussed!).

Option B seems workable, but perhaps pre-planned itineraries only during peak season.

Seaplanes should be reduced! They are quite disruptive to the experience, and inconsistent with the Wilderness use. Use the boats to manage visitor numbers. I used the seaplane once, because our group could not get a boat reservation. This was clearly a case of purchasing admission, and one not available to many less affluent people.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: The stewardship plan should be based around keeping the park as wild and untouched as possible. If people want a park with pavilions and bath houses there are already plenty of those elsewhere. People go here to see the beauty of nature and to disconnect. More people, more facilities, and more people will ruin it.

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Correspondence: can't remember if I already submitted this:

Bangsund site

Fifteen years ago, during a major celebration at Isle Royale commemorating 50 years of wolf-moose research, Associate Director for Science Bert Frost gave a speech at Rock Harbor. After noting the rarity of long-term research, Frost posed the question, "How do we keep this going?" I think he meant literally, not rhetorically. Regarding the Bangsund site which has worked well for this project (and the Park) since 1960, I respectfully submit that the Preferred Alternative B of the Wilderness Stewardship EIS does not present a good path forward. I suggest a continuation of the status quo for the Bangsund site in the short-term (more akin to Alternative A), and long-term planning to commence as appropriate during the short term for interpretation and public use.

Bangsund site, short-term: Present occupancy by MTU wolf-moose researchers continues a pattern of staging for field research and, perhaps more importantly, provides an interpretive site for exemplary exposure of Park visitors to emerging findings of science in the Park. The other values specified by the Wilderness Act of 1964 - educational, scientific, historical, and scenic - are currently serving their intended function at an exceptional level. Current use provides the necessary context for these values to be realized in a manner that is unique in Isle Royale National Park, perhaps across all National Parks. At present, thousands of park visitors to the Bangsund site are seeing and understanding these Wilderness Values annually through personal experience.

Bangsund site, long-term: When the present pattern of occupancy is no longer practical, I suggest the Bangsund site be used for interpretation of long-term wolf-moose research. Maintenance of significant structures and installations can be accomplished through a "friends" group, or partnership agreement, and interpretation could be similarly accomplished with an on-site docent.

Areas closed to camping

Presently, camping is prohibited in large areas of ISRO to, as stated in the EIS, reduce wolf-human interaction. Most of these closures were established in the 1970s at the behest of Superintendents Beattie and Morehead (see Allen, Wolves of Minong, pp. 410-411). In the 1970s I supported these closures, but after a half-century of new science and understanding, I believe these area closures serve neither the public interest nor significantly reduce wolf-human contact. More specifically,

- 1) Closures for "wolf management" are unnecessary for wolf security. The opinions of additional wolf biologists with experience in human intrusions at wolf dens should be sought: Bridgette Borg, Diane Boyd, John Erb, Tim Gable, Dick Thiel, Dave Mech, Ken Mills, Brent Patterson, Doug Smith, Mike Schrage, and Adrian Wydeven.
- 2) I am not aware of any evidence that area closures have reduced wolf-human interaction at ISRO. Experience with "fearless wolves" in 2004-2006 and current (2023) visitor reports of wolves indicate that wolf-human interaction occurs where human activity is concentrated (often predictably), not where wolf activity is concentrated (almost always ephemeral and relatively unpredictable).
- 3) Area closures at ISRO significantly reduce opportunities for "primitive and unconfined recreation", a major objective of the Wilderness Act of 1964.
- 4) Area closures contribute to over-crowding at established campgrounds when substantial surrounding areas are closed.
- 5) Campgrounds currently exist within closed areas (e.g. Hay Bay, Pickerel Cove, Intermediate Lake and Lake Richie). Although these are intended for paddlers, adventurous backpackers also use them. And, within ¼ mile of several interior lakes and Lake Superior, the closed areas do not apply. In other words, when desirable for paddlers, the rationale for closing areas has already been compromised.
- 6) Figure 6 in the EIS is significantly different from 2023 regulations, so it doesn't correspond well to a "no change" alternative. Specifically, four areas formerly closed are proposed to be opened (14, 22, 23, and 46) while seven areas formerly open are proposed to be closed (18, 18, 25, 27, 38, 44, and 45). This would suggest that Park management is moving toward closing more areas, under the assumption that wolf-human interaction will be reduced, even in the absence of compelling evidence.

Trail closure

The preferred alternative proposes elimination of the trail between the east and south ends of Lake Richie. I recommend this trail continue to be maintained, as it is a well-traveled trail providing access to Lake Superior for backpackers and access to the island interior for boaters. This proposal is a carry-over from the 1998 GMP and is based on the questionable premise that boaters and backpackers shouldn't mix.

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Correspondence: I guess I choose A, not much changes needed

I'd definitely like to see the historical sites preserved, though. My Finnish grandpa was a Lake Superior fisherman. And a copper miner. I love learning about the lives and trials of the Isle Royale lives of the past

And one suggestion I have is perhaps somehow some more sites could be made around Rock Harbor that would be for reservations so people could stay at those ones more than one night

Thank you for all you do for the parks.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: After reviewing the Wilderness Stewardship Plan I strongly believe Option A (No Change), with several modifications, is the right fit for Isle Royale. The Greenstone Ridge was my first backpacking trip in September 2012. Like many others I fell in love with it and I have been to the island 18 times since.

Several possible modifications to Option A could improve the overcrowding in the peak months. Perhaps stay limits can be shortened to 2 days during peak season (July - August). Or another campground can be added near Rock Harbor and/or Windigo. Several additional campsites can be added to some of the more heavily used campgrounds. The several proposed water campgrounds would also be very useful. A reduction to the number of people transported to the island via ferries and seaplanes, especially during peak season, would be helpful in the overcrowding.

The ability to change your itinerary is very important to most people who visit the island. Whether due to energy level, injury, weather, or simply love of the campground you are at, it is important to have this flexibility. A permitted system that requires you to "move on" seems like a sure way to increase injuries on the island - as well as diminish the pleasure the island gives.

To make Isle Royale become the scheduling nightmare that occurs in many of the other national parks seems so wrong when the overcrowding can be corrected with a few modifications to its existing system. I firmly believe that Option A, with a few modifications, is the best option for the NPS to move forward with.

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Correspondence: I love Isle Royale and have served there as a Sierra Club volunteer for the Park Service.

Buildings unnecessary for the administration of the Wilderness HAVE NO BUSINESS IN THE WILDERNESS AND MUST BE TORN DOWN.

Commerce is ENTIRELY INCOMPATIBLE with the Isle Royale Wilderness.

We expect you to protect the solitude and wilderness character of the Park. Please get people out of there. Alternative C is the best option.

Close the Park EVERY WINTER to give wildlife a break from the heavy human pressure. Don't let it be wrecked like many parks have been!

Thank you.

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Correspondence: NO COMMERCIAL USE OF THIS LAND!!!! KEEP IT WILD!!!! PLEASE HUMANS STOP CAPITALIZING ON NATURE!!!! LEAVE IT ALONE!!! JESUS PLEASE PROTECT THE EARTH, HER AIR, HER WATER, HER CREATURES, FROM GREEDY HUMANS!!!!

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Correspondence: I am writing as physician and public health/environmental protection advocate who strongly supports full protection for Wilderness Areas throughout our country to remain a Wilderness.

At this time, I am writing concerning the Isle Royale Wilderness that is located in the northern part of Lake Superior in the State of Michigan, Isle Royale National Park. This area contains 33,788 acres of land and 438,008 acres of surface water (571,796 total acres). The park is the largest island in Lake Superior, which is itself the largest freshwater lake by surface area in the world. There are over 400 smaller islands surrounding the main island, which together constitute the full archipelago of Isle Royale.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Approximately 98 percent of the land portion of the park was designated by Congress as Wilderness in 1976. Later additions of land for wilderness designation brought the total wilderness acreage to 99 percent, encompassing 132,018 acres. There remain an additional 93 acres of the island that Congress identified as Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), areas that the Park Service can convert to designated Wilderness once the non-conforming uses (including structures) have ended. In addition to the Wilderness and Potential Wilderness on Isle Royale, 1,677 acres of the island are considered non-wilderness, including such places as Rock Harbor, Washington Island, the Visitor Centers, and the Park Service's administrative Mott Headquarters.

For many years, the future of historic buildings and structures on Isle Royale has been a controversial issue. All of Isle Royale is publicly owned since it became a National Park in 1940, but some families have retained life estates or other continued access to their historic cabins they sold to the federal government. How to interpret the history of the commercial fishing operations, lodges, and family cabins continues to be debated, to say nothing about the long and rich history of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) people who pre-dated white European arrivals and their buildings.

The Draft Plan proposes removal for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others. Please understand that this plan is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses are to be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that is what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

I am aware that there is a loud constituency promoting the perpetuation of cabins, lodges, and other structures at the expense of Wilderness. Please understand that to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures, the focus should center upon the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness. It is crucial for the NPS to understand that there is a national constituency for protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness!

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

At this time, I thank you for your consideration of my letter and my recommendations. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. To ensure these Wilderness protections, alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Please understand that the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: BACKGROUND: now age 81 & met wife of 40 plus years at Daisy Farm from 1968 thru 2023 18 trips to I.R. backpacked/hiked all trails & have canoed to or past all water accessible camps (except 1);scoutmaster for 12 years; backpacked all or portions of 7 or more national trails -- Ocala, A.T., Ochiata (sp), Laurel Highlands, North Country, Pictured Rocks, etc.; canoeing in Texas, Alabama, Michigan (portions of over 10 rivers), Wisconsin, Minnesota, etc.

COMMENTS: 1. When does 'wilderness' stop? At 25,000 visitors, 35,000? 45,000 ? 50,000? or more??

There needs to be a limit by permit (like some other National Parks!!); 2. Canoed this year Friday after Labor Day from Caribou I. to Rock Harbor--- counted over 30 backpackers on Daisy Farm to Rock Harbor trail --- on Voyageur on following Sunday one of those backpackers described Rock Harbor as 'A REFUGEE CAMP' --- YIKES !!! 3. A very noticeable deterioration of trail maintenance and Nat. Park services over the past 6 years. 4. Told that 7,000 visitors came by 4 NOISY AIRPLANES --- toooooo many and toooooo noisy for the wilderness experience 5. Cut the Sea Hunter -- those day visitors have no idea of 'wilderness'-- half way to Island Mine from Wendigo one once asked me where the trail went (she was told 56 miles to Rock Harbor!!) 6. Get rid of the CHEEEEEESY 'How Wild is it Talk'--- it is at a 3rd grade level and really not informative. 7. Did those who devised the proposed project writeup ever backpack or canoe as a wilderness experience???? 8. Heard comment that all of this is to make more money -- if true, that is just unbelievable!!

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Correspondence: I strongly urge the National Park Service to keep existing buildings on Johns Island. These structures hold historic significance especially related to the restoration of the Johns Hotel on Johns Historical Point in Washington Harbor. A removal of these buildings would remove 6 generations of family connection to this land. Often the government removes buildings to create roads, infrastructure, or safer housing in spaces that simply cannot accommodate both the existing structure and the proposed new structures. This is not the case with Johns Island. There is room for creation of campsites around the existing structures if needed. It is a large island that can accommodate wilderness and not destroy these historical homes.

These buildings help represent the fishing and entertainment industry of Isle Royale, they have been used by 6 generations of Johns. Not only are they historic, but they are actively used to house volunteers that work on the Johns Hotel. This is currently the only safe site for Johns Hotel volunteers to have a base site that includes a wood burning stove and bathing facilities. There are no other options for volunteers to warm-up/maintain a dry environment/stay clean for extended stays while working on the Hotel. Long term, housing volunteers at the Johns Hotel itself is not feasible as the site should be set up as a museum, and the public will have access to the site.

The Johns family has historical ties to Johns Island, it is appropriate to allow their structures to stay in this site to facilitate the continued work on Johns Hotel Historical Point.

The Johns family has left footprints on this island for over 100 years, starting with John F. Johns. I hope that my 3 year old daughter Adelaide and newest baby Thomas (4 months old) will be able to continue the legacy that John F. Johns began at Isle Royale. I hope they will be able to stay in the buildings that have housed their ancestors while they help preserve one of the few historical buildings on Isle Royale. In a park with 132,000 acres, let these small buildings stand as not only a symbol of the past generations that have lived on this land, but also as a functional site for those working to preserve the unique history of this park.

Additionally, I would like to note that entrance into the Johns Island Harbor (gap between Johns Island and Thompson Island) is treacherous at times and could be exceedingly unsafe for small boats and especially for kayaks.

According to the wilderness plan, some family's historical sites will be preserved while others will be destroyed. It simply isn't right to destroy some family's homes but not others.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: RE: Johns Cabin on Johns Island, Isle Royale National Park
Isle Royale Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Draft EIS

As a Board member, I am speaking today representing the Johns Hotel Historical Point Association, regarding the Johns Cabin on Johns Island, which is proposed in the Report for REMOVAL. The cabin has existed on Johns Island for one hundred and thirty-five (135) years, originally an outpost for the purpose of supporting the Johns fishing operation, and emergency shelter to those navigating the treacherous waters on the Western end of Isle Royale.

The cabin stands alone, unattached from the other two buildings. Two walls, the North and East, have been restored and the new roof, recently completed, is solid. The condition of the cabin is much better than is stated in the report.

I believe the Johns cabin contributes to the five qualities of wilderness character, but I will focus on the fifth quality:

"Historic Significance, which acknowledges whether the structure is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or is identified as a contributing resource to a larger historic district, and the level of significance at which the structure or district is eligible or listed."

The Johns cabin has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and its place in history is well documented. It is a contributing resource to a larger historic district, the Johns Hotel and Historical Point. The Johns Hotel and Historic District has been on the National Registry for many years. This "extension" or "outpost" on Johns Island, should be preserved as part of the Johns Cultural Resource District. It plays a significant role in the representation of a historic commercial fishery. The cabin is the only building associated with the Johns fishery that still stands. The existence of the cabin conveys a more complete picture of the Johns family's influence within the cultural landscapes of the southwest archipelago after 1890. It is significant!

The Johns cabin is clearly a cultural asset for future generations to see, enjoy, and understand the dangers of navigating rugged waters that earlier generations had to survive. When no other cabins were around it had a significant impact on allowing "safe" refuge for fishermen and travelers who had nowhere else to go. Taking shelter and isolation were part of the lifestyle of the people of earlier generations at Isle Royale. This historic structure, the Johns cabin at this location, plays a significant role in the history of the Johns commercial fishery and accurately portrays the overall lifestyle of the early fishermen in Washington Harbor in the late 1800's. Let's not vacate history.

The Johns cabin is necessary to convey the historic values of Isle Royale's wilderness. The Johns cabin contributes to the significance of Johns Island and the Johns Hotel District as a whole. Because of continued upkeep, the structure is in good condition and retains high historic integrity. The cabin includes special features, front window uniqueness, a six-foot removable panel cut into the south wall to convert living space to a small boat storage when needed, a gabled front roof appearance that is unique and no modernization. The camp's placement in vicinity to other camps contributes to an understanding of how the families lived in this area and the relationship to the Johns fishery. The Johns cabin is necessary to preserve the historic values of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

I must say this to you: When I first read the report and came to the written conclusion that this essential part of history is potentially scheduled for "REMOVAL", I was shocked. To remove a 135-year historic structure, with a significance to a larger

historic district that has been on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1997. An outpost of a historic fishery, and safe haven to all who needed it. A building that is in good condition with unique features. And existing volunteers who have been providing maintenance of the building and are willing to continue the restoration work that is necessary to preserve the building into the distant future.

And IF a campground is developed on Johns Island, visitors would be welcome to learn more deeply the history and culture of the previous generations through the existence of this cabin.

But the most dramatic thought or reaction I had was the memory of a previously flawed National Park policy of burning buildings, including cabins, to the ground, when the buildings were vacated, or the last survivor died. REMOVAL has the same ending. That policy was devastating to me as a child and to the entire archipelago's cultural history. Recording and documentation alone will never take the place of an actual onsite visit. I thought we would be better in this day and age of learning from our history. I would prefer to see us RESTORE and PRESERVE our oral and physical cultural assets and our history.

Why would a cultural asset ever be eliminated?

Thank you,

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Board Trustee of the Johns Hotel Historical Point Association (JHHPA)

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Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for, under NEPA, giving the public the option to comment on proposed management of public lands. As a U.S. citizen who cherishes the Great Lakes and areas designated as wilderness, please consider my comments on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS.

First, I strongly support the premises of designated land as wilderness, and obligations that come therein. Structures are not appropriate in designated Wilderness, and as such, any structures in the Wilderness portion of the Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any efforts to do so, or use power tools to tear them down, is against the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Second, in general I support Alternative C, since it best aligns with the spirit of the Wilderness Act and the solitude and wild character of the island. For example, it best limits large groups and crowding, which if unchecked, would impose an unacceptable human pressure on the area.

I agree that it would be best if the park remained closed to winter use: sound carries greatly and humans accessing the area in winter tends to bring higher per person db than in the summer. Closing it for the winter also gives the wildlife there a break from the heavy human presence during the other seasons.

Lastly, I support converting more land to a wilderness designation, and the over 90 acres of PWAs should be up front for the conversion. But note that converting it means all the existing structures there should be removed. So it makes no sense to convert any PWA land if the NPS plans to maintain structure or allow private landholder to keep their cabins. If that means a checkerboard conversion, fine. But wilderness designation should not be watered down - if it is designated Wilderness, the structures can not be maintained. To create an exception is to set a dangerous precedent for management of wilderness designated areas nationally.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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Don't make the travel and visit to Isle Royale any more difficult or challenging. Given the remoteness of the island, visitors need the most flexibility. They have to contend with weather on the island and for crossings across and over Lake Superior. We understand that there is increased activity and visitors to the island; but options B and C add unnecessary complexity and reduce access. In addition, once on the island hikers adapt and are welcoming to others. Even adding more campsites, responsibly, would be a better option. More scheduling and limitations will only hurt the essence of Isle Royale. Keep it remote and special. Don't act like a large park as it will reduce support and visits in the future.

- making travel changes on the island is impossible due to limited to no cell coverage
- remote and challenging weather conditions for crossing cause delays and rescheduling often
- acknowledge the cyclicity of travel, don't make long term decisions based on recent and unusual years
- adding undo restrictions reduce access for all

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Correspondence: I like the idea of untrammelled wilderness but Isle Royale is far from that with float planes buzzing in and out, tour boats blaring loud speakers, the noisy IR queen heard miles away, the Mott island industrial zone and other offenses as I paddle around the IR. Much of the coast is not wilderness. The buildings are part of the history they should all be maintained or at least stabilized. The Wright island cabin, the Johns Island cabin and the structures on Captain Kidd in particular should be saved. I vote to save the seven listed for removal in the preferred plan.

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Correspondence: Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Please limit large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I stand with Alternative A but a relatively small change to campsites within campgrounds could solve several overcrowding issues.

Instead of keeping the "first come/first served" policy on all campsites or instead of changing to a 100% reservation system for campsites, implement a combination of BOTH. Set aside a few campsites (including some shelters) that would require reservations. Also, INCREASE the number of allowed nights stay for the reservation sites and REDUCE the overnights for some open sites. Focusing on the more popular sites, especially the ones closer to Rock Harbor, reduce the "open site" stay to 2 or maybe even 1 night(s), down from the typical 3 (examples - Daisy Farm, Moskey Basin & McCargoe Cove). Reserve-

able sites would be even closer to Rock Harbor and allow at least 3 nights stay, maybe 4 or 5 at Rock Harbor. This last point would probably mean ADDING sites at Rock Harbor.

Another major improvement to serving the public with multi-night reserve-able sites at Rock Harbor would allow folks to use Rock Harbor as a base by those that cannot afford the several hundred dollars the Lodge facilities require. This would also be viewed as a pleasant increase in equity.

Lastly, preserve as many of the 20th century structures as money will allow. One hundred year old history is just as important as 5000 year old artifacts. If newer born descendants of original families are willing to assist then accept the help.

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Correspondence: As long time recreational boaters and hikers/backpackers who love Isle Royale we submit the following comments: We support Alternative A, with the exception that we have a strong desire to maintain the dock and shelters at Duncan Bay. From a boater's perspective, the existing buildings scattered throughout the park are of interest both historically and visually. Alternative B is acceptable, again, with the exception to maintain the Duncan Bay dock and shelters. We feel strongly that there is a need to be flexible with boating and backcountry itineraries, especially in such a remote location, due to the effects of unanticipated changes in weather.

We love IRNP! Stan and Susan Goltz

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: P.S. More thoughts on wilderness.

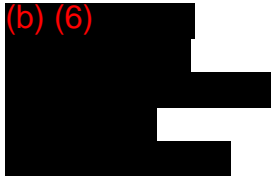
We want all visitors to have a good experience on Isle Royale, and often this involves our interactions with other people. We can encourage good relationships by serving visitors with well-maintained trails and campsites (shelters, picnic tables and outhouses), and accurate information.

A few years ago a soon-to-be medical student at MSU visited us at Bangsund Cabin. He had planned to hike with a buddy, but that friend had canceled because of illness, so my new friend was alone. Somewhere between Daisy Farm and Moskey Basin he had gotten off the trail and onto a moose trail. By the time he realized his mistake, he was disoriented (it was an overcast day.) He had the sense to stop walking, and he told me he had sat for 45 minutes, trying to figure out where he

was. He then heard the distant bell from the buoy in Middle Island Passage (a bell that has since been removed) and was delighted to be able to find his way back to the trail. "I came to Isle Royale for a wilderness experience, but I'm leaving with gratitude to be part of the human race and for my fellow human beings who install bell buoys."

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Thank you for taking the time to pull together the presentations about the DEIS for Isle Royale National Park. I attended online on September 7th and gathered a lot of information to help me think through these options. I also have read the entire DEIS Wilderness Plan and have some concerns and thoughts about each option.

As a person who has been visiting consistently for almost 20 years once or twice a year for backpacking trips, I care deeply about what happens to the future of this national park. Isle Royale quickly became a home away from home for me as I know it has for many other people who are "die hard" Isle Royale backpackers. While many of my trips have been in May or late August into September, these past 2 years due to job changes, we have come out in early August and have been completely shocked with what we experienced. The amount of people, overcrowding at campsites, the consistent noise in the campgrounds from small and large groups, the ill-prepared nature of people coming to the park, the lack of respect for others and the trails widening in areas due to the amount of people hiking who wish to not travel through mud/water. This was hard for me to watch and experience and I left after my last trip this past August feeling disheartened for the future of the park.

After attending the online presentation, we were asked 3 questions to ponder.

1. What other alternatives, alternative elements or management tools should be considered
2. What do you like and dislike about the alternatives, and why?
3. What additional issues or data should be considered in the existing environment or impact analyses?

ALTERNATIVE A

I believe 100% that Alternative A is not one that can be implemented and/or followed for the future of the park. My experiences this past 2 August's made me realize that something needs to be done to help control the future quality of the park from an ecological, social and historical perspective. If we stayed at the status quo, I believe in the long run, the park would experience more and more campground concerns (ie overcrowding, noise, erosion of campsite areas, etc), degradation of trail areas and concerns with historical areas.

ALTERNATIVE'S B & C

With Alternative A being an option that I believe 100% can't be implemented, that leaves Alternatives B & C left to discuss. I will be honest and say I am not 100% onboard with either option. I have concerns about each of the options and will do my best to summarize my thoughts.

I am a former camp director who used to send students in grades 8 - 12 out to Isle Royale for a 7 to 10-day experience in the park. One of those programs was for groups of students to discuss and learn about the environmental impacts of humans on the environment. These students were all 10th - 12th graders who were earning high school and college credits for participating in this program. The other group of students we sent out was out for a weeklong backpacking trip and

many were experiencing the park for their first time. Each one of these programs would currently fall into the group size limits for the park and would need to register as a group and stay at designated campsites. As a person who worked with camp aged students for over 20 years of my career, I know that it's very challenging to keep them quieter and respectful of other people in the c. campgrounds. While we were a camp of educational background and attracted students who were very interested in the educational aspect of the trips, they still were still teenagers. According to the data published in the DEIS Plan, it says only 6% of groups fell under the group reservation system. Our programs fell into this. However, in Alternative B, if the group size limits change, our programs would not fall into that group size limit and could come into the park as a "regular" group and stay at any campsites anywhere. Thus having more camp style groups nearby people who are coming to the park for solitude style "true" backpacking experiences can create conflicts between people in the campground. I experienced this first hand a few years ago when I was camping in early June with a friend and while the campgrounds were quieter, we were in a campsite next to a group from a large YMCA camp. This group had 5 students and 1 adult with them. So they fell into the "regular" group sizes but were loud, swearing and yelling at all hours of the day and night. My friend and I asked them quietly to please refrain from yelling, swearing and screaming around the campsites but, they didn't comply. After 2 nights of experiencing them, we rearranged our route so that we could avoid them for the next 2 nights of our trip. When I returned to Windigo, I went to the ranger station and lodged a formal complaint about the program and found out that I wasn't the only one to complain. I have unfortunately experienced this other times. I have never reported a formal complaint before, this was the first time. Most of the time I try to overlook these noises and try to put things into perspective. I honestly enjoy talking with other groups of people out there. But I have seen over the past few years I feel like respect for others has become more challenging. We see it in everyday society at stores and schools. My fear is we will start to see it more and more in the park when in the campgrounds.

I also believe the reservation system in Alternative B has its pros and cons. I like having to submit a formal permit and plan ahead of time and the park reserving those for us. However with it not be set in "stone" and allowing people to still be flexible, you could have people submit a plan and not follow any of what they submit thus we could run into the same challenges in campsites we already have since people will change their routes. I do however find this helpful for people who may become injured or like me previously with the camp group, flex my route to avoid an entire trip being miserable around that group of teenage boys. So the reservation system being how it is with the 85% reserved could be beneficial.

However in Alternative C, I feel the permit system being set in stone has it's advantages to help people really experience the park how they wish to. When we backpacked in Glacier, we had to submit our permit ahead of time and it was not flexible at all. I didn't mind this system as it allowed everyone who was going into the background to truly know what they were getting into. We were required to sit through a background orientation, watch videos and be prepared. We also experienced this when we backpacked to the top of Mauna Loa in Volcanoes National Park. Having it completely set in stone, however, could be challenging for people who may be kayaking and are weather bound someplace. Creating a permit system with some flexibility while it does have it's challenges is probably overall the best option for the long term for safety and weather concerns.

Looking at the rest of Alternative B, I don't have many concerns with the layout. I believe it considers the historical aspects of the park on a very balanced level. Preserving what needs to be preserved and letting go of what can be let go of without changing the impact the humans made on a social level to the park. The history of the park I believe is of value to the general public. They enjoy learning about, seeing and visiting some of the historical structures found in the park. Many of our national parks preserve these and I feel Alternative B helps to preserve the most valuable of these historical areas. I do however find that Alternative C may take out some of what has made the park historically interesting. I am a huge proponent of solitude and wilderness experiences and while I understand having these historical areas doesn't fit with true wilderness experiences. I have come to respect them and enjoy them as part of the overall wilderness experience. Humans have impacted the land around them for thousands and thousands of years. We can't erase all of that history from our view and nor do I believe we should anymore. I think there is a balance between history and wilderness that adds to the overall experience.

OVERALL

Overall I believe my biggest concerns with the plans fall into the areas of group sizes and permit systems. My point of view comes from having spent 20+ years of my life working with youth and directing camps. So while my perspective is only 1 part of the overall DEIS plan I hope my perspective is of value to you. Isle Royale National Park to me is my sanctuary. I know it is for many people. I want what is best for the park and I will trust that the staff will do what is best for the park overall. Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence: As someone who has done 4 backpacking trips on the island and planning to continue doing these trips yearly in the future for as long as I can, flexibility with my itinerary on these trips are the most important things to me. Therefore, I support alternative A. Isle Royale is a wild and rugged place. Due to this, it's easy for trips to not exactly go to plan whether its due to weather related events or injury. There is a reason why it's recommended to have a "Zero day" planned into your trip itinerary on the island in case of a bad weather day, a needed rest day, or simply enjoying a campsite so much you just want to relax an extra day and enjoy the serenity. Sometimes you hear about very cool areas on the island you weren't necessarily planning to visit but you decide to go spend a night somewhere you weren't planning to because of this. Or other times, you hear about an area that doesn't sound to pleasant so you decide to push on a few more miles to a more desirable place. Freedom is truly what a wilderness experience is about. Forcing people stick to a set itinerary may cause an uptick in injuries due to hiking in a bad weather day or not allowing them to use their flexible "zero day" which is almost necessary to have built into your itinerary. Some of the inland lakes on the Island (especially Lake Richie and Chickenbone Lake, which are lakes where people especially rely on for water) suffer from toxic algae blooms in the summer (usually during peak season too it seems), if someone booked a site at Lake Richie or one of the Chickenbone's during this time, would they be forced to stay there? That doesn't seem like a good idea as far as human health is concerned. The flexible itinerary setup of Isle Royale is very unique and is part of the charm of taking a trip here. Losing that will be a big loss to the great wilderness experience that Island provides us.

The one shortcoming of Alternative A is getting rid of a portion of the Indian Portage Trail. In my mind, there is simply no reason to get rid of this trail and eliminating hiker's access to Chippewa Harbor would be a complete shame. Chippewa Harbor is a beautiful location on the shores of Lake Superior, it doesn't get any better than that.

As far as the other two alternatives go, I would prefer Alternative B to alternative C. Even though I am completely against a reservation system, I believe option B provides more flexibility to those in the backcountry by allowing up to 15% of the sites in any given campground to not be booked on any given night. However, I am still unsure how the NPS will enforce these itineraries, especially in the campgrounds in the interior of the island. I can see why campgrounds such as Rock Harbor, 3 Mile, Daisy, and Windigo need to be enforced under a reservation system, but does campgrounds like Hatchet Lake, the Todd's, or the Desor's need to be enforced with a reservation system? It seems the logistics of this would be a resource nightmare for the Rangers who are already stretched thin as it is. Since overcrowding is mainly an issue at the campgrounds closest to the transportation hubs of the island, I would be in support of expanding some of the campgrounds in those areas. I believe there is a lot of room to expand the Rock Harbor campground for example, especially being surrounded by one of the larger non-wilderness areas of the island.

Overcrowding, outside of Rock Harbor, 3 Mile, Daisy Farm, and Windigo doesn't seem to be much of an issue anyway. As long as the ferry and seaplane services don't expand their capacities greatly, there is already a "carrying capacity" for visitors the island can host at any given time. Unlike Yellowstone, Yosemite, or any other of the mainland parks where an almost unlimited amount of people can visit at anytime, the capacity of the Ferry services limits the amount of people that can visit the island in any given season. The remoteness and lack of any metropolitan areas close to Isle Royale already makes travel to the island difficult as is, let alone coordinating the actual transportation to the island.

I absolute don't agree with Alternative C at all. Having a set reservation system would ruin the wilderness experience of the Island. It would be a real shame to have Alternative C be put into place.

As far as winter access goes, I believe this is an interesting conversation to have. Although I'm not sure how the logistics of getting to the island would go and I can see this causing human safety issues in the winter for both the visitors as well as any rangers who may be required to live on the island during this season. The ferry services have trouble running in the summer months as it is somedays, not sure I would rely on a seaplane service to be reliable in the winter months. With climate change warming our planet more and more year after year, I believe opening the park in the winter in say 20-30 years down the road may be a realistic conversation. But now? I'm not too sure it's reasonable. Plus, not having people on the island in the winter creates a very interesting scientific environment when it comes to the wolf and moose study.

Overall, as you can tell, I value the flexibility the current system provides those in the backcountry of Isle Royale. Therefore, I don't wish to see any or much changes in the current system. I sure hope the NPS will strongly consider going with Alternative A going forward.

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Correspondence: Overall I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness and the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you!

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Correspondence: As an American who cares about wildlife and the environment and who has family in Michigan, I'm aware that the future of historic buildings and structures on Isle Royale has been a controversial issue.

The Draft Plan proposes "molder" or "removal" for only about 25 of the 100 structures in Wilderness or Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs), while allowing for active maintenance or restoration for many others; this is in direct contradiction to the Wilderness Act's directive that Wildernesses be free of structures, unless those structures are necessary for wilderness protection. The "resource" of national historic significance on Isle Royale is its Wilderness, and that's what the Park Service must strive to perpetuate!

Efforts to display the Euro-settlement history of the Island and its remaining structures should focus on the non-wilderness lands in the Park, while the Wilderness is administered as Wilderness.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness. However, the National Park Service should not

maintain any structures on the PWAs that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Further, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Finally, the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Generally, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

But structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Any that the National Park Service wants to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they can be curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Also, all commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Additionally, visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should be closed to all winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Correspondence: I support all of the points made by IRFFA and those made by Missy, Louise, Eliza, and myself in on the Edwards' camp in a separate comments. Further I submit the following points as a summary of those points that I consider the most critical. I have the perspective of an individual who has summered on Edwards Island over a span of 70 years and a member of one of the historic families, the great-grandson of Maurice Edwards, the first Edwards' family member to visit Isle Royale.

1. The draft plan proposes that 20 acres remain in potential wilderness. Those 20 acres make up Davidson and Amygdaloid Islands. Apparently, this does not require an act of congress. We propose that only the acreage associated with the actual structures on Davidson and Amygdaloid remain in potential wilderness and the remainder of the 20 acres be apportioned to the immediate area of the historic structures so that these key areas also remain in potential wilderness. This would not change the total acreage remaining in potential wilderness but allow the NPS to preserve the historic properties free from constraints that could result in adverse effects. This also would not require an act of congress. Administering these properties with the least possible constrains on preservation would benefit the public good.
2. The material culture, including historic small watercraft, contained with the historic structures are a priceless national treasure, a treasure that has immensely more value in context within the buildings in which they have been preserved for decades to more than a century. We request that the NPS work with partners to reach agreements to lend these priceless treasures to the NPS to the benefit of the public.
3. The Gem Island Cabin, which is part of the Edwards' camp should not be stabilized, which is an adverse effect, and instead should be preserved. It is part of the Tobin's Harbor Historic District, which is nationally significant. It has unique architectural and historic features as outlined in the comment by Missy, Eliza, Louise, and myself. The cabin blends into the landscape seamlessly and is remarkable in that it does not impede solitude as defined by wilderness character guidelines and indeed contributes significantly to wilderness character on the basis of other guidelines.
4. The Mattson Fish House/Boat House is an iconic feature of Tobins Harbor and should be rebuilt. This structure did not fall down as indicated in the WSP draft, but was taken down carefully and can be put back up. The NPS should plan on putting it back up.
5. I request that the historic properties slated for stabilization in the WSP draft, be instead designated for preservation.

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Correspondence: As someone who has made ~12 trips to Isle Royale, hiking and camping throughout the majority of the island, I strongly prefer Alternative A, the “no-action” alternative.

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Correspondence: I strongly urge you to support Alternative B, which is the NPS preferred option. Removal of structures in the Wilderness and the fence just outside of the Wilderness is the right choice. Alternatives A and C should be opposed as they degrade the Wilderness and endanger rare Tule elk. However, some other changes to Alternative B ought to be considered.

Removal of water structures unlawfully built in the Wilderness must be done by non-motorized means. The structures are small and could easily be removed without the use of motor vehicles.

We must eliminate grazing by cattle. The cattle should not be allowed in Point Reyes or the Wilderness anymore as per the

original agreement.

Please don't use herbicides in the Wilderness. Removing cattle and the fence would allow for better distribution of Tule elk and would mitigate against expansion of invasive plants.

Allow natural fires to burn and shape the wilderness landscape rather than using manager-ignited fire to create artificial conditions. Too-frequent use of manager-ignited fire has the tendency to favor non-native invasive plants.

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Correspondence: I support alternative C to best protect Isle Royale's wilderness character.
Structures should not be rehabilitated.
No commercial use should be allowed.
Limit heavy human presence and in this vein close the park in winter.to allow respite.

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Correspondence: Note: This comment is submitted by Missy McDonald on behalf of herself and her family (Richard Lawrence 'Larry" Edwards, her spouse and her daughters, Louise and Eliza Edwards). We are also sending a print copy of these comments that includes photographs illustrating the main points of this document.

We are the Edwards family [Larry, Missy, Louise and Eliza] of the Edwards Camp, Edwards Island Tobin's Harbor, Isle Royale. We are the descendants of Maurice and Annie Louise Edwards, the first members of the Edwards family to camp on what would later be known as Edwards Island. Larry, Louise, and Eliza are also the direct descendants of the great 18th century wilderness thinker and theologian, Johnathan Edwards, Larry being a 7 times great grandson, and Louise and Eliza 8 times great granddaughters of the famed wilderness thinker.

SUMMARY: Edwards Island Camp

- A deeper understanding of the historic, architectural, ethnographic significance and material culture of the Edwards Camp should be understood in order to ensure its continued long-term preservation, maintenance and use as a nationally significant historic property that contributes to wilderness character and benefits the public.
- The Gem Island Cabin is part of the Edwards Island Camp and Tobin's Harbor Historic District. Its unique architectural and historic features omitted from the draft WSP merit a correction to the draft WSP changing the proposed treatment from Stabilization to Preservation. The cabin blends into the landscape seamlessly and is remarkable in that it does not impede solitude as defined by wilderness character guidelines and indeed contributes significantly to wilderness character on the basis of other guidelines.

EDWARDS CAMP: Historic Significance

We would like to add additional information to the draft WSP on the Edwards Camp's extraordinary history, vernacular architectural features, and ethnographic traditions including a complete collection of historic objects from the camp's historic period. This additional information is important because the Edwards Camp is a nationally significant historic property as determined by the Tobin's Harbor National Register nomination and is applicable to the determination of significance and long-term treatments. These contribute to the wilderness character for the Edwards Camp by adding to the understanding of the camp's historic value.

Section 110 of the NHPA states that the any historic property of national significance rises to the highest level of preservation. NPS 2006 Management Policies note that research, evaluation, documentation, planning, priorities, consultation and stewardship should all be in place to best inform the planning process. While the draft WSP highlights some of the significance and uniqueness of the Edwards camp, we feel that it is important that the NPS understand on a deeper level the significance of the camp and how it contributes to wilderness character.

We request that this deeper knowledge be taken into consideration for the continued preservation and interpretation of the camp for the public's benefit and that future park management decisions do not impair the camp's national significance.

HISTORY: Wilderness Thought and the Edwards Family

In 1874, the newly ordained Reverend Maurice Edwards arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota, a prairie town on the edge of the "wilderness". Edwards' profession followed in a long line of ministers dating back to colonial America. Edwards is a direct descendant of the famed 18th century theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). Jonathan Edwards' life work was based on the concept of the inter-relatedness of beauty, harmony and ethics. He was interested in science, nature and philosophy and often went to the woods to work and pray. Jonathan Edwards is considered one of America's most significant wilderness 'thinkers'. We attended a NPS program on the Ranger III a few years ago on "The Four Greatest Wilderness Thinkers", which highlighted Edwards' role as a transitional figure bridging colonial ideas of "savage" wilderness and the transcendentalism of Emerson and Thoreau and later wilderness thinkers such as Muir. Edwards' body of seminal life writings emphasized the connection between nature and spirituality, a concept that foreshadowed many writers, thinkers, philosophers, conservationists and environmentalists in centuries to come. The Edwards family produced a minister in every generation from 1668 to the present day. Each succeeding generation had an acute awareness of their place in history and passed on this legacy noted in family papers, letters, photos and books. It is not surprising to learn that Jonathan Edwards' great-grandson, Maurice, travelled far from home to start a ministry in St. Paul and lived on Isle Royale in the summer. In the 1890s, one did not have to travel far to find wild areas in the land of 10,000 lakes. In a time that predated automobiles getting to Isle Royale presented a challenge for any traveler. One did not casually take a trip there; one made Isle Royale a purposeful destination.

Maurice Edwards first came to Isle Royale in 1893 to fish, camp and reflect. A few years later, he purchased a small island in Tobin's Harbor, later known as Edwards Island, where the family annually camped. In 1912, the Edwards family hand-built a small, primitive cabin, followed by the construction of a storehouse, outdoor kitchen, dining pavilion and privy. Isle Royale provided Edwards with a place that allowed for an extension of his livelihood, the ministry: a place to think, write, reflect, renew and find purpose in life. Edwards and his Tobin's Harbor neighbor, Reverend Charles Parker Connolly, and later his son Deane, shared such musings regularly in Sunday sermons held for the Tobin's and Rock Harbor communities and guests. Community sings were common, many involving hymns and poetic musings in the family logbook denote the spiritual quality felt by spending time on an island wilderness. (Deane Edwards Diary, Camp Prospect Logbook.) The original hymn books still sit in a prominent place on a shelf in the Edwards Cabin main room placed there by Maurice in 1912. Many of the hymn books have island neighbors' names penciled on the inside cover such as "Cochran" and "Savage". Maurice's sons, grandson and great-grandson also followed in the ministerial tradition where summer respite on Edwards Island formed a spiritual bond to a place that allowed them to pause for "reflection" in a wild, remote and waterborne landscape.

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS AND SIGNIFICANCE

When Maurice arrived in St. Paul in 1874 to minister to the Dayton Avenue Church, those who hired him would become lifelong friends including Isle Royalers Thomas Cochran and Arthur Savage, Sr. Another congregant Elizabeth Gilbert influenced Maurice in a different way. She convinced him to give her fledgling son and later renowned architect, Cass Gilbert, a chance on the design of a permanent home for the church. As a result, Gilbert was hired to build the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church. This church, still standing today, was one of Gilbert's first commissioned pieces. The Gilbert

family lived near the Edwards in St. Paul and Gilbert's draftsman and future partner, Thomas Holyoke, lived next door on Laurel Avenue. Holyoke later went on to build the Davidson House on Isle Royale [and WP Davidson's house on Summit Avenue in St. Paul] whose architectural plans are preserved in the archives at the University of Minnesota.

The close association of the Gilbert and Edwards families and the proximity of Holyoke as a neighbor leave open the possibility of their influence on the Edwards Cabin design. The Tobin's Harbor National Register nomination notes some of the uniqueness of the Edwards cabin with its large overhanging eaves and craftsman style features. Gilbert was working on an addition to the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church at the same time that the Edwards cabin was being constructed on Isle Royale, putting Maurice Edwards and Cass Gilbert in very close contact during the years of the cabin design. The Cass Gilbert Society mentions their collaboration: "A longtime minister of the church with whom Gilbert worked on the additions was Maurice D. Edwards." Note that Gilbert went on to a celebrated career that included not only state capitols and skyscrapers but also a collection of summer resort homes on Manitou Island near St. Paul featuring large overhanging eaves and stone details. Moreover, Gilbert and Holyoke were very familiar with using local, natural materials, particularly fieldstone, and simple interiors as a means to reflect "a sense of spiritual harmony" when they built the Virginia Street Church in St. Paul. In this church they focused on the connection between nature and man-made objects, qualities that also show up in the design of the Edwards Cabin.

ETHNOGRAPHIC TRADITIONS

We request that the draft WSP include an evaluation of ethnographic resources and traditions paralleling language in the non-wilderness CRMP. These important cultural resources contribute to the significance and wilderness character of the historic island camps. We also request that a TCP of the historic island families be completed as part of the camp's ethnographic assessment.

Ethnography: Edwards Family Traditions

The Edwards family first summered on Edwards Island from the late 19th century through the 1930s as evidenced by the Prospect Camp guest book. Subsequent generations followed in the footsteps of Maurice and Annie Louise Edwards and the most recent guest book begun 30 years ago shows a continuous multi-generational pattern of various family members living on Edwards Island. Island stays also included visits from distant family, neighbors, friends and harbor cottagers. Cultural traditions that took place regularly over the years have continued for over 100 years: picnicking, berry picking, fishing, swimming spots, camp hygiene traditions, greenstone-ing, recycling and reuse traditions, outdoor cooking traditions, wood stove cooking traditions, hauling water, maintaining camp trails, setting up camp, taking down camp, gathering firewood and kindling, cutting wood, reading, writing, poetry readings/writing, personal reflection, navigating the lake, understanding wind, wave and weather patterns, helping others, sharing Isle Royale stories/traditions, visiting, social gatherings and meals together, cabin building, repair and maintenance, boat repair and maintenance, meeting the mail boat, receiving and transporting supplies, exploring, hiking, watching wildlife, ecological knowledge of plant life, visiting special places and more.

Conservation Ethic

Notable among these camp traditions is the time spent repairing and caring for the camp itself, including maintenance/preservation of the camp often using found materials for repairs such as the use of tin cans to repair rotted floors. Shipping crates marked "And. Carlson, Tobin Harbor" were used in building the outdoor kitchen and dining room; driftwood sticks were used to repair curtain rods and leather from old boots served as straps to hold rowboat oars upright against the cabin for storage. Also, notable is a regard for making everything from materials at hand. All of the camp tables are hand-made as are many of the chairs, ladders, wheelbarrow, shelves, woven baskets, model boats that sail, anchors, boat bumpers, hammocks. The main cabin fireplace and chimney were built from rocks hauled over from the south side of Edwards Island. Traditions that honored camp routines, found materials and camp repair and maintenance continue to this day. An ingenuity, creativity and regard for the historic camp is also demonstrated by all generations as shown by continuing traditions of caring for the camp, following camp routines, making handmade items such as a hammock built from fishing knots, a birch bark canoe built off island and brought to Isle Royale in 1980 and a hand-made kayak that hangs

in the cabin rafters. The sensitivity to tradition in the camp and its isolation has kept the material culture and ethnographic traditions intact; the camp has changed little since its inception maintaining an outdoor kitchen, wood stove, emphasis on non-motorized boats and primitive lifestyle in sync with the island wilderness and respect for the waters of Lake Superior and surrounding land that comprises Isle Royale.

These traditions contribute to the camps' wilderness character and are part of the camps' national significance which is noted in the Tobin's Harbor National Register nomination: "The use of salvaged materials speaks to the ingenuity required in a remote wilderness setting... It's vernacular landscape and architecture and remarkably original interior spaces provide exceptional insight into life in a seasonal community in a remote wilderness setting... The period of significance [1902-1962] represents a continuum of historic activity in Tobin's Harbor for six decades".

Mattson Fish House

We request that the Mattson Fish House be reconstructed with the original boards that intentionally have been carefully taken apart and catalogued.

The Mattson Fish House is an iconic structure that visually ties Tobin's Harbor into one strong, cohesive unit reinforcing the harbor's visual and spatial relationships while reflecting their historic association. In 2018, to prevent its ultimate collapse and with NPS approval, John Snell and other volunteers carefully took the Fish House down, board by board, while creating a detailed written catalogue and photo documentation with the intent that it could be put back together. It was not demolished. The history of the Fish House is the ultimate example of a conservation ethic practiced by islanders as it was actually built from the wooden siding that was once the Edwards Island Boat House. In 1951, the Edwards Boathouse blew down during a fierce storm. Art Mattson salvaged the walls, then composed a letter to the Edwards family asking if they could use the walls to construct a fish house, replacing an older fish house originally to the west of this structure. The Edwards agreed. Art and Lou Mattson floated the walls down the harbor, built the Fish House and painted it red, honoring its original color and matching the same color scheme of the Edwards Camp. The Edwards salvaged the rest of the boathouse boards, and carefully saved them. In 2006, those same salvaged boards were used to repair the Edwards Cabin eaves during a re-roofing project, another example of the cultural tradition of conservation, recycle and reuse still practiced today by Isle Royale islanders. This building should not be left to molder, but should be reconstructed.

MATERIAL CULTURE: Historic Objects

We request that the draft WSP acknowledge that the historic objects associated with the island camps add to the camps' significance. We request that the draft WSP add language stating that the NPS intends to work with the historic island families to loan the historic objects to the NPS. These historic objects contribute to the islands' wilderness character by adding historic value and provide great benefit to the public.

Boats

A 1937 Edwards camp inventory lists every item in the camp, most of which remain there today because of the continuum of care for the camp and respect for tradition by the following generations. Of particular note, is the collection of wooden boats maintained, kept and cared for by the Edwards family. Boats were an islander's means of transportation, but much more. They brought families to and from their island or summer home, served as a means of taking families fishing, on visits, on outings to special places, a means to retrieve mail and pick up supplies, to enjoy solitude, and did so safely, with respect for the wind, waves weather, and variable conditions of Lake Superior. Boats symbolized an islander's connection to the natural world and were beloved by families, often associated with stories passed down through the generations and named and talked about as if the boat itself, was a member of the family. Two wooden rowboats (c.1922, 1928) made at the historic Wayzata Boat Building Company begun in the 1921 on Lake Minnetonka west of Minneapolis are still used by the Edwards today and have been recently restored by boat restorer Josh Swan, Washburn, Wisconsin. A Wayzata boat building catalogue from that era boasts that: "Small boat builders had few motorized machines. Most did the sawing and shaping by hand and rigged their own steam boxes to bend the wood into the graceful curves needed for a handsome quality boat." (Vacation Days, Kathryn Koutsky, p. 153). Several pairs of the vintage spoon oars carved with the initials ME,

denoting the original owner Maurice Edwards, have been carefully maintained and are still in active use. The Edwards often rowed these boats, keeping in harmony with the quiet of Isle Royale, but purchased two Elto (designed by Ole Evinrude) motors (1922, 1928) that are still in working condition today. The Elto was last operated by Joan and Larry Edwards on July 4, 1976, to motor down to Rock Harbor in celebration of the country's Bicentennial. Larry Edwards recollects that Westy Farmer, Rock Harbor, worked at the Wayzata Boat Building Co. as a young boat builder. In the 1960s, Farmer, recollecting his younger days, often approached Richard Edwards, Larry's father, with checkbook in hand asking to "name your price" for the purchase of either of the Wayzata rowboats.

Small boats were often traded and sold to other island families. Coach Orsborn wrote to Deane Edwards asking "Could we buy your canoe? Leave word with Art Mattson. We see him often." And when Deane Edwards sold the beloved "Peggy," a wooden "dory-type" in-board gas boat, in 1946 to Westy Farmer he wrote: "It is a satisfaction to know the....Peggy is in loving hands and should see at least a few more seasons of usefulness in the waters she loves so well" (Edwards Family Archives). The Edwards maintain a 1923 Peterborough wood and canvas canoe donated to them by the Savage family, an early wooden rowboat (c. 1905) bought from the How family and a Mattson family rowboat. In the late 1970s, Larry Edwards apprenticed with legendary birch bark canoe builder Bill Hafeman at Hafeman Boat Works in Big Fork, Minnesota, building his own long-nose Ojibwe canoe that has a home on Edwards Island and has been paddled in Isle Royale waters since 1980. (Birchbark canoe was first launched in Grand Portage Bay, Grand Portage by Missy and Larry, summer 1979).

Knowledge of boat navigation accompanies the ownership of such vessels. Family members for generations understand the wind, wave and weather patterns of the lake including detailed knowledge of rocks, reefs and shallow waters. Steamer boat captains gained fame for their knowledge of Lake Superior waters. Captain Hector of the steamer America was said to be able to determine his distance from shore by the echo of a whistle. Isle Royale fisherman also grew to know the landmarks of the waters they fished it and it was no different for small boat owners who settled on Isle Royale. Richard Edwards, grandson of Maurice Edwards, recalled a trip to the island he took in 1927 on the Islet Prince with his family. The Canadian steamer ran routes throughout Canada and occasionally to Isle Royale leaving from Port Arthur, Ontario. A dense fog engulfed the steamer as they approached the island and Deane Edwards guided the captain around Blake's Point, a notoriously rocky, rough stretch of water and land. Deane had rowed and fished the point for years and knew the minute details of that part of Lake Superior, helping guide the steamer safely into Tobin's Harbor (Edwards Family Archives, Richard Edwards conversation).

Other Material Culture

An Inventory of the Edwards Camp done in 2022-23 revealed a remarkable collection of cabin and camp contents that contribute to the national significance of the camp and reflect the Tobin's Harbor National Register nomination that states that "change has been arrested" in the historic period contributing to the camps' historic integrity and authenticity.

The Edwards Camp contents lend remarkable insight into camp life on Isle Royale and very little has changed from the historic period. The original canvas tents used in the 1890s are still stored in the storehouse and in very good condition. All of the interior furnishings date back to the early 20th century along with the kitchenware, recipes, fishing gear, oars, books and reading materials, tools, boat anchors, games, toys, lanterns, household items and even clothing items such as a woman's pair of lace-up leather boots and Maurice's favorite felt hat.

Each item tells its own story too numerous to tell here. However, what strikes us is the significance of the entire collection, still in its original location, in remarkable condition. At first glance, the collection tells us much about daily life on Edwards Island; a closer look, shows how a small, remote place that reflects larger trends in the history of not only Isle Royale, but St. Paul, the Midwest, the nation and even global world patterns. For example, an examination of the enamel kitchenware reveals that most of it came from Sweden and Germany reflecting global trends on how and where enamel was being made and sold. A Mah Jongg set from 1920s China most likely reflects Dwight Edwards life as a missionary there in the early-mid-20th century; an earthenware jam pot from famed WP Hartley of Liverpool and London was saved and still used today at camp. The wooden Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet from Newcastle, Indiana, was a household staple in the early 1900s. This model, complete with grain sifter and original spice jars, was a very early model issued, and shows the transition that

households intended to introduce efficiency in kitchen management even at Isle Royale, reflecting national patterns.

Hundreds of items complete this collection from handmade rocking chairs to historic fishing rods and lures. Its significance however lies in the completeness of this collection, the remarkable condition of the collection and the fact that these items tell a more comprehensive story of life on Isle Royale. These are not generic items. They tell a specific story associated with a specific family and place. They are different than individual museum collection items, removed from its original location and placed in storage. These artifacts make up a living history museum intact at its "discovery site" that astounds visitors that happen upon the camp while we are there. Last summer, in fact, a kayaker arrived on shore, with a hand drawn map, specifically seeking out the Edwards Camp and asked "Is this the site of the handmade canoes and kayaks... and living history museum" told to him by an acquaintance who had also stumbled upon the camp kayaking a few years ago.

WILDERNESS ETHIC

Isle Royale's structures, camps, cultural landscapes, historic districts and ethnographic traditions do not exist anywhere else in the United States. Those who not only came to Isle Royale, but more importantly those who stayed on Isle Royale after it became a national park had not only a distinct set of conservation values but also wilderness values that embody the essence of "wilderness." In fact, many who came to Isle Royale in the early 20th century, mirrored the same background and values that motivated environmentalist Howard Zahniser to passionately advocate for the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Zahniser grew up in northwest PA finding a childhood love of nearby rivers and woods. The son of a Methodist minister, Zahniser memorized quotes of RW Emerson as a child in school and throughout life always had a copy of Thoreau's Walden Pond nearby, which echoed the necessity for man to live in harmony with nature. He loved books, poetry, writing and music. His religious upbringing inspired a continual reflection on the importance of "natural values" and shaped his "broadly construed conservation ethic," according to his son. In his adult life he wrote:

"I believe we have a profound need for areas of wilderness, a need that is not only recreational and spiritual but educational and scientific and withal essential to a true understanding of ourselves, our culture, our own nature."

This thinking, these values, and Zahniser's upbringing was very similar to most any Isle Royale island dweller who shared similar values and attitudes. This is what drew them to the island, led them to build and maintain their camps, and live a simple lifestyle in harmony with nature. These camps, these traditions, reflect the very values that Zahniser wrote into the Wilderness Act of 1964. Moreover, such values have been passed down to every subsequent generation on Isle Royale, still exist today and continue long-term connections that have withstood the test of time. Zahniser's values written into the Wilderness Act are particularly embodied in the Edwards Camp through their deep history on wilderness thought passed down through the generations and reflected in the camp structures and traditions showing the harmony between recreational, spiritual, educational and scientific values.

GEM ISLAND: Corrections

We request that the draft WSP include the information provided below on the significance of the Gem Island Cabin and change the treatment to Preservation instead of Stabilization. [1.7.1.2 Edwards Camp]

Gem Island was purchased by Annie Edwards, daughter of Maurice and Annie Louise Edwards in the 1930s from the Merritt family and is an essential component of the Edwards Island Camp. The Gem Island cabin was built in 1938.

As noted in the draft WSP, the presence of all of the camps' structures "demonstrate how the Edwards family lived in the natural, wilderness setting". However, the draft WSP incorrectly states that the Gem Island cabin does not include "special or unusual features." In fact, the Gem Island cabin is remarkable for these reasons:

- Designed by architect George "Vroom" Banning, classmate of Richard Edwards; original hand drawn designs exist in the Edwards Main Cabin with handwritten instructions: "Measure twice and cut once".

- "A unique design element" features a gabled roof with "an off-center ridge with an uneven slope...creating a somewhat more intimate space along that side of the cabin."
- The roof resembles "an Adirondack style shelter, which appears to have been Banning's inspiration for the building." [Tobin's Harbor National Register nomination]
- Cabin built by two generations of the Edwards women along with Deane Edwards as documented in the Edwards Family photo collection.
- Cabin represents the story of Annie Deane Edwards, daughter of Maurice and Annie Louise Edwards who bought the island with her own funds. Tells the story of the strong, resilient single women who found community on Isle Royale while living in a remote, wild place. Many of these women broke conventional gender norms: building cabins, living remotely, wearing pants and boots, hiking, boating and living independently free of societal limitations.
- Detailed archival documentation for the Gem Cabin includes architectural plans, hand-written materials list, instructions for building the cabin and photo and paper documentation during construction that allow us to tell its complete story.
- Also, keep in mind that in general, the smaller structures that make up a historic camp are considered to be part of a cohesive collection, significant not so much for each structure's uniqueness, but significant because of the whole that they represent.

The Gem Island cabin is also remarkable in that it completely blends in with its surroundings, not visible from any angle. It is a very small one-room cabin; the island has no dock and can only be accessed by small boats. Unlike most of the island cabins, the Gem Island cabin is unique in that it does not impede the "solitude" category of wilderness character because it is hidden within its surroundings and contributes to the wilderness character of the Edwards Camp.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WSP SUMMARY

- We agree with the comments submitted by the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association.
- The historic properties in good condition should receive a Preservation treatment, not stabilization treatment.
- The draft WSP should focus on the significance of the historic properties from a collective, not individual perspective.
- Gaps in information should be listed and a plan included to fill those gaps.
- Day Use, Discovery Site, Administrative Use and Incidental Use should be clearly defined in the draft WSP.
- An Ethnographic Resources assessment including island cultural traditions and a TCP should be completed to inform park planning and contribute to camp significance.
- The 93 acres in potential wilderness containing historic properties should not convert to designated wilderness in order to ensure the full extent of preservation of these nationally significant camps, or at a minimum, the 20 or so acres on or near the structures should remain as potential wilderness.
- A Programmatic Agreement should be included in the draft WSP instead of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Stabilization is a preservation treatment that should only be used if it is improving the condition of a building that would otherwise be moldering or deteriorating. Stabilization is an outdated category, no longer part of the Secretary of the Interior Standards, and is rarely used by preservationists today. Most of the buildings listed for Stabilization treatment in the draft WSP are actively being preserved by family members associated with a camps' history and other volunteers. We suggest that most of the buildings listed as stabilization be moved to the Preservation category. Also, checking cabins every 6 years on Isle Royale would surely lead to deterioration and that is an adverse effect. We ask that historic cabins to be checked every year to ensure preservation.

The idea that primary buildings take precedence over smaller buildings is not a general concept used by preservationists. Structures are usually evaluated by their historic integrity and in the case of the draft WSP where so many of the buildings are part of the vernacular landscapes, their assessment should be less on an individual basis and more on the collective. Also, much of the data used to assess building treatments on Isle Royale is outdated. This is particularly true of Captain Kidd and Crystal Cove where many of the buildings have been recently preserved. We request that the molder category be reconsidered for these buildings. We also suggest that Captain Kidd, Crystal Cove, Belle Isle and Johnson Island be evaluated as a Historic District and/or Cultural Landscape collectively. We also request the 1888 Johns Island Cabin receive a Preservation treatment and not be removed due to its significant history.

Gaps in information should be listed and a plan should be made to fill the gaps. Island-wide National Register nominations should be completed to determine significance. All buildings eligible for the National Register should be considered to be nationally significant until proven otherwise by future studies in order to avoid any adverse effects. Tobin's Harbor, Belle Island, Rock Harbor and Washington Harbor communities should be evaluated as National Historic Landmarks.

The plan should clearly define Day Use, Discovery Use, Incidental Use and Administrative Use. We were told by the NPS during the September 6th virtual public meeting that Discovery Use was meant for moldering buildings and would allow the public to wander around these sites and at least see where the buildings had been. This is clearly not the case though, as many buildings listed in the Preservation treatment category are also listed as Discovery Sites: Edwards Camp, Connolly Camp, Snell Camp, Gale Camp, and Johnson Island Camp.

Ethnographic resources and traditions need to be evaluated island-wide as noted in the non-wilderness CRMP. A Traditional Cultural Property should be done for the historic island families in order to show how the preservation of island traditions contributes to historic significance and allow for the continuance of such traditions. Otherwise an adverse effect is created by wilderness. A TCP was accepted by the Keeper of the National Register for Fishtown in Leland, Michigan recently. The history of Isle Royale's historic communities would be very similar to this TCP.

We request that the 93 acres [less than half of 1%] in Potential Wilderness that contain historic structures should remain in potential wilderness and not covert to designated wilderness [pg. 74-5]. This would be the best way to AVOID any adverse effects on the historic properties of Isle Royale. The draft WSP permits this on Davidson and Amygdaloid Islands as indicated in the current draft plan. If it does not require an act of Congress for Davidson and Amygdaloid, it would not require an act of Congress for the historic properties either. If 93 acres is deemed too much, the NPS could achieve essentially the same goals by just keeping the areas in the immediate vicinity of the buildings on Davidson and Amygdaloid in Potential Wilderness and distributing the remainder of the 20 acres on Davidson and Amygdaloid to the area in the immediate vicinity of the historic structures. This strategy would not change the total acreage remaining in Potential Wilderness from the draft plan. Either solution would satisfy both preservationists and wilderness advocates and would be in the public's best interest to allow for the best level of preservation and interpretation of these significant historic camps.

We request that a Programmatic Agreement be included as part of the plan instead of a Memorandum of Agreement due to the plans complexity and gaps in information.

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Correspondence: I think Isle Royale is an amazing place. I prefer maintaining isle Royale similar to its current status. I do not favor a detailed reservation system. I think the boardwalks are very useful and avoid hikers harming the wilderness by choosing their own routes in wet areas. I think the Bangsund Research area is an integral part of the Isle Royale history and experience and should be maintained. I think a Tobin Harbor Historic District makes sense.

I have visited isle Royale about 35 times over the past 35 years and have hiked all the trails and been to almost all the campgrounds except those accessible only by water. I have traveled to isle Royale via the Ranger, the Queen, the Voyageur,

and the seaplane. I have been very involved in volunteering for the Wolf/Moose Research. I am a life member and past president of the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness should be left alone.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, however, if the National Park Service plans to maintain any structures on them they should not be designated as Wilderness.

There should not be any commercial uses in the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should close in winter to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Comments on Wilderness Stewardship EIS at IRNP

I'm a 76-year-old who has visited IRNP many times over the last 40 years. My last visit was August of 2022. We have visited about half of the national parks but IRNP is my favorite and the one that we have revisited the most. I consider the solitude, scenery, wildlife, accommodations, freedom from bureaucracy and quality of park staff to be unmatched anywhere else.

Nevertheless, in recent years, I've found it very difficult to experience the quiet wilderness experience that I'd come to expect. In the past I'd experienced lightly used campgrounds with few visitors. On three occasions, I've even had the entire campground to myself (Chippewa Harbor, Lane Cove and Malone Bay). I'm concerned that those days may be gone for good but I'm hopeful that the excellent park staff will find a way to overcome recent challenges to the character of IRNP. I hope that you find my comments helpful.

So, I've reluctantly come around to the idea of implementing a reservation system despite its potential disadvantages. I consider it the most significant proposed alternative in the EIS, so I'll concentrate on that policy in my comments.

The potential advantages of a reservation system include reduced overcrowding, less impact on the environment and increased solitude.

The potential ill effects of a reservation system and suggested mitigating policies are shown below.

Suggestions:

- Access to Reservations -Provide a lottery to avoid a rush of people applying for a limited number of permits on opening

day. All applications submitted during a give reservation period should be treated equally. (At Grand Canyon NP, we experienced an arrangement in which all applications received during each coming month were given the same chance at a reservation.) There should be no over-the-counter reservations that give visitors who live nearby preference over those who live farther away. Notifications of vacancies to cell phones should not be allowed because they give an unfair advantage to people who are in a position to monitor and quickly respond to their cell phones.

- Backcountry office - Staff the backcountry office with people who know the backcountry. Give them discretion to adjust a requested itinerary where some of the requested campgrounds are full. There should be a sunset clause on the Backcountry office so that the office is disbanded if the reservation system is no longer needed. Eg, the establishment of the backcountry office could include a review every 5 years to determine if it's still needed. We have seen peak visitation in the past. This overcrowding too may pass.

- No-shows - There needs to be an incentive to cancel if a reservation cannot be used. (At Wonder Lake CG in Denali NP we found many empty sites even though the campground was listed as fully booked far in advance.) A refund of fees might incentivize cancellation.

- Lengthy stays - I've seen many visitors who stay for a week or two or more. So the reservation system needs to take into consideration the difficulty inherent in making a reservation for a long itinerary using many campgrounds.

Rules for sharing - The reservations should clearly define rules for sharing shelters and campsites. To improve solitude, the first to arrive at a shelter or tent site should be allowed to claim it without the need to accommodate later arrivals. I've found that most visitors are considerate and well mannered. I've enjoyed meeting fellow visitors. I've shared shelters and campsites many times. Nevertheless, I've experienced more visitors lately who are inconsiderate; possibly due to overcrowding. For example, I remember a visitor who arrived at dinnertime insisting that he had the right to claim spots on any shelter that was not "full" with 6 people. So, as part of implementation, the park should take advantage of the opportunity to reemphasize and clarify the rules.

Enforcement of rules for drugs, fire, noise - I've seen an increase lately in noncompliance with rules. The reservation should clearly state the rules that promote solitude, safety, environmental stewardship and quiet. Enforcement should be increased. In 2022, I was evacuated from Lane Cove back to Rock Harbor due to the Mt Franklin fire that was presumably human-caused. It resulted in cutting my visit short ; losing the opportunity for any "wilderness" experience. I've seen illegal campfires many times. If "cowboy" campers are not held accountable, they will continue to adversely affect those who follow the rules. Likewise, after agreeing to accommodate another group in our shelter, I awoke in the night to the odor of marijuana. When I mentioned it to a park ranger, it was met with a shrug. Similarly, experienced visitors will often share tales of loud "Bros" who can be heard throughout the campground into the night. So, efforts to enhance a wilderness experience needs to include enhanced enforcement. Otherwise, we will experience more bureaucracy with minimal enhancement of a wilderness experience.

Shoulder season visitation- if visitors are unable to get a reservation during peak seasons, they may settle for a reservation during the shoulder seasons of May and September. The difficulties of visiting early or late could be mitigated by clearing trails earlier and opening facilities longer. If shoulder season visitation remains low, the park should consider allowing shoulder season visitation without the need for a permit in advance.

Additional campgrounds and camp sites - Considering the inherent costs and bureaucracy involved in a reservation system, the park should supplement it with more capacity. Where under capacity creates unreasonable restrictions in visitation, efforts to increase capacity need to be stepped up.

Further increase in visitation - There are times when a crowd attracts a crowd. There should be a contingency plan for dealing with further increases in visitation; perhaps caused by the reservation system itself. (We have experienced crowds at the Angel's Landing trail in Zion NP. It's even busier now that there is a reservation system.)

Research and guided groups - If visitors are denied a reservation, then researchers who take up space in campgrounds and for-hire guided groups should also be limited to the same degree.

Schedule changes - In the past, it's been a simple matter to change a reservation on the ferry or seaplane. A reservation system for permits will make it more difficult to change the reservation. So the park should make every effort to accommodate schedule changes for those who have a reservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

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Correspondence: My main interest is in protecting the experience of wilderness backpacking for visitors of IRNP. I have made six backpacking trips to Isle Royale over the past 20 years. The Park offers an experience unique among public lands in the upper Midwest, for extensive, remote wilderness travel by foot. Many other options exist for visitors interested in other forms of recreation: state parks, national forest, and private lands open to visitors. Isle Royale is singular in its experience for foot travel and backpacking.

Since the COVID episode of 2020-22, interest in visiting natural areas seems to have increased. Isle Royale National Park must determine if it is to be a national park open to all visitors, by all means, or a national park dedicated to the unique experience of foot travel and backpacking in a wilderness. There is only one Isle Royale, and it cannot accommodate both.

My most recent visit - August of 2023 - showed the incompatibility of these two models. Campsites were overwhelmed, incoming boat and plane traffic was intense, and trail and campsite maintenance were compromised by the resources needed to deal with casual visitors (day visitors and concessionaire visitors).

Alternative B - enhancing wilderness character - is my preference. A reservation system for individual campsites would require use of limited NPS resources. I suggest simply a limit to daily entrance park-wide for campsite usage first, to see if it reduces the burden on campgrounds. I would rather see staff resources used to address visitor education - the Leave No Trace educational training - as an effort to reduce the impact of visitors on habitat, and impact on visitors seeking wilderness experience.

I prefer no increase in permitted group size, as the groups visiting often present the most disturbing behavior in a wilderness setting. I would recommend that NPS staff avoid use of campgrounds, even though they are addressing invasive species. The most inappropriate behavior I encountered in 2023 came from NPS staff using the campground area at Siskiwit Bay.

The fixed itineraries required by Alternative C are not feasible. Travel in parts of the Park is difficult, weather is unpredictable, and personal safety often requires a change of plans enroute.

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Correspondence: I am a member of the Connolly family and would like to share with you my thoughts regarding the Connolly cabin on Isle Royale. I appreciate that the main cabin is being considered for "Preservation" status as it has been there for over 100 years and contributes to the understanding of the history of the island and the people who once spent time there. Additionally, I would ask the NPS to re-evaluate the status of the sleeping cabin which we call Spider Haven (named "guest cottage"). It, too, contributes to the history and understanding of the island. It was built in 1916 and was frequently used as an overflow place for sleeping as the main cottage was, and is, quite small. As such, I believe it ought to be designated under the "Preservation" status. Also, I would urge the NPS to also re-evaluate the status of what is referred to the "privy." I am unsure if this refers to the outhouse or a storage shed; however, both are quite necessary! The outhouse for what I hope is an obvious reason and for the shed having a place to store tools, supplies, and empty propane tanks which I believe contributes to the historical character of the area. The cabin does not afford much storage space and having such items out does not protect them from the elements which can be rather extreme nor does their presence contribute to a feeling of wilderness. Therefore, I propose that it, too, be designated "Preservation" instead of "stabilization."

In addition, in order to continue to maintain these structures, we really need to be able to stay in them while doing so. To camp or stay at the lodge while fixing roofs, replacing rotten wood, or painting makes the enterprise too burdensome. Also, living at the cabin as our ancestors did is more in keeping with the history of the island.

As each of us comes and goes we frequently talk with other visitors and they are invariably intrigued when they learn about families that used to recreate at Isle Royale or came to the island to make a living. This context enriches the experience of visitors as they learn of the many layers of Isle Royale. We hope we can continue to be ambassadors in that capacity and enjoy the island ourselves.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be continued, but rather relocated to areas outside of Wilderness. This aligns best with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Natural areas and native animals, fungi and plants have an intrinsic value and should be protected and allowed to live as

they have for millions of years. Humans are just one of millions of species but human activities take up more than 70% of the land in the United States of America and around the world whereas all the other species are left with the remainder, which is getting smaller over the years because humans keep taking more and more land. It is necessary to allow those areas that are still in their natural state to remain that way. Natural areas and native species are an important part of Native American heritage.

Located in the northern part of Lake Superior in the State of Michigan, Isle Royale National Park encompasses 133,788 acres of land and 438,008 acres of surface water (571,796 total acres). The park is the largest island in Lake Superior, which is itself the largest freshwater lake by surface area in the world. There are over 400 smaller islands surrounding the main island, which together constitute the full archipelago of Isle Royale.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Although I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Additions (PWAs) to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be forbidden in the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

I lived in Australia from 1970 to 1992. Since I did not wish to be part of a country in which the large-scale destruction of natural habitats, logging of forests and extermination of native animals continue to take place and which is the result of genocide against indigenous peoples, I returned to my country of origin. To further reduce my impact on animals and the environment, I am vegan and live in high-density housing that is planned around public transport.

Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

Correspondence ID: 1712Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,24 2023 20:07:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I hope the NPS will promote the wilderness character of Isle Royale, eliminate commercial development altogether, and pursue alternative C in any development, as well as continuing to close the area to visitors in the winter. Seeing the abuse of animals and the environment in too many of our national parks, I support minimizing tourist visits -- even though that will probably keep e from visiting many of the parks, such as Isle Royale myself. To protect the wilderness we must stop trying to corporatize our parks.

Correspondence ID: 1713Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,24 2023 20:27:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a life long resident of Michigan who has actually had the pleasure of visiting Isle Royale, I am strongly in favor of maintaining the park as wilderness. Thus, I generally support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale are unrelated to wilderness and should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness as possible, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses are absolutely not related to wilderness and should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protect solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: Please leave everything as it is now. Part of the magic of Isle Royale is the opportunity to wander and explore the untouched wilderness. If you allow pre booking of sites that would then require you to stick to an exact plan. It would also make through hiking the island much more difficult as well. Some people may book a site in the line of your through hike so you might end up having to hike 20 plus miles to get to a site that is available.

Correspondence ID: 1715Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: I support Plan A. Take no action. Park visitation fluctuates over time. Access is controlled sufficiently by the limited transportation to the island.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for raising your voice by September 26 to help keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild!

Correspondence ID: 1717Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not want anything to change, leave Isle Royale in its wilderness state, as it is now.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a now 70 year old female hiker/backpacker who has packed and/or canoed on Isle Royale 11 times, I feel that change in management strategy is needed to protect this wilderness. I've seen the wear and tear on the trails and the campgrounds. And, there is a different perspective in some who simply come to IR to hike it as quickly as they can. It's a different mindset from those of us who were on the frontlines of environmental protection in the early 1980's. However, societal change is inevitable and that's why revisiting the need for a different management strategy is so important to preserve this rugged and beautiful place while also ensuring recreational opportunities for future generations.

Proposed alternative B seems to be a functional compromise between the do nothing different alternative A and the highly protective of the IR wilderness alternative C.

Alternative B would severely limit flexibility in itinerary changes...but, as an aging backpacker ...maybe that's not a bad thing. Hopefully, that lack of flexibility would help people choose ability-based itineraries. I do have a concern about how a permit system would be implemented and accessed.

Alternative B is a draft roadmap for responsible future wilderness and cultural preservation and for potential actions that would be taken to ensure responsible public access.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

As an American citizen and regular visitor to both our National Park System and federally-designated Wilderness areas, I would like to offer my comments regarding the proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Furthermore, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness to protect its character in the face of relatively heavy, and increasing, human use.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Park Service must protect the Wilderness integrity of Isle Royale by prohibiting structures from the protected regions of the Isle. Maintaining the Wilderness must take precedence over commercial uses. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1721Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 02:06:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Wilderness Stewardship Plan Alternative C, which best meets the intent of the 1964 Wilderness Act and will protect Isle Royale's wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized in place and should instead be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Areas (PWAs) to designated Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1722Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 05:34:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is unreasonable to expect hikers to stick to specific itineraries. Especially new hikers who have never been to IR before and underestimate how rugged the trails can be.
The only suggestion I would have is to limit the general number of people who travel to the island during "high season". It's nice seeing the young groups enjoying the island, but they seem to be everywhere. These groups are also not sticking to their large group sites. They are squeezing well over 6 people into shelters. I had a group of 12 try to use shelter #3 at Moskey Basin in July, 2023. They said their permitting ranger told them that if they didn't fit in the shelter, they could set up tents outside the shelter. I corrected them and suggested they go to their group site. I think this is something that needs to be controlled.

Correspondence ID: 1723Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 05:54:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of C. Isle Royale draw for many, including me, is it's wilderness nature. First, and foremost, is the protection of those wilderness values. That can only be accomplished by regulating visitor impacts. I worked as the Rock Harbor Ranger back in the mid-80s and don't recall any complaints about overcrowding on trails and campgrounds. The allure and draw of the island was its remoteness and solitude. The knowledge that it is a fragile ecosystem with on going research makes it all the more important to limit human impact. Good luck with however this goes. Isle Royale NP remains a magical place.

Correspondence ID: 1724Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 06:58:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this Isle Royale plan. My family has been coming to the island since 1931. We not only became part of the Isle Royale community then but remain so now perhaps more connected than ever. In the early days it was imperative that you could count on your "neighbors" for support, safety, companionship and more. I say "neighbors" in quotes because we were connected by water and in some cases trails. The docks were and are a welcome mat. Tea parties required an ability to row or run a motor. Today my Isle Royale community is further apart

and requires the internet to connect but we still do and now we have different goals and tasks. One of which and probably the most important is the preservation not only of the buildings but of the stories, the photos, the day to day, the stories that were generated on the island.

My grandfather Roy J Snell was a children's author. He wrote 84 books from 1916 to 1946. Many of these books were conceived and or written on the island. One of our structures is the writers shack. This was recently restored from a moldering condition. Which brings me to my concern regarding this plan. I believe all buildings should be in a preservation status. How do you sort of keep a building in good condition without it moldering? All the buildings at our camp need regular checking and work. We have been fortunate enough to stay at our cabin while we work on these projects. I would hope this would continue.

We have people who would love to come to the island and volunteer on our camp but with the restrictions they have been hindered as they cannot stay at the cabin unless someone from my generation is also present.

The idea that review every six years is part of the plan is a problem. We review every year and because of the remoteness and the unpredictability of the conditions we can find trees on buildings unexpectedly. It is not easy to work on these buildings. We bring supplies at our own expense and are restricted to hand tools. We do this as a labor of love.

To further this point of the importance of preservation of the history is the work our community has done. Of course preserving the buildings is a priority but the history is harder and who knows it better than the families who have lived it. We have done a lot to try to document these histories. We have a cookbook containing not only recipes but also family stories of how they came to have a presence on the island, annual calendars put together from old and new family photos, and vigorous work done to tell our story and champion the value of this unique community. Also I personally have reproduced some of the Snell books to make them more accessible to todays readers.

The report talks about visibility of the buildings conflicting with the wilderness experience. These buildings at Snell Camp and others are now further exposed because of the park clearing around the buildings after the HorneFire. It has been our experience that seeing and knowing about the cabins has been enriching for visitors. They are curious about them, they enjoy meeting "locals" for their stories and assistance. This has happened often. I am heartened that Superintendent Swanke has suggested that part of the volunteer program could be to present and offer tours of the camps to further share the community and history. I appreciate this as it shows that the park does value this information and realizes that people care and are interested and that it enriches the Isle Royale experience.

Two specific comments....

All camp buildings rise to the highest level and should be in the Preservation category.

Checking them every 6 years will lead to deterioration. This is not acceptable nor is it advisable. The condition of the structures should be checked every year.

Efforts to encourage the retention of stories and history of the people of the island should continue and expand.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1725Project:109183Document:129858

Received: Sep,25 2023 07:06:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to send comments. I'm a member of the Merritt family and a board member of the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA).

I'd like to make one correction and one addition to the Merritt section of NPS_ISRO_EIS_Appendicies pdf page 35 / doc page 21:

First, the description of the Parsonage sleeping cabin's roof is incorrect. It states it has asphalt rolled roofing on the roof, but in 2018 it was reroofed by Merritt and Gale family members with cedar shakes per NPS direction. This effort was quite costly and was entirely paid for by the Merritt family.

Second, I'd like to add some unique information about my great grandfather Alfred Merritt's contribution to the island becoming a National Park. He was instrumental in getting Stephen Mather, director of the National Parks, to visit the island with several other dignitaries. Note also that in 1873, Alfred "assisted in the construction of the first highway on Isle Royale..." This road was to the Island Mine.

Per my father, Grant Merritt:

"My Grandfather was one of the first, if not the first, to suggest that Isle Royale be considered for National Park status. He wrote a letter in 1922 with that suggestion, years before Albert Stoll began his pitching the idea of a national forest or a state park at the island before he switched to advocating for national park status. Alfred also likely suggested the trip to Thomas Cole who then made his 210 foot yacht available for the trip with the group including Director Mather of the NPS. Alfred was a friend of Thomas Cole in Duluth."

Next, as I mentioned, I am a member of IRFFA; therefore, I echo every word of our official comments submitted by my fellow board members. Our IRFFA board partnership committee is working on a draft partnership agreement which outlines how we'd like to continue our preservation work, expand interpretation and education offerings for the public, and see the continued presence of family and friends who desire to carry on traditions and ways of life for the benefit of all who visit this glorious national park. In order for us to effectively and efficiently do this work, we must have access to our camps for extended periods of time. We truly want to include the public and share our stories; therefore, we welcome the chance to offer camp tours when we are able to between required preservation activities.

In addition, all of the historic structures itemized in the WSP that are actively being preserved by family and friends across the four historic districts must be recategorized to have a PRESERVATION status. These districts are:

- Tobin Harbor Historic District (current)
- Washington Harbor Historic District (proposed)
 - o We suggest that the Washington Harbor Historic District could include Washington Island, Barnum Island, Johns Island, the fishing grounds associated with the commercial fishing families that worked out of this harbor, and possibly Windigo.
- Belle Isle Historic District (proposed)
 - o We suggest that the Belle Isle Historic District could include Johnson Island, Belle Isle, Amygdaloid Island, Captain Kidd Island, and possibly McCargo Cove.
- Rock Harbor Historic District (proposed)
 - o We suggest that the Rock Harbor Historic District could include the entire harbor from the Rock Harbor resort down to Moskey Basin.

People and place are inextricably intertwined. My family and I are passionate about continuing to preserve and share our unique history for all to experience, enjoy and learn. We look forward to a renewed relationship with IRNP leadership in a long-term, win-win partnership. We enjoy sharing island stories throughout the year, and we encourage people to visit the island and stop by the camps to see how our families have lived for decades. The public deserves to see and hear about all of the past, not just some of it.

In closing, the seaplane noise in Tobin Harbor (which is directly over Merritt /Glenn's Island) has increased to an unacceptable level to any visitor at a National Park touting its opportunities for experiencing peace and refuge. I

understand seaplane service is necessary, but the schedule must be reduced, and I hope they can figure out how to quiet those loud engines.

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Correspondence: I agree most with proposal A (with some caveats) - do not make many changes. I've backpacked though the park solo twice for a week each time.

Leave the shelters, they are an important part of the Isle royale experience.

I would love to see MORE campsites built to decrease overcrowding. A new campground that is on the hiking trail would give people some more room to spread out. Or more campsites built on the fringes of existing campgrounds. The stress of "getting a campsite" is high enough already. There seems to be enough space for additional private campsites.

I do NOT recommend increasing group sizes. Keep group sizes small. Groups are also a problem for noise.

Maybe DECREASE the number of permits overall. I avoid July and August completely because I know it will be crowded. Or increase the fees - I paid \$7 a day, I'd pay more just to help the park be kept up properly.

I noticed this year coming in September vs June that the Daisy farm area was dirty and the bathrooms were not being kept clean/emptied at all. I think Isle Royale would benefit greatly with LESS visitors (less permits given?) and more room to spread out a little, and more staff.

Correspondence ID: 1727Project:109183Document:129858

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Correspondence: The Plan put together was comprehensive and well done, I read or skimmed through it in it's entirety and it's great to see this much detail and consideration given to the future of IR. I've done lengthy backpacking trips to Isle Royale the last three years and plan on continuing to do so annually.

My primary goal of any changes would be to reduce the impact of humans on the park. Alternative C with 100% reservations, removing shelters, and potentially relocating campsites seems to accomplish this the best.

I think reserving campsites would work well to limit overcrowding. On my 3 trips I have slightly modified my itinerary each time, so I have taken advantage of flexibility. However, in alternative B I think that if you leave 15% of campsites unbooked it allows potential for abuse of the systems intent by taking advantage of the unbooked sites. For instance, if I want to go to McCargoe Cove but it's all reserved I'll just reserve East Chickenbone and head to McCargoe anyway. This leaves an opening at EC that was booked and potential overcrowding at McCargoe. If reservations are the path forward I really think you have to go 100% booking. I also wonder if requiring reservations could reduce the number of overnight visitors and positively impact Leave No Trace. On my trip this year I found more trash and items left behind than I ever have before.

I've been to IR in mid-May twice and mid-September the other time. I avoid June-August because I don't want to deal with crowds. B and C would both address some of these issues.

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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the potential plans for Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Stewardship Plan, I strongly agree with Alternative A: No Action. I can also say that the vast majority of the public who have visited (and revisit) the island feel the same way. Additionally, the historic structures and installations have great value in the history of the place and add to the island's mystic, character, charm, and cultural significance. To put it simply - I, as well as the majority of the people I speak for in ISRO forums and social media pages, feel that "it ain't broke, so don't fix it". This National Park is so unique from the others, please - let's keep it that way. We love the Island, and would hate to see it or the experiences it offers altered.

Thank you!

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Correspondence: I support Alternative C. It offers the best protection for Isle Royale's peacefulness & wilderness & and the wildlife. Keep structures out of this wilderness. Keep commercial endeavors out too. The Isle Royales Park should stay closed in the Winter so wildlife can have a reprieve from humans & tourists. Protection of our wildernesses is vital. When they are gone, they are gone forever. Thank you

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness. Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: My wife and I have visited Isle Royale nearly every year since 1984, mostly backpacking, occasionally paddling. I have the following comments in response to the requested input to the current Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan/EIS.

1. What other alternative, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered?

No comment

2. What do you like and dislike about the alternatives and why?

A. I don't think the trail between Lake Ritchie and Chippewa Harbor should be eliminated as indicated in Alternative A. This

trail provides hiker access to a beautiful campground at Chippewa Harbor and opportunities for hiker drop-off and pick-up at Chippewa harbor that would be eliminated if the trail were removed.

B. I do not favor the reservation system for campgrounds. Paddlers, especially on Lake Superior are subject to the whims of the waves on the Lake. Requiring them to be a campgrounds on specific days is a serious safety issue. Although Lake conditions are less of a concern for hikers, occasionally a minor injury benefits from an unplanned stay at a campground. If hikers were expected to meet an itinerary such an injury could be exacerbated. Alternative B suggests that 85% of campsites would be reservable. This is impractical at the smaller campgrounds (N. Lake Desor, Pickerel Cove, Feldtmann Lake, Merritt Lane, etc.) all of which would result in no first-come-first served sites as these campgrounds have less than 6 sites. Finally, as reservation in the shoulder seasons is unnecessary as we've never encountered overcrowding issues in May or September.

C. I do not favor opening the part to winter visitors as suggested in Alternative C. Limited resources such as park maintenance and staffing should be spent supporting visitors during the current operating season.

D. I recognize issues of cost and safety with maintaining the historic buildings in the wilderness areas. I would like to see some of these buildings preserved and think alternative B strikes a reasonable balance between preservation and wilderness.

3. What additional issues or data should be considered in the existing environment or impact analysis?

Severely limit or eliminate the noise associated with the seaplane service to the island. Multiple seaplane arrivals and departures detract from the soundscape in the wilderness area, not just in Rock Harbor and Windego. The first part of a recent (Sept 2023) week-long stay on the Island coincided with the end of the seaplane service while the during last part of the stay the seaplane was not flying. The difference in wilderness character was significant and important to our experience on the Island.

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Correspondence:	Save the Isle Royals as it is! Enough is enough! Are we absolutely determined to ruin every wilderness in sight?

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My name is (b) (6) and I am the grandson of Roy J Snell introduced usually as: adventurer, lecturer, author. Grandpa and his three sons signed a lease with the park in the early 1930s for a plot of land and a small cabin in Tobin harbor. I made my first trip there in 1958 and was mesmerized by the setting and the island and the family history. For the next 65 years I fought with my stomach to cross on the waves of Lake Superior just so I could get to that wonderful place. I very much appreciate the process the park has taken since my last uncle died that has allowed us to have access to that cabin and the effort that has been made to come up with a good plan for the future. I have read the 127 page plan and just have a few brief comments to make.

I understand there is much to be fleshed out in the future and that the time for us to have exclusive rights to the cabin will likely end. I'm actually very happy to share that cabin with other people who love and will care for it. But I do think it's very important for those that are working on the cabin and staying on the island have the ability to spend the nights there. I am 73 years old and if I had to travel to rock harbor each night it would not be possible for me to succeed at that.

I am not exactly sure what will be decided in terms of maintenance of the cabin. I don't know much about codes and building necessities but I would hope that the character of the cabin would not change. If my grandfather and grandmother

were to enter the cabin tomorrow they would see the same coffee cups that came off the America and the same dishes and forks and spoons pots and pans and coffee pots that they used. The Snell family has worked hard to just maintain as much as possible as it was 100 years ago. I would hope that more than just the main cabin would fit your preservation category and that all of the buildings there should be in that category. I did notice you left the outhouse, a very important building, off the list entirely and that should be corrected. If the goal under the preservation category is affordable for us as we have preserved over the recent years I know we could continue to afford that as a family. At this point I'm not quite sure what the expectations are for upgrading. I hope they're very limited.

I understand that there is a partnership plan in the works and that one of the goals from the parks perspective is to limit the number of partners that they have to deal with. That makes good sense to me and I would not have any problem working underneath some other authority that reports back to the park.

As I said I am open to other people having access to the use of the cabin as they contribute to its upkeep. I think that our family, once a firm plan is established, would have no problem recruiting a few additional people either from our family or close friends to assist us as we older folks move on. I would hope that while our exclusive activity access would end we could be part of a central core group of people who would carry on the Snell camp traditions and maintenance.

As you can imagine we have a strong affinity for Tobin harbor even beyond our own cabin. As part of the VIP program we have contributed to the maintenance of a number of Tobin cabins over the years and believe that we can continue to do that even beyond the work that needs to be done in the future in Snell camp. There is something unique and special about Tobin harbor that we want to be a part of.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to all of the park employees I have ever met on Isle Royale. Every single one of them has become a friend. I have never met a park employee that never did not become a friend of mine over the past 65 years. They've been great assistance to us and our success has to be related to the leaders who have gone before. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, (b) (6)

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Correspondence:	I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. I support Alternative C, as it is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: "The National Park Service (NPS) prepared this Wilderness Stewardship Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement (plan/EIS) to evaluate a range of alternatives for managing wilderness areas at Isle Royale National Park (Isle Royale, or the park), or Minong, as the island traditionally is called by the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The purpose of this plan, developed through consultation and scoping, is to outline strategies for preserving wilderness character while also providing for the use and enjoyment of the park by current and future generations.

This EIS describes how park resources would be affected by the alternatives and evaluates the impacts of each alternative, including the continuation of current management practices (the no-action alternative) and two action alternatives. The EIS analyzes the impacts of each alternative on wilderness character and the cultural resources (historic structures, historic districts, and cultural landscapes) of Isle Royale. Impacts are categorized as direct or indirect, and beneficial or adverse. Cumulative impacts are assessed by combining the impacts of each alternative with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions. Upon conclusion of the EIS and decision-making process, one of the alternatives would be implemented as the management plan for the park."

I am commenting here on the above referenced Impact Statement and how the family of Alfred K. Prince, the founder of Gale Island Camp and the presence of the Gale Family. It is to the benefit of the Department of the Interior and Isle Royale National Park/Wilderness Area to provide the United States citizens the opportunity to participate in and experience the history of Isle Royale National Park through involvement with existing residents and historical facilities, "to outline strategies for preserving wilderness character while also providing for the use and enjoyment of the park by current and future generations". The following are comments relative to creation of this important National Significance.

Preservation: To maintain the value of Gale Island and existing properties referenced in the Impact Statement, the category of "Preservation " is necessary. Other classifications may result in negative actions that may reduce and eliminate significant value to visitors to Isle Royale National Park.I

The following comment is from the 1.7.1.5 Gale Camp description: "Though the structures are small, they are developments that detract from the undeveloped quality of wilderness. When entering Tobin Harbor by boat (non-wilderness) from the northeast, Gale Camp comes into view. The structure location along the shoreline is predominately visible from the water (non-wilderness), but can also be visible from within wilderness, affecting solitude". This comment does not represent the value of the Gale Island Camp to visitors of the Wilderness Area. The Gale Camp strengthens (!) the Isle Royale Wilderness experience to visitor Wilderness expectations and experience, and when they return home they speak of the important and Wild aspect of the Gale Island Camp and all of Tobin Harbor.

Valuable Current Actions: Often as visitors to Isle Royale canoe through Tobin Harbor they come close to Gale Island. They are often invited to stop and visit, and they experience its history and facilities. As they leave they are not just thankful, but express their appreciation and real value of their relationship with Gale Island, the Gale Island families, and the Isle Royale National Wilderness areas. This experience strengthens the Wilderness concept as it is a part of Isle Royale history. It also brings significant respect and appreciation to what the National Park offers.

When Park visitors land at Rock Harbor, they often talk with Tobin Harbor/Gale Island families. Island history is shared, adding to the visitors Isle Royale wilderness experience.

Other plans for Park visitors wilderness experiences may include participation in actions unique to the existing family residents. The Park may offer some visitors to stop by Gale Island, perhaps chop some wood, start a fire in the fireplace, and experience time with the Gale Family. This strengthens the Wilderness experiences. Other opportunities are also present and may be expanded and provided.

SUMMARY: This document is a short response to both current and potential future opportunities to strengthen, promote, and expand the Wilderness experiences at the Isle Royale Wilderness Park. There are many ways to accomplish this, as briefly defined in this document. To accomplish this, the classification of Gale Island Camp to "PRESERVATION" is best to

strengthen and continue the opportunity for visitors to experience and be part of the important and real Wilderness Experience.

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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Overall I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. However please note the following:

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness as possible.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

(b) (6)

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Correspondence: Hello,

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative B with a couple of suggestions:

- Keep the group size at its current number.

- Whatever the capacity of a given shelter, that number of hikers should be allowed to bunk there (like shelters along the Appalachian Trail). A solo hiker or two taking up a whole shelter seems too greedy, especially when weather conditions turn less than favorable.

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Correspondence: Alternative A.

Basically, just maintain Rock Harbor Lodge, and let the rest go.

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Correspondence: Thank you for this thoughtful and clearly designed Wilderness Stewardship Plan. I agree that Alternative B has a lot of strengths. It helps Isle Royale NP fulfill obligations to protect wilderness qualities, contending with campsite crowding and awkward permitting systems, while turning needed attention to mouldering historic sites. More planning will need to occur before it would be possible to open the Park for winter camping in a safe fashion, as analysis in Alternatives B and C recognize.

I appreciate how the prominent qualities of wilderness value- Untrammeled Quality, Natural Quality, Undeveloped Quality, Solitude or a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation, and Other Features of Value - are used to structure the management choices recommended by the Park. Within this report, I agree with the usage and representation of these wilderness qualities, and especially appreciate the attention given to noise intrusions. However, while these five categories of wilderness speak to cherished values at Isle Royale and other Parks, I believe the existing categories will be challenged by current social and ecological conditions, and may struggle to effectively guide adaptive conservation policy in the future.

First, climate change challenges our ability to maintain multiple qualities of wilderness. Natural Qualities are under threat from intensifying climatic disturbances like wildfires, but solutions to preserve the land often undermine the Untrammeled and Undeveloped Qualities. Land managers may have to choose between these qualities when preparing for climate disturbances. Second, the NPS has committed to building healthy partnerships with Indigenous collaborators, but it can be difficult to find ways to offer fair participation in a respectful and just way. Even if participatory opportunities are offered, healthy collaboration is undermined by fundamental, unexplored differences in the ways that NPS and Indigenous communities define and ascribe value to nature and wilderness. For example, Solitude is a central quality supported by the NPS, but Indigenous literature on nature might argue that this solitude does not accurately represent the many non-human companions found in the wilderness. Separately, the Other Features of Value category may represent an opportunity to investigate additional cultural values of wilderness, including those held by Indigenous communities, in order to expand the diversity of values recognized and utilized by the NPS.

The pragmatic and tangible interventions outlined in this Report will accomplish much in supporting Isle Royale's effort to preserve wilderness qualities. Still, in the future Isle Royale and other Parks will need more value clarification on wilderness qualities, both to contend with climate change, and to offer inclusive participation to Indigenous partners. Wilderness values have played a unique role in Isle Royale National Park's history and identity, so it is a meaningful site to perform

further evaluation of wilderness ethics in practice. In order to better understand cultural differences in wilderness value, Isle Royale might take further steps to collaborate with nearby Indigenous leaders to discuss and identify commonalities and differences in the values they ascribe to wilderness land like Minong. In addition to clarifying values, such collaborations may reveal mutual interest in participation in the upkeep and utilization of 20th century historical structures.

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Correspondence: It is difficult to choose a management plan in entirety as each of the plans are far from perfect. If I had to choose I would stay with A. However, I believe that a flexible permitting system such as in Plan B would limit the overcrowding that is occurring now. A lot of this is that people stay in certain campsites for more days than it is even allowed. Shorter stay limits should be addressed and implemented for places like Washington Creek, Moskey, Daisy and McCargo. Enforcement should be key to make that happen as well. I rarely see a ranger anymore other than around the visitor centers and I haven't had my permit checked in years. I also believe that guided trips also contribute to overcrowding as addressed in Plan C. I have been backpacking on the island over four decades and have camped hundreds of nights. Thanks for allowing comments.

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Correspondence: Comments by (b) (6) Re: Connolly Camp - Cliff Crest:

I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to comment on the NPS' "Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Vol II Appendices". While the document contains extensive material that is valuable, important and integral to my consideration of the future of Isle Royale National Park, I want to express my comments within a context directly pertinent to my family's relationship to and engagement with Isle Royale.

As one of the grandchildren of Charles and Ellen Connolly, I feel deeply committed to the preservation of their heritage and love for this extraordinary island. Their children, Sally Connolly Caskey, David Connolly and, James Lawrence experienced summer life - fishing, picnicking, hiking, community gathering, and boating, frequently, under challenging circumstances. They came to Isle Royale not only for recreational purposes but to escape summer allergies on the mainland and the constant threat of the summer polio season. Additionally, our grandparents, who were economically hard pressed, especially during the depression, were able to catch trout for immediate sustenance as well as "can" large amounts of trout to help sustain them throughout the year. Families shared not only their adventures and love for the island but also food: baked goods, fish, and fresh berries. While IR families held individual beliefs and traditions, arriving after frequently harrowing journeys on unreliable autos and vessels, they knew that on the Island, an interdependent web of all existence among the IR families was not only valued but necessary.

While the above is a digression from specific comments on the plan, I needed to emphasize that, for me, history, especially cultural history, is a living, continuous shared thread. I believe that the traditions, history and culture of the communities within Isle Royale can exist in harmony within the concept of wilderness. Our oral history, written diaries, journals, books, cabins and community engagement reflect how people have both individually and within a community experienced and preserved the concept of Isle Royale Wilderness. We continue to do that as families who love this extraordinary island and wish to protect it as well as share our common history with others.

Specific comments:

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Clarification:

The "Guest Cabin" was an integral part of the primary cabin, and not intended just for guests, rather it was used continually

as a sleeping cabin for family members especially the younger ones. Colloquially, it was called Spider Haven - an appropriate name at the time. Up to about 4 years ago it was used primarily as storage for fishing gear and our boat motor until, recently, it was lovingly restored to its original use as a sleeping cabin. It is barely visible from the water and a public trail does not pass by.

Addenda:

Our grandfather, Charles Connolly, selected the site for the cabin so he could always see (except in heavy fog or storms!) the Passage Island light.

The stone steps leading up to the cabin from "Spider Haven" were built by my aunt, Sally Caskey, I believe as quite a young woman - so probably around 1920. We consider their restoration and preservation essential.

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Comments

I believe that it is imperative that all three buildings: The primary cabin, the sleeping cabin (aka the Guest House) and the privy should all be preserved not stabilized. The main cabin exists not in isolation but in connection with the smaller buildings - all should be preserved.

General Comments re Preservation:

While I understand the differentiation among preservation, stabilization and molder, it appears to me that "stabilization" is just a less-threatening way to denote moldering. Let's preserve!

In reviewing future plans, I want to emphasize how demanding preservation work is - identifying needed work, prioritizing projects, obtaining appropriate measurements, developing plans, consulting with NPS to ensure compliance with criteria, selecting appropriate materials. And then on the mainland: purchasing necessary items, considering the use of specific tools, shipping it out to the island, transporting it to our cabins and making sure we have the skills and people to initiate and complete projects. I provide this litany because I want to emphasize how critical it is that people be allowed to spend time at their cabins (especially overnight).

Thank you

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Correspondence: My experience at Isle Royale goes back to 1977 when I first went with my father to Isle Royale to fish for lake trout. In total, I had nine fishing trips to the island. My first backpacking was in 1989 and I have spent a total of 134 days on the island backpacking on 18 trips. I have hiked all of the major trails on the island multiple times and have stayed at all but two campgrounds accessible by foot.

In my opinion, one of the greatest (and best) things about the Isle Royale backcountry is its extremely flexible and modifiable backcountry permitting system. The flexibility in backcountry permitting is what sets Isle Royale apart from other National Parks. Being a wilderness park, flexibility when on the island is crucial for everyone's health and safety. Forcing people to more strictly adhere to an itinerary listed on a permit will only serve to increase injuries and medical issues, and result in more incidents where park service employees will need to intervene. First time visitors who have not experienced the island often times overestimate their abilities and end up needing to adjust their itineraries. From experience, it is a good idea to plan an extra day to account for weather, injury or overestimating one's hiking ability on the island. Unfortunately, many visitors don't consider weather, injury or ability when planning a backpacking trip. Speaking from experience, my first backpacking trip was greatly altered when daytime thunderstorms forced us not to continue on the Greenstone from West Chickenbone and we chose instead, because of how many days we had available, to return to Rock Harbor to catch the boat rather than catching it at Windigo. In my opinion, there is no need to radically change the

Wilderness Permit System to be more rigid.

It seems that overcrowding is a concern that needs to be addressed. I have experienced full campgrounds backpacking because I have chosen to visit mostly between mid-July to Labor Day. However, there was never a time when there wasn't a tent pad available so that I had to hike on to the next campground. For me, sharing a campsite was not a negative. Meeting new people and sharing our experiences on the island has always been positive for me. I realize that not everyone feels the same, so, in my opinion, some modifications to how campsites within campgrounds are configured could be made. Adjusting consecutive stay limits at some campgrounds that experience the most overcrowding might be considered.

Because there are only two entry/exit points in the park, trip itineraries depend upon transportation. From my experience, whether or not a campground will be full or not often times depends on when the ferries are scheduled to arrive or leave. People plan their trip around their boat or plane transportation. The Park Service approves the schedules that the boats and planes run on, so they can control the number of visitors who can come to the island. Maybe overcrowding could be controlled by adjusting the number of visitors who can come to the island.

I also feel that the structures and historic sites at Isle Royale are worthy of preservation, just like the wilderness aspects of the park. They are worthy of significant government expenditures. I've been pleased to see partnerships developed with groups and families with historic ties to the island to preserve structures.

It is my opinion that overall ALTERNATIVE A is the best choice to pursue for the future of Isle Royale National Park. Significant changes do not need to be made to the operation of the park. At most, minor tweaks gradually implemented over time could be made to Alternative A to improve the visitor experience.

Alternative B and Alternative C would impose major changes to the operation of the park, which I feel are not called for. If the park had major issues with its operation, it might be necessary to radically change things. From what I've heard and read, the park operation isn't broken. Consequently, small scale changes over time appears to be the prudent approach to preserve the wilderness character, while also providing for the use and enjoyment of the park by current and future generations.

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Correspondence: I am a member of the Isle Royale Families and Friends(IRFFA) group, and a Board Member. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft WSP . IRFFA has submitted comments separately, and I support those comments fully.

Some of the information regarding the Gale structures is incorrect and should be changed in the final version of the WSP: The Privy and tool shed were not built in 1964 as separate structures, but were built as a single structure with dividing wall between the two uses. This structure was built at the time the original cabin construction was started around 1936. The larger space was used for tool storage initially, and was later used for tool storage, and as a dark room for developing and printing black and white film. My father, Philip Gale and uncle, John Gale had a 72 hour photo service in the late 30's. They would pick up negatives at the Lodge in Rock Harbor, then develop the film, and print the negatives on a condenser enlarger, returning the prints within 72 hours to the lodge. John Gale also was a ham radio operator, and operated a radio in the main cabin, making contact to another radio operator in Houghton, sending and receiving messages for lodge guests, for a fee. The other portion of the Tool Shed/toilet was used as a toilet and a shower/darkroom, with warm water hoisted overhead on a block and tackle for showers. When the outhouse that is used today was built, the use of the tool shed as a toilet stopped, and the shower is still used today with original block and tackle to hoist water overhead in the original trash can.

The guest cabin was moved from the hillside between the Mattson and Anderson fisheries and has been a feature on Gale

Island as long as I can remember. I am now 75 years old. Rolf Anderson, Architectural Historian, may be able to accurately determine a date for when it was moved.

There is a closet in one of the bedrooms in the cabin, a feature not found in many cabins in Tobin Harbor. Attached to the back of the main cabin is a California cooler, drawing cool air from under the cabin and venting by thermal siphon through a pipe in the roof of the main cabin. Many cabins at Isle Royale have attached, interior or separate California coolers.

Reading through the Draft WSP, I noticed comments about visibility of one structure versus visibility of another within the Wilderness environment detracting from solitude, a component of Wilderness Quality. This is just one highly subjective component that affects Wilderness Quality. For some, the presence of boats detract from solitude. For others, a seaplane might detract from solitude. One comment was that the Beard cabin and separate generator building were less visible from the Northeast as you enter Tobin Harbor. Certainly the Gale cabin is surrounded by more vegetation, is painted a dark brown, not green, is situated farther in the Harbor, and outbuildings are less visible than Beard outbuildings, all features that would seem to make the structures less visible upon entry from the Northeast end of the island. Again, Wilderness Quality determination can be very subjective and it is not clear how this was measured when describing relative differences among cabins.

There are a number of instances where Preservation versus Stabilization are the two options that must be reviewed when considering treatment outcomes for many structures. Stabilization is acknowledged by NPS as a treatment not currently used by NPS but state that it is appropriate for this plan purpose. As applied, it would involve making the structures weather tight and subject to review every six years, and if a volunteer is available to maintain the structure, then it would be reclassified to Preservation status. These structures are relatively fragile; many are over a hundred years old. In the last five years, there have been two separate instances involving the Gale cabin where branches and a tree blew on to the roof of the Gale cabin. Roofing has had to be patched repeatedly the past five years to stop active leaks inside the cabin. A complete roof replacement was required in 2023. In the last 50 years, main supporting wood pilings have had to be replaced, carpenter ant infestations have had to be addressed, ducks have come down the chimney and created a mess in the cabin, windows have blown open, glass replaced, hand railings replaced, fascia boards required replacing, and paint and stain applied periodically to keep a harsh environment at bay. Once weather gets inside a structure, it goes downhill very quickly. Six years is too long; every structure must be revisited annually. Vegetation must be removed every year, leaves raked away from baseboards around each structure, and paint and roofs patched as needed. Demolition through neglect happens fast in a marine environment!

Day use of structures should be limited to the exterior if the structures are vacant. But if there can be a family member(s) or other volunteer there to show interiors and tell the family histories, there would be greater value to their experience. Over time, artifacts will disappear from structures if visitors are allowed to walk through them without a volunteer present.

Every structure at Isle Royale was built because there was a purpose and use for them. Every structure is a cog in the ethnographic understanding of early hotels, the fisheries that existed for decades, and the cabins built in the 19th and 20th centuries. Best efforts should be used to preserve these structures to complete the understanding of human history on Isle Royale, not to remove them and leave holes in the fabric of their history. Archaeologists look for privy pits because they hold a lot of information about the people that used them. Old clay pipes, jewelry, buttons, they all tell parts of the stories that belong to the original occupants. But every structure, with artifacts intact, can add as much to the cultural history as a privy with artifacts. NPS would tell a better story of human history on Isle Royale if they can find ways to save each structure.

There is a pool of willing family members and other volunteers ready to continue maintenance of these structures at Isle Royale. No one alternative is the best alternative. While B is the preferred option, I suggest that NPS should try to incorporate the suggestions in my remarks along with other components from the other alternatives. The final plan should not be either-or to the exclusion of other valid ideas.

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Correspondence: "Is Jesus a good ranger, Mommy?" This was a question I asked, as a child more familiar with park rangers than religion. For most of my first 24 years of life, I lived, volunteered and worked in national parks, including 6 seasons employed at Isle Royale. My mother's family was forced from their farm, to make way for a national park. My parents first met while working in a national park, then worked in several others. Most family vacations were in national parks. I have made frequent trips to Isle Royale and have known many of its seasonal residents, employees and life leasees. Based on these experiences, I agree, mostly, with option B, with exceptions, or option A.

My concerns:

I question the need to expand the wilderness area. Expansion is a slippery slope, potentially facilitating future restrictions, such as the removal of currently accepted services. Please protect the current wilderness area, while also insuring that future visitors have the same amenities as presently provided.

The number of visitors is limited by the island's remoteness and the capacity of the current ferry services. However, the increased seaplane service has negatively affected wilderness experience and should be restricted, to limit visitor numbers and widespread noise pollution. There are many references to a perceived increase in visitors. The actual reported numbers (Recreation Visits by Month, in Appendices, page A-3, 2023b) reflect a rise and fall in visitation over the years. The totals seem to include visitors to the Houghton facility, artificially supporting the misconception.

Increasing group size could result in a louder, more disruptive experience. A formerly defined group of ten would then use individual camp sites, which are already crowded. The park has control with group reservations and permits, and should be able to correct overcrowding. The overflow from regular sites into the group area proves the need for more tent sites. Expand the current campgrounds in the portal zones, increasing the area between tent sites to enhance the experience, while making those sites more enticing than the overcrowded shelters. Removing the current shelters and picnic tables seems counterintuitive, disruptive and cost prohibitive. They are obviously highly prized.

The historic cabins are relatively few and not incongruous with the scenery. They spark our imagination and awe. Letting them fall to ruin or vandalism would be such a loss to the cultural history. They could be used as an interpretive learning tools. Please allow and encourage preservation partnerships. It seems to be a universal consensus to preserve Bangsund cabin, the Petersons, and then, their successors. It has been an influential highlight for so many. The information, on Plan/EIS pages 17 and 30, appears conflicting. It is a shame if the elimination of this experience has been already been decided.

There should be a larger park ranger presence in the campgrounds, especially in the evenings, to enforce compliance, facilitate conflict resolution, and protect the wilderness experience.

Keep the Sandy excursion limit at 40. It needs to be a profitable operation to continue. Lower limits would negatively affect availability, that is already limited by weather and schedule.

Was the open for winter option offered for comedy relief? In that vein, the dead winter campers would upset the wolf/prey balance. Seriously, it could be detrimental to the wilderness and visitors alike, as an invitation to roam at will with no accountability and no emergency services. The closed winter months (Recreation Visits by Month, in Appendices, page A-3, 2023b) have surprising totals. How is winter visitation controlled and monitored now, and possibly in the future?

NPS would relinquish control with a reservation system operated by another entity, collecting fees and enforcing limits. All backpackers, not just 15%, need flexibility in their hiking schedules. The logistics of island visitation is uniquely complicated. Reserving a lodge room or unit requires at least a year's notice. Transportation reservation lines don't open until January

1st. Adhering to a camping itinerary can be potentially impossible, considering the impact of ability, injury and weather.

A couple of side notes:

*The lack of interpretive programs on the Ranger III and at Rock Harbor are missed opportunities to educate the public and generate interest in preserving the park. There are many people and young families looking for evening activities, especially in the long evenings of early summer, with late daylight. Dark skies are also a missed educational opportunity.

*The overflow of campers and visitors, caused by the frequent weather-related changes in travel plans could be addressed by having a large pavilion or shelter at Rock Harbor, offering place to wait and congregate.

*Please build more camper cabins at Windigo, and add some to the Rock Harbor area.

*All generations and all capabilities should be able to enjoy this park. ADA compliances at Rock Harbor and Windigo are necessary. Consideration of inclusivity should also take into account the increasing number of aging baby boomers. There should be at least one accessible "trail". The walk to the America dock had the potential to be ideal, but is a lost opportunity that has been left to litter the shoreline. Rock Harbor Lodge has made positive changes to accommodate people with mobility limitations.

*A positive, cooperative relationship between NPS, life leasees, concessions employees and researchers benefits everyone, with shared knowledge and experiences. They are envied equally by all park visitors: day hikers, backpackers, campers, boaters and lodge guests.

For the record, my mother answered yes to my sincerely earnest question. So, thank you, Good Rangers, for protecting this wolf's eye of Heaven, for all of us to experience!

Correspondence ID:	1746Project:109183Document:129858
Received:	Sep,12 2023
Correspondence Type:	Letter
Correspondence:	Superintendent Denice,

Regarding the Isle Royale Wilderness Stewardship Plan:

I am commenting on the proposed removal of Johns Cabin on Johns Island as part of the ISRO WSP...

The original cabin should not be removed. It is at least 120 years old and most likely older. My great grandfather, John Flexman Johns, one of the very first European settlers on Isle Royale, built that cabin first for members have lived in that cabin on the end point of Johns Island since that time and it has been an integral part of the culture of Washington Harbor--only taking a short time to come and go from one historical setting to the other.. The cabin takes only a small part of Johns Island and is the domicile for the caretakers of the Historical Point on Barnum Island.

The building itself is of significance in that it has already qualified for the Historical Register--per the efforts of the Johns Family and based on its age and relevance and connection to the cultural history on present day Barnum Island and Washington Harbor. As (b) (6) has stated in a 2019 correspondence to Set DePasqual, "My justification (for the Johns Cabin being placed on the Historic Register) lies in the fact that Johns Island and the cabin is in potential wilderness and therefore the criteria for consideration should be handled separately from the non wilderness areas in Washington Harbor. I'm also apprehensive of developments within the Wilderness Stewardship Plan (WSP) that when finished, might preclude having the cabin placed on the National Register. That in itself would be detrimental to the historical facts and structures of original homesteaders on the Island. The cabin on Johns Island is more intertwined with the Hotel and reservation and the Johns Family history than it is with other fishing endeavors that occurred in Washington Harbor. The Johns history encompasses this cabin along with Johns Island."

I will go on to point out that in the words of the WPS being developed as well as the cultural plan for Isle Royale, EMPHASIS ON RESTORATION/ PRESERVATION HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES is a top priority as an element of the WPS and Cultural Resources Plan. The Johns Cabin IS and always HAS BEEN an historic structure and very much a part of

the cultural landscape of Isle Royale, specifically the one at Washington Harbor. I am sure that the Johns Cabin is older than many of the buildings being considered for preservation within a wilderness boundary. The fact that it is on Johns Island of which much of it is considered wilderness does not mean that it has to be removed. The small area that the Johns cabin occupies on Johns Island can be reserved as an historic site within a designated wilderness area just as other homes are being preserved in that manner. Not only does the original Johns Cabin and privy contribute to the historic district it is tied to but it offers the practicality that the National Park is seeking. Although, defining the totality of practicality is still to be deciphered, I believe.

One last fact that I would like to point out. The Johns Cabin was part of the Life Lease that my father had signed with the National Park and Johns Island was the location for his Life Lease. Others in designated wilderness are being given the opportunity preserve their structure and close surrounding land that was part of a life lease, permit or other arrangement. They also will have their preserved structures to stay in while on the Island and while maintaining that same structure. It is only fair and right to allow the Johns Family to keep our historical cabin on Johns Island that was part of a homestead and a life lease. It is our home as well while we are on Isle Royale helping the Park maintain multiple structures.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Daughter of a life lease holder

Great Granddaughter of an original Isle Royale Homesteaders

Board Trustee of the Johns Hotel Historical Point Association

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 3 plans listed in the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. My comments for each of the 3 alternative plans is listed below.

Alternative Plan A (No Action): Taking no action does not seem like reasonable path forward to preserve the historic nature of Isle Royale. Much of the charm of Isle Royale comes from the historic nature of the park and letting these features degrade because of lack of resources and/or priority will surely impact the understanding and appreciation of the park. However, one must be realistic as to what can be achieved so at the very least a list of historic structures which must be preserved should be developed and used to preserve these structures. Other structures would then be left to degrade or revisited at a later date. Finally, it concerns me that the National Park under Alternative Plan A states that visitors seeking greater solitude might have to find it by traveling off trail. Whoever wrote this obviously has never attempted this on Isle Royale and suggesting that this might be the only way to find solitude seems like the park service is not attempting other strategies. For example, why not limit the number of visitors in the back trails (i.e., locations away from Windigo and Rock Harbor. If the park service does this it ensures these remote trails and camp sites remain free of over crowding and allows visitors to easily find solitude but are still free to seek even greater solitude off-trail.

Alternative Plan B is a very well thought out plan and for the most part is a good step forward. Trying to only preserve some of the historic structures is a very good idea and selecting structures vital to the history of Isle Royale is important and enhances the experience of most visitors to the park. Keeping the island free from visitors during the winter is also highly recommended and I applaud this decision. I would caution the park service that even if the waters surrounding the island during the winter do meet the five year criteria listed under Plan B I would only allow visitors to travel on the island by foot, snowshoe, or x-skis. Please never allow snow mobiles on the island the impact to the island and the wildlife would be devastating and would be very hard to restrict access once the door is open. Finally, solitude can be achieved by dispersing

visitors but again placing limits on the number of visitors to the park away from Windigo and Rock Harbor would go a long way to increase the enjoyment of the visitors to the park who venture into the backwoods of the park seeking solitude.

Alternative Plan C and the idea of a reservation system makes very good sense and is the only way to maintain a certain level of solitude and unique wilderness experience going forward. Visitors seeking solitude and venture into the back woods of the park already have a strict itinerary and would not see the reservation system as a burden in any way. Removal of the picnic table and structures is also recommended and adds to the quality of one's time at Isle Royale. Plan C does call for winter access but again I would caution against this and if allowed only allow foot, snowshoe or x-ski access to the island absolutely no snowmobiles allowed on the island.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the open commenting process managed by the PEPC.

As a wilderness supporter--particularly as I'm surrounded by concrete in a man-made, urban environment--I fervently believe we need to protect wild areas and appreciate your stewardship of them.

In this instance, Alternative C appears the best compromise, as less is more--less buildings and less human interference. At least I can dream of these places.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1749Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 18:21:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I was a first time visitor to Isle Royale this summer. We flew into Windigo and hiked the Feltdmann Loop.

I am all for improving the existing trails through trail maintenance, repair/replacing boardwalks, dealing with the severe overgrowth of parts of the trail, etc.

I do not support the idea of having campsite reservations. There are far too many variables on a remote island. Weather, injury, illness, etc. can force a group to shorten their trip, modify their plans, or take a zero day at a campground to rest. We had just such a thing happen when one of people in our group suffered a dislocation and needed to slow down and spend an extra night on the trail instead of going from Siskiwit to Washington creek in one day.

I am afraid that a reservation system could encourage people to try to get to the next reserved campsite even if weather or health would dictate staying where they are another night. As with Pictured Rocks, often campsites are reserved, plans change but due to the reservation system, people don't cancel their reservations which means many campsites go reserved but unused each night.

If there are too many people to be handled, maybe reduce the number of people allowed on the island in general at one time. Since the vast majority come by ferry or seaplane it would be fairly easy to put a limit on the number of people arriving each day.

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Correspondence: Plan A leave as it. A better effort into managing and enforcing the rules that the NPS has in place already could make a big difference. Too much has been ignored by the NPS for years and visitors/ hikers/ boaters know it and talk about it openly, but unfortunately their rule breaking has made it difficult for others who do obey the rules to enjoy what the Island wilderness has to offer; (more than 7 campers not traveling in a group taking up individual sites, 2 groups of 10 from same Organization meeting up at the same camp sites, over staying restricted night limits, individuals not bothering to educate themselves about the Park and hiking needs before coming (not bringing a tent expecting to share shelters anywhere and with anyone), etc. It is difficult enough to get to the Island for a hiking trip and by restricting or requiring permits before would make that much more difficult to plan an impromptu trip especially when most people don't get much vacation time, weather conditions restrict boats & plans or just can't plan 6 mo. out because life just happens. Please try first to really, really put effort into education and awareness of island wilderness, hiking/camping expectations, etc. A big step would be more staff in the back country like it once had to monitor hikers and campsites. Unfortunately I just didn't have time to construct a thoughtful, concise comment as why I feel option A would be best, figured some comment is better than none as it is important. Been hiking the whole Island for 40yrs, lived and worked on both ends for two summers and also led educational groups on backpacking trips from local summer youth programs for 12 years.

* it would be nice if my personal information could be withheld from public view, if possible

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Correspondence: I favor expanding hiking trails to reach currently remote locations and constructing additional campsites at those locations. If such trails are too expensive, I believe a water taxi service operated by the concessionaire could carrying backpackers to remote campsites where they could enjoy solitude. This could alleviate the "pulse" problem that arises when large numbers of hikers arrive by boat. It would afford an increased number of visitors a chance to enjoy the island rather than limiting the experience to a privileged few by requiring 85% advance reservations or reducing campsites. This does not appear to be an option considered at the moment, so in the interim I favor the "no action" alternative.

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Correspondence: My recommended alternative is Alternative A - No Change. While others have some advantages, they also have disadvantages which are more than offsetting. Providing only bundled alternatives to the current plan does not provide for true user feedback on all aspects for other alternatives. Therefore until a more open set of considerations is offered for input, I recommend Alternative A - No Change.

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Correspondence: Regarding Isle Royale camping practices, whatever wilderness plan is chosen, the message conveyed to the visitor needs to be improved and made more pervasive to ALL visitors, including seaplane. Isle Royale camping is a unique and potentially "social" experience. Most visitors (especially if they have never been to Isle Royale) are unfamiliar with this type of camping and are not necessarily expecting it when they arrive on the island. Yes, it is up to visitor to educate themselves before visiting the island, but to do so, this information must be more clearly available and review of it should be REQUIRED in order to make camping reservations.

For example, when backcountry camping in national parks that have high bear activity, it is required that visitors review

bear safety information, either as a presentation from a ranger or, more often now, in the form of a safety video that must be viewed by the visitor prior to making reservations. As current staffing patterns will likely make this unable to be presented consistently by a ranger, alternatives must be considered. Perhaps a similar orientation video could be created for Isle Royale that clearly and effectively conveys the expectations that are unique to Isle Royale, specifically what is expected as far as sharing/not sharing sites, reservations, itinerary flexibility, group rules, etc.

The currently model for visitor orientation leaves many visitors, specifically self-permitting seaplane passengers, entering the wilderness unprepared and unaware of the expectations. This is not meant to be a poor reflection on park rangers. The park is understaffed in a multitude of ways and it simply cannot all be done by the workforce that is currently available. Hence, why addition information should be made available, easily accessible, and required for park usage in another format, like the video suggested and/or other downloadable documents that are linked to the park website and reservation system. This should be considered imperative to minimize environmental impact by the many visitors that are very often otherwise not fully oriented to the park and its unique needs.

Backpacking campgrounds should be expanded to deal with the congestion issues. Plan B only suggests creating campground for boaters which does little to support backpackers. To deal with the camping congestion on the East end, consider a second Rock Harbor campground along Tobin Harbor extending from the Housekeeping Cabins. Allow this campground to be run by the park concessioner. Rock Harbor campground could also be expanded to include at least 8 more sites.

If a reservation system is put into effect, great care and consideration must be taken in how the system is created, maintained, and explained. All efforts should be made to ensure that the reservation system does not result in all sites being filled and reserved before the season starts, as tends to be the case with the lodge. I am not certain what to suggest to do this other than allowing some campsites to remain first-come first-serve and putting date limitations on when/how visitors can reserve sites. There should be a charge for camping reservations and an upcharge for shelter reservations. These monies should be put directly back into maintaining campgrounds.

Winter closure should remain in effect. Currently, there is no way that the park can be adequately staffed and therefore adequately protected during winter months. To allow visitors usage without access to services, emergency medical, or even minimal park staff is effectively inviting misuse and potential damage of park resources by visitors, intentional or not.

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Correspondence: Hello!

I have been going to Isle Royale every year since 2016, yes even during covid. I have backpacked every trail, and portage a canoe over every portage except two. I have well over a hundred nights on the island. I've taken the ferries and the float plane over and back. Most of my trips have been solo and I circumnavigated Siskiwit lake this past May. I plan on going to the island every year as long as I'm capable and at 53 I hope to have many more trips in my future.

To keep things short and simple. I suggest that a combination of things could be done. I suggest that permitting stays as it is, forcing people to be at specific campgrounds on specific days will only increase injuries in my opinion. Adding a new campground or two would be a good thing, even expanding some of the current campgrounds would be a good thing. Lastly I support keeping viable buildings as historic land marks. I also support the remaining families to continue to use there family homes assuming they are willing to maintain them. I would go as far as allowing them to pass there use to other family members.

Thank you!

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

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Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

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Correspondence: I want to vote for Plan B. I would like to see more shelters on the Island.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of alternative B. Regardless what option you choose to implement, I would like to point out the following paragraph from the actions common to all alternatives section in chapter two:

"Prohibited Uses. The Wilderness Act prohibits temporary roads, motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats, landing of aircraft, and other forms of mechanical transport, structures, and installations except as necessary for the administration of wilderness."

Seeing that motorboats are prohibited from wilderness, I do not understand why power boaters are allowed to use wilderness campsites at all on Isle Royale. There are literally thousands of other places to take a powerboat and go camping. Why is Isle Royale facilitating such conflicting uses in its wilderness-based Lake Superior campsites? I understand the technicality of water vs. land when it comes to wilderness designations, but as an island park, I feel that Isle Royale must be managed to include the reality of access by water. When that access is not a simple ferry boat dropoff, there are all kinds of implications to the wilderness use that occurs on the land. A powerboat camping party is able to haul in coolers full of beer, large numbers of people, and technology such as bluetooth speakers that can play very loud music. Based on the encounters I have had, I would also argue that most powerboat camping parties are not guided by the desire for a wilderness experience in the first place, or perhaps their idea of a wilderness experience is just vastly different from that of user groups who traverse the island via non-motorized means. In my experience, powerboat camping parties do not in any way exemplify the "leave no trace" ethic that I believe should be the guiding value of any wilderness use.

I appreciate the modifications in alternative B that address this, but they really only scratch the surface. Great to remove the dock at Duncan Bay, and great to add more kayak-only campsites. But as someone who just did a multi-day kayak trip in

the northeast part of the island, I can tell you that these changes would not have removed conflicts my partner and I experienced with powerboat parties during that trip. Two of the planned campsites in our itinerary (Duncan Harbor and Merritt Lane) were fully occupied by multiple powerboat parties when we paddled up, ready to rest after a long day on the water. At Duncan Harbor, we had to bivouac since we did not have the energy or time to round Blake Point that day. We witnessed powerboaters ripping down standing live trees to make an illegal bonfire while listening to music and drinking beer & generally being disruptive. When we came to Merritt Lane the following day, we encountered another fully occupied site that was dominated by powerboaters. In this case we simply paddled on to Rock Harbor, ending our wilderness itinerary a day earlier than planned. Since Blake Point has a reputation for being dicey in poor weather, I think it's really unfortunate that the two closest campsites on either side of it are open to powerboat use, meaning that kayak or canoe parties have to plan longer trips in order to make this crossing, adding another layer of complication to an already complex situation of respecting Lake Superior's ever changing weather patterns with safety in mind.

I think there should be a significant reduction in the permits granted to powerboat parties in any future alternative, unless Isle Royale might consider moving back toward a plan that would keep kayak/canoe campsites and powerboat campsites (two user groups with conflicting values and expectations for the wilderness experience) completely separate. I do not see a need for a wilderness park to maintain numerous wilderness sites that can be used by powerboating groups. It is completely outside of the spirit and character of wilderness.

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Correspondence: My preference is Option A. Please allow this wilderness to remain wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 1762Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023 22:33:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for taking public comments on this matter.
I am in favor of approach A "No changes" because it allows for flexible itineraries for those camping on Isle Royale. This Summer my backpacking party made a decision to change our campground itinerary during our trip, in order to thoroughly dry gear after an afternoon and night of rain, and to rest in the middle of our trip. This allowed us to more safely and enjoyably complete our time on the island. We could have pushed on with the itinerary on our permit, However I believe that doing so would have placed us in jeopardy of needing assistance from other hikers or Park Rangers. This seems like an unnecessary risk since the current system allowed us the flexibility we needed to make the best, safest, most positive decisions we could. I would like to note that I do not think that more preparation on our part would have allowed us to know our itinerary in advance and not change it. We made the change we did based upon weather which we may or may not have encountered, and which in fact did not match the most current forecast information we had when we set our itinerary. Also we had made a previous trip to the island covering similar areas and did not need to change our planned itinerary, so I do not think that we needed flexibility on this Summer's trip because we were ill-prepared or should have had more information. It was simply in response to the conditions we found during our trip. And the flexibility that would be preserved by pursuing the proposed option A would maintain that flexibility. I consider this the most important factor in keeping people and the wilderness safe at Isle Royale, so that is the course I urge you to take. Other factors are also important, but I think that keeping everyone safe can be best accomplished by continuing the policy currently in place that is serving visitors and staff well.

Correspondence ID: 1763Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: You do not need to meddle. Protect the animals there and areas under your care and leave it at that. No need to "manage" any populations. They will take care of themselves.

Correspondence ID: 1764Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,26 2023 06:37:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for there to be NO CHANGE in management of wilderness.

I feel like the information provided to the public during this process has been extremely minimal and that a lot of it has been intentionally misleading.

Correspondence ID: 1765Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,26 2023 06:41:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Both as a biologist, and as a family member concerned about the future, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding. Moreover commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness as soon as possible.

To best maintain the wilderness character of the area, any structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better preserved and made accessible to the general public. This would align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects the solitude and wilderness character of the area.

Furthermore I consider that the Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1766Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,26 2023 06:42:24
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Correspondence: I mostly agree with proposal A with some modifications; I believe some of the overcrowding at campsites with a 3 day limit could be better controlled by reducing the stay limit to 1 or 2 days, many people I have encountered stay 3 nights, leave the campsite for 1 night and come back to the initial campsite for another 3 days, this practice is definitely affecting overcrowding at certain campsites. I also feel that many people do what they choose because there seems to be no accountability, I have been making Isle Royal trips for many years and prior to about 4 to 5 years ago, NPS Rangers came around to check permits, etc. I have not had my permit checked since that time and rarely encounter a Ranger at campsites or on a trail. Thank you for my consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1767Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: A recent week (September 6-12,2023) on Isle Royale gave us a chance to experience several aspects of this unique National Park and shaped my opinion on the Wilderness Stewardship plan. Our seaplane arrival was initially delayed several hours by dense fog on the island. With a reservation system like the one we used last year on the Wonderland Trail, we would have been unable to hike our reserved campsite itinerary arriving many hours late or even the next day if the fog had persisted. Backpackers with ferry reservations had multiple days cancelled while we were at ISRO.

We initially were convinced it would be best to take no action on the current system (Alternative A) to accommodate Lake Superior's changeable weather and associated travel delays.

That opinion changed the next night at Daisy Farm where there were so many people that most campsites had extra tents crowded in, and the overflow sites (grassy areas already trampled by previous campers) were packed with tents and people. Though it was a congenial crowd, this camp was as crowded as the Appalachian Trail when the thru hiker bubble is passing through. It was definitely not the Wilderness experience we expected. We had planned to go on to Moskey Basin that night but hikers coming in to Daisy Farm from there said that site was already full when they left hours before.

I now think Alternative B is the best option IF enough campsites are left open to accommodate itineraries that would have to change if weather delayed arrivals or departures. The campsite reservation system and the number of trained rangers to administer and enforce an adaptable permit process would add considerable expense to an already strained National Park Service budget.

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Correspondence: I submit these comments as someone who, at 68 years old, has spent more than 60 years since 1956 of at least part of an annual season on Isle Royale. I am a member of a Tobin Harbor life-lease family, now a volunteer-in-park for nearly 15 years.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, I was an NPS seasonal boat ranger for a season (1979), a boat pilot and fishing guide for Rock Harbor Lodge for two seasons, and several other complete seasons from Spring into Fall as a resident of Tobin Harbor, supporting the aging residents there. I intermittently assisted commercial fishing families with their operations at Mattson, Johnson and Edisen Fisheries. I also was a substitute deck hand on the Voyageur II during this period for a few seasons.

My wife and I authored Isle Royale: A Photographic History in 1995, published by the Isle Royale Natural History Association and still offered for sale by the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association. For the past 27 years I have presented evening programs in Rock Harbor on the human history and strong community relationships during my time on the island each year, which has averaged 2-4 weeks.

What do you like and dislike about the alternatives, and why?

It is exciting to see the Wilderness Stewardship Plan advance with Alternative B as the recommended action. It recognizes the value of cultural resources, historic districts and cultural landscapes as essential values for visitors in a more holistic and integrated management approach to the cultural and natural resources of Isle Royale.

Park management has an opportunity in this wilderness stewardship plan to advocate for the importance of the island's cultural and natural resources as an integrated story - that of the Ojibway historical relationship with the island, the history of 19th century development and exploitation of mining, timber and fisheries resources, the emergence of early 20th century tourism and subsequent transition to preservation of Isle Royale as a park.

This is an opportunity for park management to elevate the park visitor experience of wilderness across every segment of visitation - backpackers, lodge guests and day visitors, power and paddle boaters, as well as organized volunteer groups and seasonal employees.

Recommendation: Meet the park visitor where they are and how they experience the park. Carefully consider the visitor segments outlined above to create policy that balances the ability and perspectives of each group. Example: Create stronger interpretive programs that tell the complex story of Isle Royale's importance in the exploration, expansion and immigration history of our country, exploitation of natural resources, as well as the emergence of tourism and ultimately

protection and development as a wilderness area.

Telling the complete story of wilderness in the larger context of the history of Midwest expansion will become increasingly important as our society continues to put pressures on natural areas, and the quality of wilderness becomes increasingly valuable.

Specifically, the Tobin Harbor Historic District offers a unique opportunity that I outlined in a plan formally submitted to park management in the early 2000s that is as relevant today. That plan centers on using the historic trail and building assets on Minong Island in Tobin Harbor to interpret the interrelated community life and early wilderness experience on Isle Royale.

The Tobin Harbor Historic District expands on the story told at the Edisen Fishery/Rock Harbor Light site (with much easier access from Rock Harbor, the primary entrance portal to Isle Royale) to tell a more inclusive story of the integrated community in the earlier 20th century of navigation, commercial fishing, and tourism to resorts and subsequent summer home development.

Isle Royale, like its surrounding land areas of Lake Superior, is not a pristine wilderness never impacted by civilization; it was subject to the same historical development and expansion forces as the region was - burned to expose minerals, industrial operations established to extract copper, commercial fish processing stations and ultimately hotel, resort and tourism development.

The true value of the wilderness experience Isle Royale offers today and for future generations is in this context of how it was historically explored, exploited, enjoyed, revered and ultimately preserved due to its unique characteristics and qualities. Alternative B offers the best option for not just managing the historic structures, but to create partnerships that can best serve visitors in the future to fully understand how the concept of wilderness developed in the early 20th century, and how those advocates - the residents of Tobin Harbor, the Belle Isle landscape, Fisherman's Home and Washington Harbor - experienced and interacted with wilderness.

What other alternatives, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered?

Recommendation: Alternative B includes recommended options for preservation, stabilization and moldering. Expand park management consideration of the longer-term interpretive opportunities through the transition from VIP and life lease relationships to broader partnerships. The historic structures only tell part of the story; be careful not to focus only on an MRA. Set higher standards than minimum requirements in defining what is possible through creative partnerships to create the best visitor wilderness experience for all user segments.

Minong Island in Tobin Harbor as well as the shoreline trail proposed for the front-country zoning offers a one-stop interpretive resource and museum that can be managed by a partnership with defined roles and responsibilities.

While the historic families can form the nucleus of this partnership, it can be the foundation for the growth of expanded volunteer and visitor usage for the district. This will assure that the current family histories can be adequately documented and preserved through this partner organization that the park has not had the resources to support in the past.

Recommendation: Nurture partnerships going forward in the transition from life lease and VIP agreements that not only are focused on the maintenance and preservation of structures, but also the vernacular preserved in the oral and family histories passed down through from six to ten generations. As several consulting parties have emphasized, the family resources provide a deeper narrative and ongoing value to visitor experience than the mere presence of structures in varying degrees of condition.

While maintenance and preservation plans are important, the multi-generational connections to the island have value that, if lost, would degrade both the cultural and wilderness experience of visitors. Example: While certain volunteers have led ongoing maintenance and stabilization efforts, the lack of knowledge for and adherence to vernacular construction techniques has had a negative impact on the Tobin Harbor Historic District structures. Example: Renovation work at Kemmer and Dassler cabins with modern materials, as well as other sites.

What additional issues or data should be considered in the existing environment or impact analyses?

There are inaccuracies in the descriptions of Gale Island buildings, which I believe other family members are noting. Additional research is needed to correct dates and usage details.

Additionally, there are other important historical elements that relate to the inter-related community qualities of this district that are not captured and add to the mosaic of why this one site is incredibly important to preserve for future generations - not just for its cultural history and unique value as a cultural landscape in telling the story of the growth of U.S. tourism in the early 20th century, but also of the residents with broader awareness of the national parks movement in the early 20th century who advocated for the preservation of Isle Royale in similar fashion.

I believe that if future generations come to Isle Royale with only a superficial understanding of this context, the true understanding and appreciation of a wilderness experience here will be diminished.

Noise/Sound Impacts

Recommendation: All noise impacts on visitor experience should be considered as the Wilderness Stewardship Plan is finalized. As visitors move from arrival portals to the interior, the motorized boat noise levels are typically mitigated by distance, increasing the quality of experience the further a visitor moves away from shoreline.

Due to the nature of aircraft flight, there is not the same level of noise mitigation with distance from the water/non-wilderness areas where the two designated landing areas are (Tobin and Washington Harbors).

Seaplane operations between Grand Marais, Washington Harbor and Tobin Harbor impact the entire length of the island and its primary artery, the Greenstone Trail and every trail and campsite northeast of the Greenstone ridge. These operations have exploded in frequency over the past 3-5 years, with a negative impact on wilderness experience.

The Houghton-Tobin Harbor flight patterns limit impacts to the Rock Harbor and Tobin Harbor corridors, with spillover impacts into northeastern North Shore areas (Duncan Bay, Five Finger, Belle Isle, Amygdaloid channel, etc.). I recommend a review and analysis of the impact that three seaplanes (currently) have with approximately two dozen flight operations (takeoffs and landings) on some days.

Power Generation Noise. There may be a separate effort by park management to address the issue of noise on wilderness experience. The following comments are made without an understanding of current efforts, and only to provide context from an annual visitor for the past 45 years on observed changes.

An ongoing adverse impact to the quality of visitor and wilderness experience has been in place since 1978, when the underwater electrical cable supplying power to Rock Harbor malfunctioned and a temporary generator in Rock Harbor was activated. The current power generation installation was subsequently built and operated since to supply power for Rock Harbor operations. Since then, there has been a continuous noise impact in a radius of 3+ miles on moderate to calm wind conditions that has impacted not only visitor wilderness experience, but those staying in the immediate Rock Harbor area and extends far to the Northeast in Tobin Harbor, and also spills over into Duncan Bay. The recent solarization addition has not materially impacted these noise levels based on my personal observations each season.

Recommendation: Incorporate a noise assessment as part of the MRA. Excluding it from consideration in a Wilderness Stewardship Plan is a "king-has-no-clothes" approach to fit within current federal regulations, policies and park concession contracts. Neglecting this will push the issue down the road while continuing to degrade the visitor experience of wilderness significantly. There is a balance between island transportation and power requirements with the quality of visitor experience in both wilderness and non-wilderness zones that need to be considered more deeply in ongoing park management.

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Correspondence: Coming from someone who frequently travels to Isle Royale I am commenting or asking for the following

Lockers at Rock Harbor /Windigo
Trash Bins at Daisy Farm and Mccargo Cove
Longer stay limits at Rock Harbor Campground
Houghton Visitor center open year round
For the Mott Island webcam to be fixed

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 1770Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,26 2023 07:34:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.
Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

Correspondence ID: 1771Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,26 2023 08:03:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I looked at your Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale National Park and thnk Alternative A (no action) is by far the best course of action.

Correspondence ID: 1772Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023
Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: Point 1: I understand that shelter reservations are being proposed to help alleviate the current congestion issues - especially in the Rock Harbor-Moskey Basin route. This was my 5th trip to the island, but my most recent was 2004 with the moose-wolf Earthwatch Research. There was no congestion issues at those times going back into the '90s. Maybe those visitor numbers have increased gradually - maybe a surge post-COVID. I haven't seen that data, but I was shocked at the congestion along the trail and at shelters every night over my 10 day stay. With all that said and given my roughly 50 or so nights spent in tents and shelters I would strongly object to shelter reservations. That's an idea that may look good on paper, and may work in some parks, but would be very difficult for many hiking-backpackers to adhere to. Then what happens if you absolutely need a zero day that wasn't on your "schedule," or you're a new group to the island and have never hiked these trails, you have completely overestimated your abilities. On Day 1 you quickly realize that a simple 3 mile backpack in a state park is NOT a 3 mile backpack on Isle Royale. Their entire 7 day itinerary is off-track from the beginning. A simple injury or illness could send a trip off the rails. Shelter Reservation System is over-structuring.

Point 2: I also understand that this is the last season that Rolf and Candy Peterson will be staying at the little cabin at the "moose-eum" - that they've been asked to leave by the park service. I would just remind the park service that after 50 years of service to this project, they are in fact 50 years of history on this island. They are the two that still volunteer their time twice a week at Daisy Farm and every time the Sandy visits Edisen Fishery. Who will continue these oral stories and educational inservices if they are no longer on the island. Isle Royale NP would be poorer for it.

Point 3: As a suggestion for reducing overcrowding along Rock Harbor Trail (long-term solution); 1) Build 1-2 shelters on the Mt. Franklin Trail on the N. Shore of Tobin Harbor to encourage backpackers to use the Greenstone Ridge. 2) TO further that encouragement, build 1-2 shelters on the Greenstone Ridge, west of Mt. Ojibway (but not too far W). Those shelters are critical to encourage backpackers from Rock Harbor, 3 mile, the new Tobin Harbor shelters to use the Greenstone without fear of not being able to make it to one of the Chickenbone campgrounds. Adding those 2 new locations create an entirely new loop option for backpackers and would act as a pressure release from the Rock Harbor-Daisy Farm choke points.

Point 4: Please consider evening enrichment programs to the Rock Harbor Auditorium - they were always very interesting, educational, and a great Q+A session everyone learned from.

Point 5: Please consider bringing back food service to the Ranger III!

Thank you for all of your considerations.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID:	1773Project:109183Document:129858
Received:	Sep,26 2023 08:18:14
Correspondence Type:	Web Form
Correspondence:	Hello,

My wife (29F) and I (31M) just completed our first backpacking trip on the island the week after Labor Day and spent five beautiful days on the island (9/4-9/8). We enjoyed seemingly countless moments of solitude, adventure, and much needed time away from most modern technology. I enjoyed my time on the island so much that I believe perusing OPTION A of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan, with some minor changes, would be most beneficial to the island and its visitors.

During our visit, campsites were basically full every night. Out of the 4 nights we stayed, 2 of the nights we had to share our campsite. Both times, our neighbors were respectful, quite, and generally kept to themselves. Despite it being a holiday weekend and hiking 35 miles of trails, we encountered roughly 10-30 hikers a day on the trail which was sometimes a welcome surprise. You begin to build relationships with these hikers which added to the experience in a positive way.

Despite not being able to obtain a shelter, I feel it is imperative to keep the backcountry permitting system the way it is to keep visitors safe. In fact, we took advantage of this system on our third day. Due to rainy weather conditions and fatigue, we opted to cut our planned itinerary short. This prevented possible injury and evacuation and greatly benefited our trip.

I feel that despite it being a holiday weekend, my wife and I were still able to experience solitude and a sense of adventure like we have never experienced before.

The only change I would suggest is to add one more trail accessible campsite within 10 miles of Rock Harbor. I would love to see a trail accessible campsite somewhere in between Lane Cove and McCargoe Cove. I would also love to see a trail accessible campsite somewhere along Tobin Harbor or along Duncan Bay (possibly making Duncan Bay campground trail accessible would be ideal).

I believe the historical structures should also be maintained as part of Option A. These structures are a part of Isle Royale history and are a draw for visitors. Also the Moose and Wolf study headquarters serves as a very important station for scientific research and benefits us as climate change continues to alter wildlife and the environment around us.

In conclusion, I believe major changes to Isle Royale permitting is not necessary. In fact, changing the permitting system could lead to greater risk of serious injury to visitors. The permitting system must remain flexible. Also, the historic structures should be maintained as it draws visitors to the island and also is an important part of the island's history.

Again, my only modification would be to add at least one more trail accessible campsite within 10 miles of Rock Harbor, ideally along Lake Superior to help with overcrowding at the most popular campsites.

Thank you!

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Received: Sep,26 2023 08:29:25
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Correspondence: I for sure would travel to Isle Royale if it was open in the winter

Correspondence ID: 1775Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: less people ^

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Superintendent Denice Swanke
Isle Royale National Park
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Subject: Strengthen Wilderness Protections at Isle Royale - - Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS

To Superintendent Swanke:

Thank you for accepting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Wilderness Stewardship Plan at Isle Royale Wilderness and National Park. In general, I support Alternative C, which best protects Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. However, I encourage the National Park Service to ensure that the following issues are addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those that the National Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

While I support the conversion of as much of the 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Additions to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the Potential Wilderness Additions as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Isle Royale National Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,

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San Rafael, CA

Correspondence ID: 1777Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: Nothing should be changed! No stewardship plan should be implemented. Ty.

Correspondence ID: 1778Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,25 2023
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Hello:

I have hiked both ends of Isle Royale, most recently in 2021. Let me state the obvious. Isle Royale is now too crowded. Let me tell of one example. This was after Labor Day in 2019. My wife and I hiked to Lane Cove from Rock Harbor, arrived late afternoon and found a campsite. About dinner time two hikers arrived asking if they could pitch their tents on our site as all others at Lane Cover were full and they didn't have time to hike to another camping site. We said sure. They pitched two tents on a site for one tent. About 8 pm two more hikers arrive asking if they could pitch their tents on our site. We

said sure.

They added their two tents so we had 5 tents on a site for one tent. The last two to arrive had a grand old time into well after dark, banging their pots and pans, laughing and carrying on while we were trying to sleep. It was a miserable experience in what should have been a remote wilderness area.

The outhouses have become gross from overuse. Hiking to the next camping site has now become a race to get a site before others grab it. What should be a relaxing experience has now become a race.

We live near Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and used to love to hike the trails there. No more as it has become overcrowded.

Isle Royale is a wilderness park, not a park for the mass tourists. All efforts to reduce the current overcrowding should be focused on reducing the number of visitors to what the current facilities can handle, not increase the number of facilities. To that end here are some suggestions:

1. Seaplanes - Reduce the hours the seaplanes can operate by 25%. This will reduce the number of tenderfoot visitors and provide some peace and quiet to those camping near their flight paths.
2. Ferries - require the ferry (and seaplane) operators to share reservation information with you as the reservations are made and impose a quota so that the number of non-staff on the island at any point does not exceed the number the Park Service determines the island facilities can handle. So for example, if reservations in January say the 2nd week of July has a daily count already equal to the capacity then no more reservations can be made to arrive that week on any ferry or seaplane even if they have the physical capacity to bring more.
3. Reservations - When making reservations, non-staff should indicate if they will be camping or staying at the fixed structure facilities at Rock Harbor (and the limited number at Windigo). This will help towards determining the quota for the day.

There has been talk of requiring reservations for campsites. We have experienced this for back country permits at Porcupine Mountains State Park in Michigan and it works well. But there two big differences with Isle Royale that makes me think it won't work for Isle Royale:

1. No way to enforce - What is a hiker to do if they arrive at the site for which they have a reservation and it is occupied by someone without a reservation? You can't call a ranger or a park patrol to remove the party without a reservation. Enforcement would be impossible
2. Weather happens - What is a hiker to do if their next night reservation is a good day hike away and the weather is so awful they cannot pack up or safely get to the next site? The distance between sites and the terrain of Isle Royale do not mesh nicely with fixed schedules. If a camper is at Site A and has a day hike to their reserved site B so sets out in awful weather and has to hurry and ends up injuring themselves on the rocks what are they to do? Such a situation also puts the rangers in the terrible situation of having to go out in terrible weather to rescue someone who shouldn't have been on the trails but had to be to meet their reservations itinerary.

Capping the total number of visitors to the island at the 2015 level, with daily reservations monitoring and capping, seems to be the best solution. Some won't like this as they believe Isle Royale should be like every other national park that is overcrowded. Isle Royale is unique as it is a wilderness park. Let's keep it a wilderness park and address the overcrowding today so that 50 years from now it is still a wilderness park and all are glad the plan devised in 2023 kept it that way.

Thank you.

Very truly,

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Received: Sep,26 2023 09:30:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support IRFFA's comments and suggestions made on the WSP as well as those submitted by Missy McDonald with specifics about the Edwards Island Camp.

In particular, I agree that all structures that are being actively preserved should be given a Preservation Treatment (rather than Stabilization, Molder, or Removal). This would not only allow these buildings to be preserved, but also foster the cultural traditions of IRFFA families' preservation and caretaking of the buildings in an historically accurate way. It would also allow for the camps to be viewed holistically so that visitors can understand how a fully preserved camp functions with its unique interactions between structures, traditions, people, and environment. For the Edwards Camp, the Gem Island Cabin holds historical significance within the Tobin's Harbor Cultural Landscape because of its unique architectural features such as its gabled roof, the histories of women in wilderness buying Gem island, building the cabin, and breaking gender roles, and its contribution to the Edwards Island camp as a distinctive inter-island camp.

I also agree that an Ethnographic Resources Assessment and TCP should be completed by the National Park to inform planning and that the importance of ethnographic resources should be noted in the WSP. Ethnographic resources and traditions are vitally significant to cultural resources within Isle Royale's wilderness and potential wilderness areas. They are not in opposition to wilderness, but rather, are shaped by wilderness contributing to their uniqueness. "Changed has been arrested" not only for the buildings in the camps, but also for many of the cultural traditions, because of the remoteness of Isle Royale. An ethnography and TCP would contribute to evaluating the camps' and islands' historic and national significance.

Additionally, I agree that the historic structures currently in potential wilderness should remain in potential wilderness instead of converting to designated wilderness. Preservations and wilderness advocates agree on this point, and it would allow for the best level of preservation of the historic camps so that the public can experience these nationally significant historic camps at Isle Royale National Park.

Finally, as IRFFA notes, use of historic cabins is different than occupancy. Short-term overnight use of the cabins is necessary for preserving and interpreting the structures and ethnographic traditions, which would enhance wilderness character and benefit the public.

As a young member of IRFFA and the Edwards family, I look forward to working with the NPS to preserve these historic structures and cultural traditions for the public in the coming decades.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to add my choice of option C. I would like to see Isle Royale go towards more wilderness.

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Received: Sep,26 2023 09:50:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bangsund -- Inspiration and Education

Bangsund Cabin has become an important statement about the science of Isle Royale National Park. One could say that the science would not change if we relocated what Bangsund has become, but context is important to any story, and the story of Isle Royale and the Wolf Moose Project has included Bangsund for over 50 years.

The state of science education in America has often been a subject of conversation. How do we get more people interested

in science? If we can maintain the context of Bangsund with the Wolf Moose Project, we improve our opportunity to show science has a place in the natural world and is an exciting focus for study.

We can ask: "How do we spark the imaginations of our people to study science?"

And we can respond: "We have something that is unique, interesting, alluring, enticing, and captivating with Bangsund."

It isn't that Bangsund is so important all by itself, but it can be a portal to inspiration and a desire to study science. There is much discussion about how we teach science in America, and how we can get our people -- our kids -- interested. With Bangsund, we have something to draw people into the science of the world around us. What could be a more interesting way for our people to see science in action, and for us to plant a seed of inspiration that pushes someone to study, or even make a career of science? If we try to re-create "Bangsund" someplace else, important context will be gone.

Bangsund -- "Science is "Part of the Whole"

Because of where it is, Bangsund helps support the fact that science is "right out there in wilderness". It helps support the idea that science is "part of", not apart from nature. And it is OK for science to be part of wilderness.

We often quote Howard Zahniser when we talk about wilderness preservation, and often focus on his use of the word "untrammelled". There was much more to Howard Zahniser than that one word. If we look at the context of the man, we have a gift in his writings and speeches that is important well beyond that one word. As one important point, he saw science as part of the whole. He had a lot of "Aldo Leopold" in his thinking, and showed that in his view of the world and wilderness.

The following is from a Howard Zahniser speech in May 1955. Hubert Humphrey placed this speech in the Congressional Record and had it printed up in a booklet that was used to support the idea of wilderness.

"I believe that at least in the present phase of our civilization we have a profound, a fundamental need for areas of wilderness -- a need that is not only recreational and spiritual but also educational and scientific, and withal essential to a true understanding of ourselves, our culture, our own natures, and our place in all nature." (from "The Wilderness Writings of Howard Zahniser" by Mark Harvey, p. 129)

Bangsund helps show science is part of "the whole" of what Isle Royale National Park is. The fact that Bangsund is "right out there in wilderness" may be a "blessed accident of circumstances". Its location works to our advantage today.

Let us keep using Bangsund as the educational outreach it is today.

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Correspondence: I was lucky enough to visit Isle Royale for the first time this summer. Part of what I loved about the Park is that there are options for everyone. My husband and kids backpacked for two nights out of Rock Harbor. It was a trial run to see how they would handle a low stakes backpacking experience. I stayed in one of the housekeeping cabins and thoroughly enjoyed hiking by myself in the areas around Rock Harbor. We also met many people who had hiked across island, who did backcountry camping, and who kayaked from campground to campground. Those who were doing backcountry camping got the solitude they were looking for--heck, I even found some solitude hiking from RH to Three Mile, even though we were there in the height of the summer season. While we didn't have to use it, friends who were kayaking around the island at the same time we were visiting were incredibly grateful for flexibility in itineraries when a

storm came up and they had to stay longer at one campground for safety. Flexible itineraries also allow backpackers to make thoughtful decisions about their ability to safely attempt certain mileage in a day. Part of why we are so looking forward to a return visit is because the Park provided so many different experiences depending on fitness level, desire for solitude, and flexibility in itineraries. While I would love to see an option that combined Option A with intentional funding for the maintenance and restoration of many of the historic buildings on the island, I strongly support Option A as the best option to maintain IR as an accessible, welcoming Park with a range of potential experiences.

Correspondence ID: 1783Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: I would like to see proposal A be implemented. I would also like to see the consecutive night stay at busy campgrounds limited to one night during the busiest time of the year.

Correspondence ID: 1784Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that increasing the group sizes will cause more damage to the ecosystem, potentially doing more harm than good. Group sizes should remain where they are now.

I think it would be worth attempting to require permits to be obtained ahead of time for Isle Royale. Many other parks implement this, and I think it could potentially cut down on the overcrowding. There are some flaws I could see with this system depending on how it is administered. How will this system work considering ferry and seaplane cancellations? Will these people that are "stranded" have claim on their campsite still? Or will the individuals with their permits indicating they will be staying at that campground have first claim on the sites? Is there going to be a way to track who actually comes to the park after creating their permits, would they need to print their permits ahead of time or collect it when they arrive at the visitor center? This could cause issues if people create a trip itinerary is created then the individual doesn't show up. Unless a charge is required for making the permit, many people may just create an itinerary for funzies and not actually come.

Park open in the winter would be cool, but how would SARs and trails be maintained? It seems hard to do especially with the island freezing and no water access.

I think more campgrounds should be established to accommodate the increasing visitation, or even more campsites added at each campground. Removing shelters seems extreme, especially since they get so much use and are great for the rain. More campgrounds established on the west end could be beneficial for boaters since there are not many close to Windigo area besides the five sites on Beaver and Grace Island, which are reserved quickly.

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Correspondence: As someone who has enjoyed Isle Royale twice, in addition to other parks, I am in favor of the plan to require reservations to specific campsites. As a backpacker I have experienced Isle Royale getting more and more crowded over the years. The first-come-first-served policy at camps is difficult as many people don't vacate until late and it is hard to find a spot unless you arrive early. I have watched a lot of people scramble to find space, especially if they get to the camp late in the day. A reservation system takes away the stress and allows you to enjoy the day knowing your site is secured and can be relied upon. Perhaps there can be a few nonreservable spill over sites in an emergency/bad weather/etc. Thank you for your work in evolving a system that best meets needs.

Correspondence ID: 1786Project:109183Document:129858
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Correspondence: Overnight Group Size - Alternative A. No changes to the current plan in place.

Wilderness Permitting System - Alternative C. This would be the best plan though some flexibility should be granted to anyone who is camping in the backcountry. Accidents can still happen fixed itineraries.

Day Use Group Size - Alternative B. This option is the best for the fact that human foot traffic and attendance for the park has increased in recent years. This needs to be regulated now before more foot traffic and human impact negatively impacts the park even more.

Campground Managment - Alternative C. In the best interest of camper safety and park safety need to be evaluated and changed to determine size, stay limit, and other factors.

General Management Zone - Alternative A. No changes need to be made for this plan.

Winter Closure - Alternative A or Alternative B. Both are the best options for park and public safety. It's highly concerning to me that Alternative C plan was entertained in which the park would be open to the public in the winter. Unfortunately, most people are not prepared for the harsh winter of Isle Royale. Some animals native to the island don't even survive the winter. Most importantly this wilderness needs to recuperate from the spring and summer activates of humans.

Treatments for Historic Properties in Wilderness - Alternative B. Some preservation still needs to be done with some of the structures. As well of upkeep with others but some structures are not need or hold historical value to this park and can degrade over the coming years.

Conversion of Potential Wilderness Additions and Nonconforming Uses - Alternative C. This feels like the best option for helping to protect Isle Royales wilderness and monitoring for the betterment of the park.

Concessions and Commercial Service - Alternative B. With some regulations concerning where and who mainly concerning size and itineraries this could be beneficial for the park. This could help fund the park and also expand the interpretive department of the park. This could also create new jobs for people in NPS.

Correspondence ID: 1787Project:109183Document:129858
Received: Sep,18 2023
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: 1. I feel that any and all historic buildings should be preserved if there are volunteers to do repairs on them. Johns Is structures for examples should be preserved because its history can be tied to the early time of the fishing industry and tied to the Washington Harbor district. It served that purpose and provided shelter for many fishing family's in the time of need along with several other uses over the past 120 years or so. It is in decent shape. It could be set up as a fishing museum also. I can develop a historical outline of the buildings history etc. and provide it for public tours tied to the Johns Hotel. After giving public tours for two years now at the Johns Hotel and having over a 100 people touring the hotel, I am amazed at the interest and desire from people in learning the history of the buildings and the people who lived in and used the structures and their lifestyle. The interest and questions did include the present day people and the process of how the buildings have been restored. They were really impressed to learn how the 2nd story was raised up 3 ft and the logs etc. were replaced and where the logs etc. came from.
To make a long story short the historic building on Johns Is (and even the newer ones now 45 years old will be historic in a few more years and reflect that point in time) would be of great interest and value to the public. And again, from being questioned by the visitors and hearing their comments they are extremely interested in seeing and listening to the story's

told by someone who has actually lived a part of that history. It would be a shame to destroy it. The public needs to learn that piece of history too.

I read over some emails from the past supt. Phyllis Green and she referred to the building on Johns Island as "historic" many times. She must have seen value in them.

Supt. Barnard alone had the foresite to realize the value in restoring the Johns Hotel. The NPS now has one of the most valuable attractions in the park for public access. Lets save all the remaining historic buildings on Isle Royale. Do not destroy and burn them like I witnessed in the early 1960s. The public lost a lot of the peoples history at that time. The future generations will be the ones to appreciate the decisions we make today! Lets make good ones and not let them down.

After listening to many hours of public comments. I would have to support Alternative A at this time. There are many people who are now and others in the future who would be more than happy to aid in maintaining these historic structures. You can always tear a building down in the future if need be. The island is 99.8% Wildernees.

The NPS has an obligation to protect all existing historical structures for the public even if it means the NPS reaching out to our legislators to aid in saving them.

All groups of people past and present who use Isle Royale and protect it should have a right to continue being involved with their long history and positive input in the future. NO group should be eliminated!!!!

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Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Regarding our family home on Johns Is for 6 generations. Here are my public comments that you have asked for. I will note that I am most appreciative with all the help and support from the NPS over the past 80 years. It is with extreme disappointment and heart breaking sadness that I respond to the wilderness plan of today. In the 1950s and 60s the NPS simply burned down the family homes and buildings on Isle Royale. Then they changed to just letting them rot away. Maybe a less painful approach to the situation. Then in recent years they became more human and allowed the family members to keep up and restore many historical buildings and their family homes. I thought the NPS was really done destroying family homes that are around 160 plus years old. Sadly the NPS is going backwards. Today it is called "careful and comprehensive disassembly" of historical homes. They are still destroyed. They are not just buildings. The people making these decisions need to put themselves in our shoes. What if it was your great grandparents home, you grandparents, your father's or mother's home or YOUR home that has been in the family for 100 plus years. Would you like your home and happy memories destroyed. No, you would probably feel sick about it. The word "sacred" gets used a lot these days. Well, all these historic sites are "sacred ground" to the real life people who have lived and sacrificed and laughed in them. They should not be torn apart, destroyed or carefully disassembled. If the family's or volunteers or the public can keep up these homes, they should be allowed to. My grand parents have used the historic building on Johns Is as their home at various times in the past. This has been used by my father, mother, myself, my children and wife and granddaughter for the past 100 years. Note, I am not against some type of public access at this site but am against our removal from the Johns Is.

Wilderness is wilderness as far as I am concerned. It appears in reading the list of camps that certain people can preserve their structures/homes etc. and certain others are not allowed to. This is discrimination at its best. One persons camp is just as "sacred" to them as another persons camp is to that person. I will simply refer to the past treatment of the Native Americans and slavery by the US govt. Years later not in 2023 the govt. and the people are seeing the injustice that happened and are trying to correct it in a variety of ways. By removing certain people from certain wilderness sites the "injustice" continues and is alive and well. Sad. Really sad. I thought as a country over the past 3 years or so we were

moving beyond those past destructive situations.?

In my observation at this point, looking at the names of preservation/stabilization status etc. and removal that it has been more beneficial for people to have apposed the NPS rather than work with them.

Also, I recall years ago when the public and then Supt. Bernard met at the hotel in Duluth to get public comment and input regarding historic sites and developing a 20 year plan. The supt. Had already decided to remove the Johns Is camp and stated that in the plan. He would NOT allow any comments from us or any public comment regarding Johns Is site. This was very inappropriate. That is how it got on the destroy list way back then.

Here are the dates I would be available for a meeting. August 24-August 31. Sept. 1-8. (Going to the island August 4 through August 23)

I may have more comments that I will send to you in the next few weeks.

(b) (6)

We can accomplish more by working together.

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Correspondence: REFLECTIONS ON MY EXPERIENCE CAMPING ON EDWARDS ISLAND

My name is (b) (6) and I'm glad to have the opportunity to reflect on and share some comments on my trip out to Isle Royale earlier in this year (July, 2023) with my partner (b) (6) and her family.

The idea for the trip came up in conversation with the Edwards. (b) (6) also had some conversations leading up to it about her experiences growing up and spending time on the island through her younger years. I felt very well prepared for the trip - at least to the extent that you can be prepared for your first trip to a remote island. Considering that I had never been camping that far removed from a city center, I came away from the experience both having felt able to fully appreciate my stay while I was there (I felt like I was in very good hands with Louise's family) and very captivated by their family story, learning about and interacting with the historical items on the Island and volunteering with our collective duties at camp.

That said, everything beyond stuff like camping gear & supplies, food and books was quite breathtaking.

CAMPING ON THE ISLAND

There are so many parts to my experience out on Edwards Island that have stayed with me:

- The serene mornings - often crisp and foggy and a few times wet for the time of the year
- The sense of family history - for me, it was a profound experience being invited out to the island and being able to volunteer doing work out there preserving remarkable artifacts like the boats that are over a 100 years old!
- All of the firsts (for me) in that experience:
 - o Traveling out on a seaplane,
 - o Camping in nature on a remote island,
 - o Maintaining a trail (we did some work to restore a path from the front to the rear side of Edwards)
 - o Hiking to Lookout Louise; and
 - o Riding in a (historical!!!) canoe

But most remarkable for me was the sense of responsibility and stewardship I experienced camping with the Edwards. It was a great opportunity to share in their family tradition with the upkeep of and communing on Edwards Island and I'm excited for future similar opportunities to continue volunteering with its preservation

MY THOUGHTS ON PRESERVATION

I understand my perspective relative to the deliberations of the authorities concerned with Isle Royale National Park to be that of a member of the public. From that viewpoint, a lot of the language about the significance of these artifacts to the history of the park and the area go over my head (not my area of expertise - I have a lot more to learn from the Edwards and other families that have been doing this work across generations) but the following point seems straightforward to me: knowledge of the lives of all individuals that have come through our world is significant - plant, human and animal. The families and dwellings on these islands are part of that story now and we can only hope that our stewardship of that story serves to educate those that come after us about all that has come before.

I personally had a great experience learning about Edwards from my time spent with the family and I would hope that a framework can exist that allows the work families like theirs do to share and pass on these stories to continue into the future. It was very meaningful to me to connect with that history and tradition through camping and volunteering and I would hope that even more members of the public get to do the same and appreciate the history and scenery of this wonderful park and the stories of the contributing families.

I request that the Wilderness Stewardship Plan look at preservation more holistically - considering buildings, traditions, and objects - and incorporate the preservation of structures and cultural traditions that are nationally significant for the benefit of the public. My experience camping and volunteering on Edwards Island was immersive and very rewarding. I think engaging members of the public like myself with opportunities like these to volunteer and learn alongside contributing families can be a key component of a preservation plan and contribute to its future success.

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Correspondence: I am in support of Alternative C. When visiting Isle Royale this summer, I expected a relaxing experience; one where I'd be able to unplug from modern life and experience nature to the fullest. That is not what I experienced. I was honestly disappointed and frustrated by the lack of solitude on the trails, and especially in the campgrounds. Everything felt extremely overcrowded. I wasn't able to experience the relaxation I expected, and as it stands currently, I do not think I would want to return to Isle Royale unless some changes were implemented. Requiring reservations for campsites, minimizing group size and removing shelters would ensure that someone like me would get the experience they signed up for when making the trek and time commitment to go to Isle Royale. On the contrary, I personally do not think that removing trails would improve solitude. If anything it would condense foot traffic on trails and make the lack of solitude even more prominent. In conclusion and summary, I am all for Alternative C with the exception of removing trails. I would love to see campsite reservations implemented, group size maximum reduced, and shelters removed at the campgrounds.

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Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Further public comments on wilderness plan.

I just got back rom the island and finally have time to comment some more.

I strongly disagree with any plan that removes or destroys any past and present family homes on Johns Island or elsewhere on Isle Royale for the following reasons. These are my individual feelings and opinions. Not the JHHPA

1. There is so much unhappiness in the world and we wonder why? Is it really necessary to destroy people's homes in this day and age simply so another group of people can use that site? The island is about 98 plus percent wilderness already. Are people that greedy that they cannot share what we have? There is plenty of space on the island to welcome all groups of people. These camps, homes etc. are our SACRED places which hold traditions, rituals, proposals to marriage, honeymoons, family memories over six generations. They should be welcomed and celebrated! Not removed and destroyed as is done in a Communist country or a dictatorship. This is the United States of America. How would YOU feel if they were taking YOUR home?
2. The historic buildings and people do not interfere with any aspect of depriving any other group from having their desired experience on Isle Royale.
3. The placing of a kayak campground on the northeast end of Johns Is is inviting a serious danger for kayakers as has happened in Apostle Island. The waves in the gap can be as high as 10 feet plus with a strong north wind that they will not be expecting and take high risk attempting to get out through the gap. It is not the best place for a campground. It is very rocky and uneven ground. A much better place would be in the small bay on the east side of the island around the point of rocks if you want to keep people safe. It provides a very nice sandy beach and a very grassy, gentle slope to pull kayaks up onto land. The huge waves coming through the gap become very small as they approach that location. Much safer for the unexpected visitor.
4. The NPS and the Isle Royale and the Keweenaw Parks Associations have taken the family histories, pictures and homes etc. and used them to portray past history of the park. (This info was voluntarily provided by most families) It seems they want the history and money from the pictures and book sales etc. but in some cases not the family members or their historic buildings. This is one of the proposals to remove buildings.
5. If the buildings on Johns Is are destroyed, we have no place to store our artifacts, supplies and equipment needed to finish the Johns Hotel project, the Cottage and the proposed dock and marine museum or a place to provide shelter while volunteering that is well set up over the past many years for that purpose. The hotel is not ready for use in that way and not appropriate for a place to reside while having public access into the museum. We strongly prefer to remain in our own historic structure on Johns Is and not in someone else's.
6. The various groups of people ask, why are the families allowed to continue to use their homes and the general public cannot. Well they can now experience what we have had by volunteering. They can spend their time, energy and labor for free as volunteers as we have done for decades. They can find transportation to and from the island at their expense. They can provide a boat and motor to transport supplies etc. from Windigo to the Hotel or Johns Is.. They can pay extra to the ferry for overweight baggage. They can bring their own food and supplies and clothing etc. to last 2 to 4 weeks. They can experience living in a tent, using an outhouse, cooking their food on a small coleman stove, stay in a building and tent with no wood stove or cook stove. They need to provide their own tools, water and everything else to do the project. They need to purchase at their expense all the materials such as lumber, stove pipes, screws, gasoline etc. etc... They will need to haul all of this to Houghton to have the NPS transport it to Windigo. Then figure out how to transport their supplies to the Hotel. They will have to get certified for chainsaw use, harness use on a roof and take a safe boating 3 day class at Rock Harbor to use an NPS boat in Washington Harbor. We are willing to share our experience with the public as well as providing tours. So, if people ask why we are still at Johns Island and the Johns Hotel, you can list the above reasons since we have been doing all of that to preserve the history for the public for the past 60 years of my life time.
7. All the people who have already been preserving the Park's structures for many, many years should be considered an asset to the Park and not be removed from any of their campsites. Last June 2022 was really for the first time I genuinely felt welcomed on Isle Royale because of meeting Superintendent Swanke at Johns Hotel. She made us feel appreciated and seemed to understand the commitment and perseverance to continually provide these valuable assets for the Park and the public at our personal labor and financial expense. One year later there is a proposal to gently tear our historical buildings down. Sad indeed. So much for feeling welcome at Isle Royale?

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Greetings to the supervisor and the env. doc team! I have a decent history with the Isle Royale hikes starting in 1976. Since then I hiked the length of the island 23 times and made a half dozen shorter trips too. I've seen the growth of use and noticed the changes in trails and camping areas and have assumed these changes are viewed as undesirable by the NPS management team. What could be done to prevent further trail erosion, campsite enlargement and sanitary conditions? I have a few thoughts for you to consider in the analysis.

- A. Limiting hiking numbers
- B. Harden off campsites
- C. Install composting latrines at camping areas
- D. Approve the use of composite materials

Limiting numbers - this seems to be out of the control of NPS since capacity is based on visitors who book passage with the vendors. What you can control is how visitors are dispersed from entry points. This work could be accomplished using timed entry permits. For example, when visitors arrive at Windigo, groups heading onto the Greenstone could be spaced apart in time.

Harden off campsites - South Desor is a good example. The sites continue to enlarge and this could be mitigated with structured tent pads and requirements to set up tents on them. Hammocks can be accommodated with treated timber poles set in linked systems adjacent to the tent areas. Constructed steps and shoreline platforms can facilitated water access and reduce erosion.

Compositing latrines - The technology of compost is deployed at Porcupine Wilderness State park. Take a look at their successes and failures. Composting latrines would enable better sanitation.

Composites - the treated natural wood board walks and bridges deteriorate rapidly - approve the use of composite materials and begin to replace the infrastructure. Michigan Tech likely has material science students who can assist in identifying specifications. If they don't, try Winona State.

I'm confident that the efforts to keep Isle Royale wild will be effective. Thanks for your hard work.

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Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale three times, and greatly enjoy and appreciate its designated Wilderness. I care deeply that the island be managed for its wilderness values with as little human impact as possible.

I would like to provide my thoughts on the proposed management plan. I support Alternative C, but with certain modifications made to improve its protection of the Wilderness resources of the National Park. Please consider the following points for improvements to be made to Alternative C prior to the final record of decision.

- 1.) To be consistent with the 1964 Wilderness Act, commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale NP Wilderness.
- 2.) The Park should remain closed to winter use. This would provide island wildlife a rest from the heavy human use present during spring, summer, and fall.
- 3.) All structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale must not be repaired, maintained, or stabilized. Any structures within the Wilderness that the Park Service may want to maintain must be relocated to those appropriate areas located outside of the designated Wilderness. Maintaining man-made structures within the designated Wilderness is a clear violation of the 1964 Wilderness Act, and to do so would be illegal.

4.) I support the conversion of a maximum of the island's 93 acres of Potential Wilderness Area lands to formal Wilderness designation.

5.) Visitor use in the designated Wilderness should be managed only in ways that protect solitude and wilderness characteristics. Thus I believe that Alternative C provides the best option for doing so.

Thank you for incorporating my comments into the final ROD to help keep the Isle Royale National Park Wilderness wild for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

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Isle Royale National Park

This constitutes the Sierra Club submission of comments on the June 2023 Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Our comments are based upon management issues, and are not specific to any single Alternative.

We Support A Campsite Reservation System

While many visitors to the Island would like a Wilderness Experience which includes the ability to wander at will and camp wherever the urge strikes, this is sadly no longer feasible.

Increased use makes arriving at a full campsite a frequent occurrence. Finding no site available, or crowding into a site which is over capacity provide a less satisfying Wilderness Experience than does the need to reserve sites and follow a planned itinerary.

This is particularly true at sites which are only available by water (such as Merritt Lane). It is often the case that campers in non-motorized craft (canoes and kayaks) can only reach one campsite in a day's travel. It is not unusual for the campers to find the water only site full when they arrive.

This causes a less authentic experience. It also often shifts the camping to Backcountry Camping, which has a larger impact on vegetation, etc. than does camping in a designated site.

A Reservation system would alleviate these problems. It would also reduce the impetus to "race" to each night's camp site, in order to assure a place for the night. This would allow for a better Wilderness Experience, by allowing users to take a more leisurely pace, and have more intimate contact with the Wilderness.

In short, while some users may feel that this "bureaucratic" requirement does not feel like Wilderness, we believe that the trade-off is worth it to enhance the experience once on the island.

We Support Continuation of Winter Closure

We are disappointed to see that both Action Alternatives include the intent to eventually open the Island for winter use. We oppose this action, based upon practical/safety consideration, impacts to wildlife, and continued enhancement of the

Wilderness Experience.

The Wilderness Character of the Island is enhanced by the winter closure. The fact that there is no permanent full time use of the Island increases the sense of solitude and isolation, even during the open season. The knowledge that the open season is temporary, and will end, increases the consistency with the Wilderness Act, and it's exhortation that Wilderness is "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

In addition, for many people, the sense of Wilderness Experience is increased during the closed season, through the knowledge that the Island is free of humans during the closed period. Also, the knowledge that use is not available during the closed season makes the limited open season all the more valued.

While we understand the notion of "increased self-reliance" as a wilderness value, we find that this is more than offset by the values associated with the closure.

We find the environmental analysis of the potential impacts of removing the winter closure to be inadequate.

There is no mention of the ability of the Park to provide Law Enforcement, Maintenance, or Search and Rescue operations during winter, nor of the effects such efforts might cause. While there is mention of Search and Rescue not being "immediately available", it is inconceivable that these will not be necessary.

There is no analysis of what effects private transportation could have, including boats docking at remote docks which are not cleared during winter.

The chances of unauthorized use of Park owned structures during winter season should be assessed, including potential damage to historic structures.

Wildlife encounters are likely to increase, as wildlife and humans will be more confined to game trails through the snowpack, funneling wildlife into more encounters with humans, while providing less opportunity to avoid moose and wolves.

Cultural Resources

It is time to end the nonconforming Uses in Wilderness and Potential Wilderness.

Exclusive extended use of historic structures degrades the Wilderness Character, and deprives the public of access to, and enjoyment of, publicly owned historic structures.

We find that preservation or stabilization of some structure within Wilderness to be valuable. These structures are on, and part of, the Wilderness landscape, and have historic value to the public.

However, to truly share this history with the public, the public must have access to them. Continued exclusive occupation diminishes this value. All too often, discussion of the value of these structures has conflated continued existence of the structures with continued exclusive private use.

We strongly support ending the VIP permits, and support opening the structures to public use. We also support reaching out beyond the current group of users and allowing others to participate in maintenance of historic structures. This will increase the pool of available constituents for this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Sierra Club

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Correspondence: I have visited IR NP twice in the past 2 years and I would recommend visiting this majestic island to all my friends and family who love nature.

I have not experienced crowds in the campgrounds both times during summer time. Somehow, I followed the routes in the opposite directions to most people there. I had no issues with solitude on the island when backpacking there solo. I still have a lot of trails to discover!

My only concern: implementing camping reservations with variety of shelters if there is increased number of visitors in the park.

Maybe moderate access and restrictions should be implemented in order to increase protection of the wildlife and wilderness. I would love to see this NP thriving for the next generations and I believe most of the experts will make the wise decision in this respect.

Thank you for evaluating all alternatives and the opportunity for public comment.

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Correspondence: The Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA) has reviewed the July 2023 Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (draft WSP) and accompanying appendix. In addition, we have reviewed supporting policy and regulations referenced and not referenced in the draft stewardship plan and the appendices.

1. We have identified errors and omissions in individual camp descriptions and conditions that our members can help the authors and reviewers correct.

2. We have also identified limitations in the current plan that we believe will:

- a. Compromise the integrity of Isle Royale's historic island communities
- b. Compromise the national significance listing of the Tobin Harbor Historic District
- c. Compromise the potential regional or national significance of other historic districts that have not even been identified, and
- d. May also make potential partnership agreements difficult to develop.

3. We recommend that NPS prepare a National Historic Landmark listing submission to the National Register as part of a WSP Programmatic Agreement with MI SHPO that includes the Washington Harbor, Belle Isle, Tobin Harbor, and Rock Harbor resort communities identified in the July 2023 draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

We see opportunities to build on the draft wilderness stewardship plan and make it better for the benefit of the public.

Background

Isle Royale is a unique National Park. You can't drive to it, you can't walk to it, and as many of us have experienced getting on and off the island by boat or seaplane can be challenging and often unpredictable. On one level it's possible to compare Isle Royale National Park to Acadia National Park. Both islands were owned privately and converted to national parks to preserve their natural beauty. But this isn't fair. Acadia only has 40,000 acres of land. Isle Royale has 134,000 acres of land. Acadia has 4.2 million visitors a year. Isle Royale only has 20,000 visitors per year. The visitor experience and visitor expectations in Acadia are very different than in Isle Royale.

The main difference between Isle Royale and Acadia is Isle Royale's isolation. Isle Royale's isolation is its greatest asset and most valuable resource. Whether you are in designated wilderness, non-wilderness, or something in between, we all share a common sense of isolation from the mainland when we are on Isle Royale.

This characteristic contributes to Isle Royale's significance as a unique place where humans intersect with a wild,

waterborne landscape that shapes our understanding of the preservation of Isle Royale's historic properties and cultural resources in the WSP.

Recommendations

At a very high level, IRFFA would like to raise four major points. Following our four points, we've included one appendix with additional questions and report-specific comments and observations.

Point One: Communities, Historic Districts, National Historic Landmarks, and Cultural Landscapes

IRFFA represents descendants of predominantly European heritage families who have fished, mined, run resorts, built or bought summer cottages, and lived on Isle Royale since the 1880s. As a group, we have a strong sense of connection to Isle Royale and to each other.

Our families are associated with four communities and several outposts on Isle Royale that existed when the Park was created. The Wilderness Stewardship Plan lists the four communities as the resort communities of Washington Island, Belle Isle, Tobin Harbor, and Rock Harbor. However, these communities existed before the resorts appeared. In addition, other communities most likely existed in these locations before our European ancestors arrived. The topography of Isle Royale hasn't changed much in the last few thousand years and a safe harbor is a safe harbor.

Acknowledging and actively preserving these historic resources would honor and celebrate the connection that hundreds of families made with the island in these communities before, during, and after the park was created. The residents who lived in these communities were shaped by and help shape the Island that we experience today.

Of the four communities identified in the WSP, NPS has recently submitted its first community to the National Register for listing - Tobin Harbor. NPS has previously submitted individual structures with local and state significance and several cultural landscapes with undetermined levels of significance to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review. The SHPO has approved all the structures and cultural landscapes that NPS submitted as eligible for the National Register. The WSP devotes an entire section in the appendices for the structures but does not include similar sections for the cultural landscapes and historic districts.

The Tobin Harbor Historic District was listed on the National Register in 2019 with national significance. The importance of Tobin Harbor's national significance cannot be overstated. As the WSP explains, the Tobin Harbor Historic District is "a rare surviving example of a recreational enclave in the North Woods region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan". Tobin Harbor's national significance is on par with other historic districts with national significance including Yosemite Valley, Golden Gate Park, Mackinac Island, and the National Mall.

In addition, the Tobin Harbor Historic District warrants National Historic Landmark status:

"Judged on the same seven criteria as used for National Register designations, integrity is even more crucial when considering National Historic Landmark status. The Tobin Harbor district possesses location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association necessary for a National Historic Landmark ."

Until the National Historic Landmark National Register listing is completed, maintaining the highest level of integrity of the Tobin Harbor Historic District should be one of the Park Service's highest cultural resource preservation priorities.

Due to limited funding and staff shortages, the Park Service has not begun the process of listing Washington Harbor, Belle Isle, and Rock Harbor with the National Register as historic districts. The WSP is being developed without this important information. The draft WSP assumes that the cultural resources in these areas are random structures with local significance. NPS has identified and documented several cultural landscapes associated with these communities but we are not aware of NPS identifying district boundaries for the Washington Harbor, Belle Isle, or Rock Harbor communities yet.

Tobin Harbor's national significance suggests that the Washington Island, Belle Isle, and Rock Harbor communities have similar regional or national significance. Based on our conversations with architectural historians, these communities will most likely have regional or national significance and similar to Tobin Harbor and may warrant National Historic Landmark listing on the National Register. These communities and their traditional use should be identified and preserved collectively as important parts of the Island's cultural history and the nation's most valuable collection of actively used and maintained north woods recreation and Great Lakes fishing camps.

As representatives of many traditional families directly connected with and knowledgeable about these communities, we recommend that the Park Service include the following locations for preliminary regional or nationally significant historic district National Register resource identification in the WSP:

The Washington Harbor Historic District representing the community formed by Washington Island, Barnum Island, Johns Island, and the fishing grounds associated with the commercial fishing families that worked out of this harbor.

The Belle Isle Historic District representing the community formed by Johnson Island, Belle Isle, Amygdaloid Island, Captain Kidd Island, and possibly McCargo Cove.

The Rock Harbor Historic District representing the community formed could be by Rock Harbor from the Rock Harbor resort to Moskey Basin.

In addition to the recommendations above, IRFFA recommends that the Park Service call out and allocate approximately 134 acres in non-wilderness, potential wilderness, and designated wilderness on Isle Royale to actively preserve the Tobin Harbor, Washington Isle, Belle Isle, and Rock Harbor communities for submission to the National Register as a National Historic Landmark.

Point Two: Potential Wilderness Areas

Some land associated with Isle Royale's four historic communities is in non-wilderness and some land is in potential wilderness. Any way that we look at it, preserving historic resources as diverse as the resources that exist on Isle Royale in land converted from potential wilderness to designated wilderness will be an adverse effect that can be avoided. Recent guidance offered by NPS under Reference Manual 41 (RM41) suggests that structures can be preserved in designated wilderness.

For our consulting party peers advocating to preserve the sanctity of the Wilderness Act, even preserving structures is unacceptable in designated wilderness. For the traditional families we represent who are associated with the Island's historic communities, the structures only represent one part of the collective value of these historic communities. From our perspective, the structures combined with their original interiors, traditional use, traditional stories passed on from one generation to the next, and active preservation are what give these communities their highest integrity.

The new cultural resource management in designated wilderness guidance may face additional scrutiny after the WSP is approved. In addition, the guidance is silent about preserving original interiors and the Park Service has interpreted occupancy as unacceptable in designated wilderness. NPS has however provided for "Administrative Use" of cultural resources in wilderness "to support historic or other resource preservation projects in wilderness". IRFFA asks that this language be expanded to include education and interpretation for park visitors regarding the historic community on Isle Royale and its ethnographic traditions.

Converting property with cultural resources associated with the historic communities from potential wilderness to designated wilderness is optional. Alternative A in the WSP proposes to not convert property in potential wilderness to designated wilderness. Alternative C in the draft WSP proposes to convert property in potential wilderness to designated wilderness. Converting property with cultural resources associated with regionally or nationally significant historic resources from potential wilderness to designated wilderness can have adverse effects that the Park Service can avoid. Additionally, the draft WSP proposes to leave historic properties on Davidson Island and Amygdaloid Island in potential wilderness as an acceptable management option.

We recommend that the Park Service leave land currently in potential wilderness as potential wilderness to maximize historic preservation options including non-conforming use.

In addition, and on parallel with maintaining property in potential wilderness, the Park can recommend to Congress potential wilderness boundary changes as part of broader wilderness boundary change review based on management plans that the draft stewardship plan brings forward.

Point Three: Historic Island Communities' Ethnographic Significance

The National Historic Preservation Act requires the identification and evaluation of all cultural resources, including those in federal wilderness. Also, NPS policies consider Ethnographic Resources as important Cultural Resources as described in Chapter Five of NPS Management Policies 2006. The guidelines state: "The NPS is the steward of many of America's most important cultural resources. These resources are categorized as archeological resources, cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources, historic and prehistoric structures and museum collections."

These 2006 NPS cultural resource management guidelines, including ethnographic resources call for:

- Research to identify, evaluate, document, register, and establish basic information about cultural resources
- Planning to ensure that management processes for making decisions and setting priorities integrate
- Information about cultural resources and provide for consultation and collaboration with outside entities;
- Stewardship to ensure that cultural resources are preserved and protected, receive appropriate treatments (including maintenance) to achieve desired conditions, and are made available for public understanding and enjoyment.

The significance of these resources relating to historic use is also noted in the NPS Management Guidelines 2006, Chapter

Five: "Many cultural landscapes are significant because of their historic land use and practices".

The draft WSP does not evaluate the historic island families as a traditional cultural property (TCP) or evaluate any ethnographic resources associated with the historic island families. This is an entire category of cultural resources that is required by NPS policies to be included in park planning. The draft WSP notes "ethnographic resources and uses" as fundamental to the Foundation Document [WSP, page 44], yet it incorrectly dismisses an evaluation of ethnographic resources and traditions stating "that management actions are not expected to affect... ethnographic resources in wilderness" [WSP, page 83].

In contrast, the non-wilderness CRMP, emphasizes the evaluation and preservation of such important cultural resources [See non-wilderness CRMP, pages 1,2, 10,11, 27, A-05 A-11]. It calls for an "ethnographic overview and assessment of recreational cabin families" and notes: "These studies enlighten ongoing traditional use of park resources and examine the association of those uses to historic activities on park lands and associated historic properties and structures." It also notes that "additional studies, including an Ethnographic Study on Families and Seasonal Camps on Isle Royale would also be completed....The Ethnographic Study on Families and Seasonal Camps on Isle Royale would provide a more thorough analysis of the families' potential as ethnographic resources [A-11]".

We recommend that the Park Service document and evaluate the Park's ethnographic resources for the historic island families in the WSP. We recommend that a TCP of the historic island families be completed in order to best understand the significance of the historic camps and inform future management actions for the benefit of the public.

Point Four: Preservation Treatments

Stabilization as a preservation treatment is outdated, has not been part of the Secretary of Interior Standards for over 20 years and in the draft WSP is used to downgrade ongoing active preservation of many historic properties. Moreover, checking cabins only every 6 years will lead to demolition by neglect. And, while Molder and Removal are a part of the Secretary of Interiors Standards, these two treatments are being applied to several buildings in good condition and currently being actively preserved.

We recommend that all properties in good condition that are listed under the Stabilization, Molder and Removal treatments and currently being actively preserved by island families and other preservation partners be upgraded to Preservation. We also ask that cabins be checked annually and the necessary upkeep, maintenance and preservation be provided.

Thank you.

Appendix A: Consulting party meeting questions that we didn't ask

1. The WSP describes variables that the report team considered for structures located in potential and designated wilderness. However, it's difficult to see how the contractor and reviewers applied these variables to Island's resources. Is there a weighting or scoring system that has led the report development team to specific management decisions? Can NPS provide a copy of the minimum requirement analysis that it performed for the Tobin Harbor Historic District and one of the Tobin Harbor camps? We would like to understand the process and how the individual variables were weighed. From IRFFA's perspective the minimum requirement analysis should be performed at the highest level of significance, at the district level and not at the individual structure level. Individual actions for individual structures should receive their own MRA but the impact analysis on fewer or more opportunities for wilderness experience should be performed at the district level. The question that needs to be answered is what opportunities exist for wilderness experiences on Isle Royale if 93 acres of land are left as potential wilderness until NPS decides that the non-conforming uses or rights should end.
2. Where do docks associated with properties located in potential or designated wilderness stand? The CRMP suggests that NPS assumed at the time the CRMP was written that some docks were in wilderness. Moving forward, are all docks in non-wilderness? Does the CRMP need to be updated to reflect this or can these docks be included with the property management statements in the WSP with a note that they are in non-wilderness?
3. Can NPS walk us through the programmatic MRA process that it lists for many of the individual camps that NPS proposes to apply to individual structures after the WSP/EIS is approved?
4. NPS states that wilderness boundary changes will not be discussed as part of the WSP/EIS. However, the WSP/EIS identifies several situations where corrections to and changes to the current wilderness boundaries would be appropriate.

Reference Manual 41 includes directions on how to recommend boundary changes to Congress and how to correct obvious errors in existing wilderness designation. Can NPS describe the process that it will follow to recommend designated wilderness boundary changes and make wilderness boundary corrections?

5. Has NPS asked Rolf Anderson for his professional opinion how the proposed actions listed in the WSP/EIS on the Tobin Harbor Historic District's listing with national significance?

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Correspondence: Greetings:

I have been seeing information on the Isle Royale National Park Facebook Page regarding updating the Park's Wilderness Stewardship Plan and wanted to offer a couple of comments on a few items that stuck out to me.

I first learned about the existence of Isle Royale National Park in 2019 when I saw it on a map when planning a camping trip to Minnesota's North Shore, and it has been on my list to visit since then, 2023 was finally the year I made it over. It was an amazing experience and I learned two things from my visit:

1. Your itinerary will not go as planned
2. You need to be comfortable being uncomfortable

Those two statements will mean different things to different people who visit. For me, it meant a day-and-a-half delay flying over the park due to dense fog. It also meant being comfortable hiking in downpours to make up lost time. Both of these items led to changes in my itinerary. Despite these changes, the trip worked out quite well. The people I saw in the campgrounds and passed on the trails have been the friendliest people I've come across on any camping or hiking trip I've been on. Hearing their stories about Isle Royale, I heard a lot of experiences that fit with the above two statements I made. I go on multiple camping trips each year and like to have things highly planned out: specific sites reserved, and daily itineraries of where I will hike, bike, and visit. Prior to my trip to Isle Royale, I would have preferred to have had specific campsites reserved. After my trip, both from my specific experience and the stories I've heard from others, I was very happy with the current method of securing a campsite and the ability to have flexibility in how your trip progresses.

The biggest items that stick out to me in the Wilderness Stewardship Plan proposals include:

"Visitors would be required to obtain backcountry permits in advance of their trip. A new permitting system and monitoring program would be established and campgrounds would be booked up to 85% of capacity in advance. The remaining 15% of campsites would not be booked in advance to allow for flexible itineraries."

"A reservation system would be established allowing visitors to make night-by-night reservations of campsites for specific dates, and all itineraries would be fixed."

My trip in late August had the equivalent of two days of flights canceled/rescheduled. In addition, during my visit, I shared my campsite Saturday evening with two other individuals whose boat ride from Copper Harbor was delayed half a day due to wave size with their arrival to the island at 6pm instead of noon. This was at the three-mile campground where every site was doubled or tripled up due to this delay. Due to the half a day they lost, those coming over didn't have enough daylight to make it where they had planned to be. My experience had me at my first campground a day later and due to the loss of a day, the campground I would have stayed at in night #2 I passed and continued onto a campground not on my original plan. Had all of us reserved campsites on the island prior to our trip, they would have sat empty due to transportation delays. Due to the size of both of these delays the 15% of campsites for "flexible itineraries" would have been incredibly full.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent!

I wish to comment on your draft Environmental Impact Statement for Isle Royale. I feel that it is imperative that the Park Service maintains the cabins on Isle Royale, hopefully with the assistance of the descendants of those who built the cabins. Isle Royale has a rich history and that history includes the cabins and the people who lived on Isle Royale. As such I ask that the Park Service work cooperatively with both the cabin owners and the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association to preserve the history. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Yours very truly,

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Correspondence: Generally, I support Alternative C to best protect Isle Royale's solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is definitely the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.

Structures in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized. Those the Park Service wishes to maintain should be relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated, preserved, and made accessible to the general public. Such actions align with the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. While I support the conversion of up to 93 acres of PWAs to Wilderness, the National Park Service should not reclassify any of the PWAs as designated Wilderness if it plans to maintain any structures on them that are not necessary for the administration of the Wilderness.

No commercial uses in the Isle Royale Wilderness!

Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character.

The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Correspondence: No more historic building should ever be destroyed, there currently is plenty of wilderness area on the island for campsites. The plan should reflex the need to preserve the historical significance of the area including the buildings and culture of settlers and indigenous people of the region.

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Correspondence: Leave the way it is

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Correspondence: please do not do any development to the wilderness of isle royale!! leave it be wild! thank you.

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Dear Superintendent Swanke,

The following comments on Isle Royale Draft EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan come from Wilderness Watch, a national wilderness conservation organization focused on the protection and proper stewardship of all units of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Wilderness Watch has also served for the past number of years on the Isle Royale Non-Tribal Section 106 Consultation committee.

Our specific comments follow:

1. Alternative C. Alternative C seems to be the alternative that best protects the Isle Royale Wilderness's wild character. It needs to be strengthened, however, by including the recommendations below.
2. Structures in Wilderness. The 1964 Wilderness Act prohibits buildings, structures, and installations in designated Wilderness. This prohibition includes buildings, structures, and installations that may have historical significance.

Historic structures and buildings in the designated Wilderness portions of Isle Royale should not be maintained or stabilized unless they are necessary for the administration of the area as Wilderness. For the most part, buildings, structures, and installations should be dismantled, allowed to deteriorate in place, or relocated to areas outside of Wilderness where they may be better curated and preserved. These alternatives would best follow the directives of the 1964 Wilderness Act. The Draft EIS and Plan envision removal or moldering for only about a quarter of the structures in designated or potential Wilderness, and that number should be significantly increased.

There are four federal court cases that best define the proper relationship between historic structures and Wilderness:

- a. Wilderness Watch v. Mainella, 375 F.3d 1085 (11th Cir. 2004).
- b. Olympic Park Assocs. v. Mainella, No. C0-5732FDB, 2005 WL 1871114 (W.D. Wash. Aug 1, 2005).
- c. High Sierra Hikers Ass'n v. U.S. Forest Serv., 436 F.Supp.2d 1117 (E.D. Cal. 2006).
- d. Wilderness Watch v. Iwamoto, 853 F.Supp.2d 1063 (W.D. Wash. 2012).

The last case, dealing with the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness in Washington, provides some key findings on historic structures in Wilderness:

- There is no conflict between the Wilderness Act and the NHPA: "The court...agrees that the NHPA does not compel particular preservation-oriented outcomes. Accordingly, the Court rejects the notion that the Forest Service had any affirmative obligation to preserve the Green Mountain lookout pursuant to...NHPA that must be balanced against its

obligations under the Wilderness Act. In fact, there is no conflict between the Wilderness Act and the NHPA here since neither action nor inaction toward the Green Mountain lookout would have placed the Forest Service in violation of the NHPA, for the very reason that the NHPA itself does not compel any particular outcome...."

- The Wilderness Act's more restrictive provisions control over the more general provisions of other statutes like the NHPA: "Furthermore, the Wilderness Act specifically establishes the preeminence of its requirements over other laws that may affect wilderness areas," and "the [agency's] principal responsibility is to the preservation of the wilderness, as wilderness."
- Human structures degrade wilderness character: "The Court is satisfied that encountering such a structure in the wilderness area has harmed the interests of Plaintiff's members and is harmful generally to the interests of those seeking to experience the primeval character, solitude, and natural conditions associated with wilderness."
- The Wilderness Act prohibits structure rehabilitation and reconstruction absent its narrow exception: "[T]he Wilderness Act set out prohibitions on structures or installations and the use of motorized equipment and landing of aircraft. These prohibitions may be bypassed only 'as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area.'"
- The agency must consider and adopt measures that will meet historic preservation requirements while not offending the Wilderness Act: "Clearly, there are less extreme measures that could have been adopted, such as relocation of the lookout outside of the wilderness area, which would have had less impact on the 'wilderness character' of the area but still furthered the goal of historical preservation." As another example, "in 2005, the Forest Service chose to allow a lookout in the Norse Creek Wilderness to deteriorate but sought to preserve its historic value by setting up an exhibit at a popular non-wilderness trailhead that accesses the wilderness area."

3. Potential Wilderness. Wilderness Watch supports the conversion of as many as possible of the remaining 93 acres of Potential Wilderness to designated Wilderness, but only if the National Park Service plans to manage those acres as Wilderness.

The National Park Service should not re-classify any of the Potential Wilderness areas as designated Wilderness if the agency plans to maintain any structures within them that are not necessary for the administration of the Isle Royale Wilderness as Wilderness. Doing so would violate the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Congress provided clear direction to the National Park Service on this point. Congress designated 231 acres of Potential Wilderness in 1976, in the same law that designated most of Isle Royale as Wilderness. Regarding Potential Wilderness at Isle Royale, the 1976 designation law stated:

SEC. 3. All lands which represent potential wilderness additions, upon publication in the Federal Register of a notice by the Secretary of the Interior that all uses thereon prohibited by the Wilderness Act have ceased, shall thereby be designated wilderness.
P.L. 94-567

Congress provided further direction in its House Report:

"There are approximately 20 existing trailside shelters, however, which are included in areas of potential wilderness addition, and these areas shall become wilderness when the shelters are no longer needed. Other potential wilderness additions bearing more substantial development or retention of private rights will likewise convert to wilderness status when the non-conforming uses or rights are terminated."
H. Rpt. 94-1427

Furthermore, House Report 94-1427 referred to the House Report from the previous Congress that dealt solely with Isle

Royale. Regarding Potential Wilderness, that report wrote:

Potential Wilderness Addition

A number of areas which essentially possess wilderness character, yet retain some small facility or activity which is non-conforming and conflicting with immediate designation as wilderness, are classified as Potential Wilderness Additions. It is the intent of this classification that these non-conforming uses are eventually phased out and eliminated, the areas will become designated wilderness upon the Secretary's so certifying by publication of notice to that effect in the Federal Register.

In some instances where the non-conforming use is a public trail shelter, no acreage is provided, but as these shelters are eliminated, the area upon which they stand will likewise become wilderness by the same certification by the Secretary. It was the Committee's intention that, while no new construction could be undertaken at these locations, and these facilities would eventually be eliminated, the National Park Service would be granted the option of maintaining the existing shelters in these locations for some time into the future, as visitor needs may so dictate."

H. Rpt. 93-1636

It is clear that Congress directed that both physical structures as well as retention of private rights (such as life leases) need to end before an area of Potential Wilderness can be converted to designated Wilderness.

4. Fire - Wilderness Watch supports allowing naturally-ignited fire to play its ecological role in the Isle Royale Wilderness as much as possible. We also oppose the use of prescribed fire, since that represents a trammeling action and an imposition of human desires on the wilderness landscape.

We also support the eventual elimination of the existing fire towers in Wilderness. We understand that the existing fire towers, such as Mount Ojibway and Ishpeming Fire Towers, are used now for communication uses. But with ever-improving communication technology, it may soon not be necessary to retain these towers within the Isle Royale Wilderness for communications purposes. We encourage the National Park Service to continue to explore new communications technologies so that these towers can be removed from Wilderness.

5. Wildlife. While the Isle Royale Wilderness is well-noted for its populations of wolves and moose, it seems that other wildlife species get short shrift. The Wilderness Stewardship Plan must address the entire range of wildlife issues in the Isle Royale Wilderness. What is the status of other wildlife species in the Isle Royale Wilderness? What are the human recreational impacts on wildlife? What role do human activities play in the poor loon nest success rates? What are the impacts of human visitors on wolves? What are the impacts of the researchers and volunteers on secure habitats needed by wolves and other wildlife? What are the impacts on wolves, moose, or other wildlife by repeated contacts by researchers? All these and other questions should be addressed.

6. Visitor Management. We support group size limits for the Isle Royale Wilderness in order to protect solitude and the wild character of the area. It appears that that maximum group size limit is 10. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota maintains a maximum group size of 9, and we suggest that Isle Royale adopt that as well for the Isle Royale Wilderness. We think that the proposed maximum day use group size of 20 for Hidden Lake, Lookout Louise, McCargoe Cove, and the Minong Mine is way too high, and should be reduced. We support the wilderness permit system as well.

7. Eliminate Commercial Use. Wilderness Watch supports the ending of commercial uses in the Isle Royale Wilderness. The 1964 Wilderness Act prohibits such commercial use within designated Wilderness, with only a very narrow exception:

Except as specifically provided for in this Act, and subject to private rights, there shall be no commercial enterprise and no permanent road within any wilderness area designated by this Act....

Wilderness Act, sec. 4(c)

The narrow exception to that prohibition states:

Commercial services may be performed within the wilderness areas designated by this Act to the extent necessary for activities which are proper for realizing the recreational or other wilderness purposes of the areas.
Wilderness Act, sec. 4(d)(5)

This is an extremely narrow exception to the prohibition on commercial services, and nearly all commercial services cannot meet this exception. The EIS and Plan should analyze all commercial services conducted within the Isle Royale Wilderness and justify any proposed exceptions to the prohibition on commercial services.

8. Winter Use. The Draft EIS and Plan suggest the possibility of opening Isle Royale in the winter. We oppose that move. The Wilderness and its wildlife need a respite from the relatively heavy human presence on Isle Royale during the spring, summer, and fall. Please keep Isle Royale closed in the winter.

Please keep Wilderness Watch informed of next steps in this process.

Sincerely,

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Conservation Director

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Commercial uses should be eliminated from the Isle Royale Wilderness.
Visitor use in Wilderness should be managed in ways that protects solitude and wilderness character. Alternative C is the best option for limiting large groups and crowding.
The Park should remain closed to winter use to allow wildlife a respite from the relatively heavy human presence during spring, summer, and fall.

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Dear Superintendent Swanke:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we are providing our full comments on the Draft Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Assessment received August 2, 2023.

In general, we agree with the NPS that Alternative B is the preferred alternative among the options presented, with the greatest advantages to historic properties in Wilderness areas. We offer the following comments on this alternative.

Archaeological Resources and Traditional Cultural Properties

Humans have visited Isle Royale for thousands of years; therefore, it should not be perceived as a pure Wilderness, unaltered by human activities. Isle Royale National Park is host to a richly diverse array of archaeological resources. The most well-known of these may be copper extraction sites, which have been identified in the park dating to both the Pre-contact and Post-contact periods. Native Americans have used the islands and waters of Isle Royale National Park for millennia, with archaeological sites in the park evidencing sophisticated means of utilizing natural resources prior to the arrival of Europeans. In some areas of the park, landscape alterations related to human activities during the Pre-contact period are still apparent today. Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeologists understand these features to underscore the importance of the park to Native American communities and traditional cultural practices potentially important in maintaining group identities and connections to the land and water.

The SHPO recognizes the significance of the Minong Traditional Cultural Property to the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Traditional Cultural Properties/Places (TCP) include both cultural and natural features of a landscape and are defined by the continued use of these places by the communities that derive significance from them. Minong is the Ojibwe name for Isle Royale and the Minong Traditional Cultural Property includes the islands that comprise Isle Royale National Park as well as traditional fishing waters surrounding the archipelago. Plants, animals, and cultural sites are all integral components of the TCP, as are the cultural practices that occur within and those associated with this place.

The Minong TCP was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2019, highlighting the significant connection between the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the park. We strongly recommend that every opportunity is afforded to the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to consult and provide comment on the proposed Wilderness Plan, if they choose to do so.

Identification of Cultural Resources

SHPO respectfully requests a comprehensive list of historic resources in Wilderness and their assessment status. There remain a small number of resources for which we do not believe assessments of National Register eligibility have been completed in the previous five or even ten years. SHPO staff searched our records and were unable to locate information on the following resources:

- Fisherman's Home Area
- Johnson Anderson Fishery
- Anderson/Scotland Cabin
- Davidson Island/Davidson House (Mott Island, multi-story constructed by John Holyoak
- Holger Johnson Fishery and Resort

- Horner Cabin (Robinson Bay vacant for years; vertical logs)
- Island Mine ruins and engine
- West Caribou Island Fog Horn Compressor Shack

If previous documentation exists for these resources, please forward it to SHPO so that we may review and comment on the eligibility. We do not support this EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan moving forward without thorough consideration of the historic resources being discussed.

Treatments of Above-Ground Resources

NPS proposes four treatments for the 100 historic structures identified as part of this planning process. Preservation will occur with fifty-two of the structures, Stabilization for twenty-three structures, Moldering for eighteen structures, and Removal for seven structures. NPS indicates that only Molder and Removal are considered adverse effects. While the SHPO agrees that both the Molder and Removal treatments constitute an adverse effect to the twenty-six buildings under those proposed treatment plans, the SHPO also feels that Stabilization has a high likelihood of having an adverse effect on historic structures. Stabilization requires that a building be mothballed and then inspected on a six-year cycle. During that cycle, NPS would seek a partnership with an yet undetermined organization to transition these buildings to Preservation rather than Stabilization. However, after two six-year cycles, if no partnership has been identified, then these buildings would instead be moved to Molder following documentation. The cumulative impact of these twenty-three structures moving to Moldering or Removal, in our opinion, constitutes an adverse effect on the listed and eligible resources included on that list.

SHPO recommends the removal of the specific treatments for historic structures within the Wilderness Area from this Plan. Rather, we advise moving the discussion of the specific treatments for historic structures to a Programmatic Agreement process with SHPO, NPS and other stakeholders. The development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) will be key to successful implementation of this Plan over the long term. Removal of the specific treatments, while acknowledging that Stabilization is an adverse effect, would allow questions regarding eligibility and significance to be resolved as well as more time for stakeholders to weigh in regarding specific treatments proposed. At this time, we do not fully know which resources will be adversely affected long term if stabilization and partnerships are not viable options. A PA will outline the best process for resolving effects in the years to come.

Specific treatments proposed in this document are of concern to SHPO, including the following;

The proposed treatment of the Feldtmann Fire Tower (Molder), which was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. On page 43 of the Appendices, the conclusions of Section 1.7.9 Fire Towers, there is confusion over which fire tower is proposed to be moldered. This section of the report indicates that it's the Ishpeming Fire Tower that will be moldered rather than Feldtmann, which would be preserved. Please clarify which fire tower is proposed for moldering versus preservation and provide additional information on why this treatment is proposed. The moldering of a listed fire tower constitutes an adverse effect.

- The SHPO disagrees with the recommendation that the historic resources at Captain Kidd Island be moldered (McPherren Sleeping Cabin #3, McPherren Bath House, Boat House, Flag Pole, Sleeping Cabin #1, Sleeping Cabin #2 and Tool Shed) with only one building being recommended for stabilization (McPherren Cabin). It would be more appropriate to have all of the buildings moved to Preservation or Stabilization followed by Preservation if a suitable partnership could be established. Removal of all of the surrounding buildings would adversely affect the remaining McPherren Cabin, which has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The SHPO would like to see additional information and photographs of the physical condition of the Horner Cottage on Horner Island, which appears to be a unique example of a small family summer camp that has survived a remarkably long period of vacancy. Please provide additional photographs to document and justify the finding that poor integrity lends this resource to molder.

- The SHPO disagrees with the recommendation for the Johns cabin to be removed. While it is reasonable to remove the non-historic outbuildings, the cabin provides context for the evolution of fishing and residential occupation of the Barnum Island area including demonstrating one of the ways the families adapted their use of the land post-fishing era. The SHPO would like to see the historic Johns Cabin moved to a stabilization treatment, with the intention of finding a willing partnership to preserve the cabin.

The explanations in this document for why various treatments were selected for historic resources appear to tie back to the Isle Royale Foundation Document. The SHPO would like to know what public or agency consultation was conducted during the preparation of that document. We have no record of receiving or commenting on this document in our files.

As the Special Use Permits expire over the next few decades, the SHPO recognizes the need for NPS to continue the strong partnerships that have been established over the years with groups such as Isle Royale Friends and Families Association, Johns Hotel Historical Point Association, and others. The SHPO supports the NPS as it seeks to develop a different type of agreement than has previously existed through the individual Volunteer-In-Park (VIP) agreements. The SHPO encourages the NPS to lay out a framework during this EIS process as to what these partnerships would look like. As requested at the September 5, 2023 Consultation meeting, SHPO would like to see examples of these frameworks at other National Parks to get a better understanding of how this might function.

As mentioned above, the SHPO concurs with the NPS that Alternative B is the best of the presented options for stewarding the historic resources within Wilderness Areas at Isle Royale. That said, we also concur that the treatments outlined in this plan rise to the level of an Adverse Effect.

This undertaking meets the criteria of adverse effect because: the undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association, 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1). Specifically, the undertaking will result in physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property, removal of the property from its historic location, and a change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance.

The SHPO looks forward to further conversations and consultation regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment.

Federal agencies are required to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. Please note that if the federal agency and the SHPO concur that the adverse effect cannot be avoided, the Section 106 process will not conclude until the consultation process is complete, an agreement is developed (in this case a PA), executed, and implemented, and, if applicable, the formal comments of the Advisory Council have been received, 36 CFR § 800.6. For more information on federal agencies' responsibilities to resolve the adverse effect pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6 for undertakings that will have an adverse effect on historic properties under 36 CFR § 800.6.

We remind you that federal agency officials or their delegated authorities are required to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking and its effects on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). The National Historic Preservation Act also requires that federal agencies consult with any Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertakings per 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii).

The opinion of the SHPO is based on the materials provided for our review. If you believe that there is material that we should consider that might affect our finding, or if you have questions, please contact Martha MacFarlane Faes, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, at (517) 335-2721 or by email at FaesM@michigan.gov. Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.

Finally, the State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: As a four-time visitor to Isle Royale National Park, who is planning my next visit for next year, I have a particular interest in the National Park Service's plans for the Isle and its archipelago. My visits have ranged from 3 to 10 days, primarily hiking the trails with a little canoeing.

At the risk of repeating an expression you've no doubt heard in other comments: It ain't broke, so don't try to "fix" it. I don't mean to say that everything at IRNP is perfect, or that no changes should be made. But there is not a crisis in the management of the park that requires a major shift of priorities and strategies. Alternative A is the best of the three options presented, while Alternatives B and C would each make changes that would be detrimental to what many of the park's repeat visitors think of as the "Isle Royale experience".

The permitting system in Alternative B would throw out an approach to campground usage that strikes a careful balance. The current system of pre-registering a planned itinerary of campgrounds forces hikers and paddlers to put thought into what they want to get out of their visit and what they can reasonably accomplish. But the freedom to deviate from that plan as needed is essential to visitors' safety and enjoyment. [1][1][1]
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There's a saying in military circles: "No plan survives first contact with the enemy," and it applies to *so many* IRNP visitors' first contact with the wilderness. A hiker discovers what those contour lines on the NatGeo map mean, and figures out that he needs to stop at campgrounds closer together than he thought. A kayaker circling the Island stops early to seek safety from a sudden storm, or sits out a day of paddling to wait for calmer seas. A hiker with a twisted ankle decides not to hike up the Greenstone Ridge and to instead return to the port by the shortest route. These are all the *correct* choices, and a strict reservation policy would actively encourage the *incorrect* ones. While I'm sure the NPS would make "exceptions" for safety, these are not exceptional circumstances: they're part of the reality of travel in a remote wilderness. Not only would the proposed 15% wiggle room often be inadequate, setting a *monitored requirement* to stick to one's original plan would pressure the *least*-prepared visitors into following half-baked plans instead of learning from their mistakes.

I'm a solo hiker, who my friends call a "hermit". The solitude that serves as the driving principle behind Alternative C is an

important one to me, and I support it... in principle. But the Island is not the Canyon. Minong is not Zion. I jokingly refer to Snug Harbor - the area around the lodge, marina, store, and visitor center - as "Downtown Rock Harbor", because there are "so many people"... but anyone who's been there recognizes that it's a joke. And for those who genuinely find those "crowds" off-putting, all they need to do is start walking/paddling: there's plenty of solitude to be found, all over. Granted, I might enjoy Isle Royale a little more if there were fewer people at the campgrounds and such... but just because I'm an introvert doesn't mean I'm the kind of self-centered jerk who wants to keep that to myself by shutting people out. If the campgrounds along Rock Harbor are getting "too crowded", taking away camp sites isn't an actual solution to that... that's like solving an overcrowded game of Musical Chairs by taking more chairs out.

Removing shelters and picnic tables is likewise a misguided tactic: making the park *less accommodating* to visitors for whom those rather basic comforts make it accessible. As a hiker anticipating Social Security eligibility, I find the proposal to make my future visits *more uncomfortable* somewhat offensive, to be frank. Understand: I take a dim view of occasional calls to make the park's trails, shelters, etc wheelchair accessible, and other measures of dubious value and practicality. But removing existing accommodations to pander to visitors with a "self-reliance" fixation seems deliberately regressive, and a f___-you to people whose less *macho* level of ability doesn't prevent them from experiencing the park... in its current configuration, that is.

Alternatives B and C aren't completely without merits. Establishing additional campgrounds on Johns and Wright Islands sounds like a worthy idea, particularly if you've been seeing interest from kayaks and boaters for more options. (If you're looking to reduce crowding at campgrounds near Snug Harbor, establishing another campground in that area seems like an idea with potential.) I'm indifferent about winter opening - the arguments against it aren't just about ferry access - but it's an idea worth exploring. I admittedly didn't wade into the thimbleberry bushes of this proposal to read and evaluate all of the detail, because I recognize the limits of my knowledge and I don't want to comment on things outside my experience. I defer to those who know more about them.

As you know, Isle Royale has been a decades-long real-world experiment in the dynamics of wolves, moose, and other wildlife. The NPS has had to make difficult choices about when/where/how/whether to intervene, of course, and these plans under consideration here involve much the same issue, considered in good faith. But Isle Royale National Park has meanwhile been a decades-long real-world experiment in the dynamics of hikers, paddlers, ferries, seaplanes, wildlife, and so on. That system has achieved a sustainable equilibrium, with the ferry and seaplane services putting practical limits on the number of visitors, and the maximum-stay limits on campsites keeping people adequately dispersed. The current limit on group size is the perfect balance between noise levels and camaraderie. The shelters, picnic tables, and outhouses offer comfort and accessibility with minimal adverse impact on the wilderness character. There are certainly details in the park's stewardship that can and should be adjusted. But I would hate to see changes made that would upset the balance that draws me back there again and again.

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Correspondence: Reservation System: Not supportive. Weather means ferries may not go or planes fly to deliver or pick up people from the island; thus, dates and plans change at the last minute. That's potentially a lot of people who will need to fit into the non-reserved sites. Weather can impact the ability of paddlers to follow the route and timeline they were planning on. Injury can prevent hikers (or paddlers) from moving from campsite to campsite as planned. People overestimate their skills; Over the years I've run into a number of people who change plans as they realize that they aren't going to be able to hike their planned route (this year someone planning to hike the Greenstone from Windigo to Rock Harbor who made it to Island Mine and realized they were not prepared; one day in they returned to Windigo to leave Isle Royale). Better these folks change plans than get into trouble. Some campsites are so small that's it not clear how not all of it will be reserved. I'm also wondering how the Park Service will ensure that no one "games" a reservation system so that they select multiple days/sites under different names in the group and then cancel based on weather. Or the groups who have different folks reserve multiple shelters (especially) because they want to split into 2 or more (e.g., I've encountered

groups of 4-6 who take over multiple shelters because they want more room including boaters who have sleeping berths on their boat).

Overcrowding: What's the optimal carrying capacity of the island and how does the Park Service work to spread that number out? One way to deal with overcrowding is to eliminate the float planes (which should be eliminated based on noise and environmental impact alone); it seems that the addition of more planes in the last 10 years has been a key component to overcrowding. The Voyageur is critical as some folks disembark or get on at various points around the island; spreading people out is important. I do not support larger groups as that's part of the overcrowding problem in the campgrounds and larger groups traveling through the wilderness are generally not helpful in minimizing impact, including noise.

Adding campgrounds: Generally, don't support adding campgrounds, except for a couple more for paddlers only (no more for boaters). Too often when kayaking we've been shut out of campsites by boaters who can move much more quickly. More rangers are needed to check all campgrounds daily to ensure boaters are not taking more than a "fair" number of campsites/shelters (this applies to some hiking parties as well). Too often we've found a boating party taking more than one shelter partly because they bring so much gear and "want to spread out" (quote used several times). We've also encountered some boaters who never registered to be on the island. Do not create anymore Daisy Farms by expanding campgrounds, especially full of shelters.

Soundscape: The biggest impact has been the float planes. They are TOO NOISY, especially for a wilderness park (and they fly over the wilderness and too close to the wilderness). We're in the midst of massive climate change so I would except NPS, the protectors of wilderness, to focus on eliminating sources of greenhouse gases and the float plans definitely fit that category. Create and enforce more wake and quiet zones with private boats along with bans on loud radios on boats. Rangers need to spend more time educating visitors on what a wilderness park and experience are all about (water more greatly carries sounds so the importance of speaking very quietly, no yelling, no singing or music on cell phones or instruments, no door slamming, etc ...). Rangers comment on some of these things, but greater emphasis needs to happen as more visitors are on Isle Royale who don't have a sense of sound and the impact in a wilderness setting.

Historic Preservation: Preserving and interpreting cultural resources is important so I support preserving some of the structures and also increasing access to more park visitors. However, it's not clear what story the National Park Services wishes to tell about Isle Royale nor how the park would increase accessibility to historic sites so that story is shared. Those issues, coupled with balancing human impact with wilderness, are important to understanding which structures (if any) should be preserved and which should molder. Currently, many of the structures are only accessible by paddlers and boaters and those who connect to boats/programs offered at the Rock Harbor end. Is the plan to offer greater access to the historic sites to more park visitors? For example, Rock of Ages is being worked on. Will the Park Service be taking visitors out to the lighthouse once it's renovated? Will there be other opportunities at the Windigo end in addition to Rock of Ages (if there's a plan to open to visitors and transport to ensure access to all)? Sivertson Fishery could be a comparable experience to Edisen Fishery on the Rock Harbor end. Will the John's Hotel be open to the public? Only a few families still have special-use permits; as those continue, how will the public be able to access those sites as they should be open to all. Is NPS considering moving some of the historic structures so they're easier to maintain and potentially more accessible to those without boats?

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Correspondence: Thank you for this very thoughtful and complete Wilderness Stewardship Plan. I find that there are parts of all three plans that I like. First of all, I object to the idea of winter visitation other than for research. The park needs time to be undisturbed and recover.

Second, I think that the reservation system outlined in C would not be workable. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, arrival on Isle Royale can easily be delayed by 24 hours or more (this happened to us this month). With an inflexible

reservation system, a delayed trip would have to be cancelled. If a reservation system is implemented, consider using it for itineraries which are all or partly scheduled in July and August. Let other months be the way it is now.

My third comment is about shelters. Shelters are beneficial and reduce the impact of pitching a tent. I didn't see any statistics on it, but does the devegetated area around a shelter grow as much as it does around a tent pad? I would think that it does not, but that's a consideration. I think the picnic tables are helpful for the same reason. They keep people and their activities in a specific area.

My fourth comment has to do with groups in the backcountry. I agree that groups of 7-10 should have to have reservations and should have to use group sites. I don't think there should be any groups larger than 10. They would make too much human noise. For front country groups, proposal A made sense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: I have visited IRNP and loved the experience. I believe the NPS should choose Alternative A for the park's stewardship plan. I can't imagine what the park would be if increased numbers of visitors were allowed, nor would I want winter visitors to the park. Winter visitors may contaminate the unrivaled data of the long-running Moose/Wolf research. Greater numbers of visitors to National Parks aren't always for the best.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: My response to the public review of the Isle Royale EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan (draft)
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I am writing as someone who has stayed on Isle Royale many times, for a week or longer at a time, between 1995 and 2008, travelling from overseas to do so. I have also read widely about the island's history, wildlife and environment. I have read with enormous enthusiasm your 'Wilderness Stewardship Plan - Draft EIS', and compliment the NPS on your thoroughness, professionalism and efforts. This is a difficult yet very important task to get right, and I am delighted to be able to comment as a member of the public. Thank you.

Before I outline my preferred Alternative, and my reasons for that preference, I would like to record some of the thoughts that have so strongly steered my ultimate choice of Alternative.

I have learned a lot through my time on Isle Royale, about 'nature', about people, about myself. What I realise is ultimately the most important thing, is balance. Everything is about balance. As this document clearly demonstrates, any and every action or event will have positive and negative, beneficial and detrimental, impacts or outcomes. What we must do is choose which aspects are more, or less, crucial to enabling the best balance.

I have, elsewhere, travelled to, into, and through '100%' wilderness, so have experience of what that demands and provides. Isle Royale could be made into 100% wilderness (with no support of any kind for any human recreation or research) if that should be our terms of benefit. But there would equally be undoubted losses of benefit in other directions - losses of opportunity for eg. less wealthy, less hardy visitors, to education, to history, etc. etc. All we may do is try to judge the best point of balance - 90:10?, 80:20?, 50:50?, etc. - to the point we believe offers the most benefits whilst causing the least disadvantage. For example, is a single trail better, all users 'honey-potted' to that one route, with the resulting high level of wear and tear? Or are several trails better, spreading out the wear but damaging a wider area? Each balance point

will result in different pros and cons.

Yes, this is surely 'trammeling'! But once humans have ever had an effect on a location, even returning it to what we think it should be (or would have been if we hadn't.....), is putting our control, our manipulation into effect. If that has happened a great deal in the past, just leaving a location alone from then on, and expecting it to then become wilderness, is hardly a fair deal. We must 'trammel', carefully, on - which is exactly what this Draft EIS is aiming to guide.

The underlying question to bring us to the best judgement of the best point to balance the many + and - outcomes = what do we believe Isle Royale National Park is for? (I'm sure each National Park, in every country around the globe will have its own particular *raison d'être*.) Is it for the preservation of a small area of wilderness, or for the provision of a leisure facility? The best balance between these two extremes will be that which offers the best coming together of both of them. It is not only the wilderness that is crucial on Isle Royale, but also the opportunity for people to experience it - even if that means it 'downgrades' the wilderness to some degree. Visitors are important to wilderness, which is only able to continue to exist through consent.

My experiences on Isle Royale have always led me to believe that the ongoing NPS management of the Park was particularly good at finding that perfect balance. The unusually high proportion of 'returning visitors' (including me!) surely indicates that the NPS policies and strategies have worked incredibly well. The overall low number of visitors reflects both the difficulties of getting to and from the island, and staying on it, and seeing something of it - we are a select bunch of people! - as well as the NPS' determination not to see the island overwhelmed. From what I have read (and much as I would guess) there is a growing concern about the pressure from the increasing volume of visitors, yet I would have confidence in the NPS' ability to address that issue without noticeably altering the ethos and the experience to be found on the island, and without needing reference to or choice of a particular Alternative.

Additionally, the quality and quantity of vital scientific research being enabled within the Park - serious, long-term, world-benefitting research - to me absolutely clinches the fact that the NPS has got it right, and has been achieving that (with all-important consistency) over a very long time.

There ARE other, bigger wilderness areas, with ongoing important scientific research, but no visitors allowed. There ARE beautiful, scenic areas that incorporate wilderness, but where so many visitors are encouraged that the nature of that wilderness is badly adversely affected (eg. wildlife does better outside the Park boundaries). And there ARE of course totally unvisited areas of inaccessible wilderness, where pretty much no-one visits for any reason (little of scientific interest, logistical nightmare, not so spectacularly wondrous). On Isle Royale it is the NPS' weaving together so wisely of these three different aspects of the island's worth to us all, that has made it such world-renowned place.

Having read the draft document thoroughly and considered it carefully for considerable time, I have wished there had been figures provided for current visitor numbers, with comparisons over the years. Most of all, I have wished there was some way to choose parts of more than just the one, whole Alternative. Limiting response to a choice between A or B or C results in a necessarily partially undesirable pre-selection of outcomes. None of the 'option packages' provided an entirely satisfactory choice, from my own perspective; I have therefore had to prioritise some aspects over others, and make some assumptions about the future integrity and actions of the NPS.

In considering Alternative A

It is a pity that this Alternative does not include some reference to dealing with the issue of increased visitor numbers - hopefully, there is no need for such reference in order for the NPS, with their long experience, to take heed of the issue and take measures to return numbers to sustainable and appropriate levels.

This is the only Alternative that makes no change to Bangsund Cabin continuing as the research base for the Moose and

Wolves scientific project. I believe it has now been a moose/wolf research base for a longer time than it was a fisherman's home, and is itself thus undeniably part of Isle Royale history. I have visited this area more than once, and have never found it in any way detrimental to the sense of wilderness that I loved to experience on Isle Royale - indeed, it was pivotal in deepening that sense of wilderness and enriching my experience of it. It is certainly a 'Feature of Value', not only in the fabric of the building and the history of its original use, but in the fact that it is LIVING HISTORY, history in constant, current making. I would say that, in world terms, this base is unique in a very special way, in having the scientists themselves right there, and so approachable (when they have a moment to spare). They are part of the history, part of the value of that site and of the island; they provide interest and education about the island and its ecosystem; they lead by example; they promote Leave no Trace; they inspire our kids to become scientists; they live and breathe the whole ethos of the island. All this would be lost if the cabin(s) were left as a mere museum exhibit. You cannot compare the experience of seeing history alive, to seeing the fading shell of where it once mattered. In the same way, my first visits to the Edisen Fishery were wonderful and valuable, in main part because the old couple still lived there and chatted to me about the place and its history. Later visits, after they were no longer there, were hollow by comparison. Thus, I am shocked that, while the moose/wolf researchers are still available to spend the season at Bangsunds, the Park even considers dispensing with the vital, wilderness-enhancing understanding and enthusiasm that they so freely and expertly dispense to all who would listen. Bangsunds is the one historic structure that is still in actual process of making history.

In considering Alternative B

With Winter ice forming less and less as the planet's air temperature rises, it is entirely possible that five consecutive years of open water through the entire Winter could happen in the next 5 years! If this is a good enough reason to allow year-round visitors, this suggests that the island is less of a wilderness once it is not ice-bound at some point in the Winter, or that it can then sustain more visitors and over a longer open season. For the purpose of responding to this consultation, it would seem logical to think of Alternatives B and C the same in this regard (see comments under C, below).

Finding ways to encourage more visitors, especially by group-size, whilst consistent with 'public purposes of wilderness', would seem at great odds with 'enhancing wilderness character' and 'improving visitors' wilderness experience'. It is therefore less than clear what may be intended here, and why. For every one additional person in a group, all in that group will experience a % decrease in quality of experience, when experiencing wilderness is the idea. And all non-group visitors will experience..... more visitors, not more wilderness. There is also an exponential rise in the noise coming from a group, when the group size is increased even by one.

Over so many years the NPS has fine-tuned the balance of its objectives to the extent that it is difficult to imagine any improvement possible (with the exception of controlling increasing visitor numbers). Perhaps then, the NPS has changed its objectives.

In considering Alternative C

As with B, this Alternative left me confused, combining as it does the aim of 'enhancing wilderness character' and 'primarily improving solitude', whilst also planning to allow Winter access - more visitors. This Alternative at first seems to aim mainly at creating a more rigid wilderness character for the island - less support for visitors, leading to a different type of visitor. It is surprising therefore to note the inclusion of provision for year-round access, which largely detracts from the island's appeal as an effective, 'true' wilderness.

One of the great aspects of experiencing Isle Royale as a visitor, was knowing that the place was so special that it was closed to the public for half the year - the place, the creatures, the vegetation, the weather.... they could all just do whatever nature suggested, all Winter. Humans featured in less than half the picture of the life of the island. That very fact enhanced my personal experience of Isle Royale's 'wilderness character' and improved my moments of solitude - just to sit

there, breathe it all in, hear the wildness, and know humans didn't interfere in island life all year round.

What can be the advantage of Winter opening? More visitors = less wilderness character = diminished wilderness experience. What is unique about an ice-free visit to the island, that can't be achieved elsewhere (and more easily, and with less adverse effect on the hosting environment)? What are the advantages of a Winter closure? Clearly, it gives respite for the total environment, from the pressure of visitors = enhanced wilderness character = enhanced wilderness experience. If we see 'wilderness' as somewhere nature lives by its own needs and rules, without interference from humans, then managing it as a leisure facility for more visitors, would be to undermine the value of that environment.

My preferred Alternative

It remained unclear, despite careful reading, quite what the NPS objectives are for the future of Isle Royale, in offering only the differences between A, B, and C. More wilderness character? More visitors? More solitude? Larger groups? Benefitting the environment and ecosystem? Providing for leisure?

I believe one of the crucial aspects of the unique contribution Isle Royale makes to the world, to the planet, is the learning, the greater understanding of where the human species fits in - absorbed during a visit perhaps through direct teaching (eg. a Ranger presentation) or by observation and experience.... by living it. More than ever in our human existence, more people need more reminders of our position as just another species, within nature. Isle Royale brings this SO well to SO many people by the current policies and management. It would be an incalculable loss to the planet, and to the people, to tip the current, grounded, balance towards more people benefitting less.

THUS, OVERALL, MY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IS A.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

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I have been to Isle Royale twice, once as a backpacker and once as part of a sanctioned, 12 person photography trip.

Both times were incredibly enjoyable, each in their own way. Backpacking the island allowed us to disconnect more from the world and truly experience the trails. However, we were incredibly grateful for a shelter one night in the driving, cold rain. Would we have been fine without a shelter? Absolutely, we were prepared. But having the shelter as an option was appreciated.

The photography trip was based in Rock Harbor, so it was much less remote experience. However, we were still treated to gorgeous, dark night skies and plenty of opportunities to be away from others, along with the convenience of shelter to store camera gear out of the elements (I was actually in a housekeeping cabin).

During that trip, I also witnessed the havoc the weather can play on people's travel plans. Boats and planes did not arrive or depart on schedule for multiple days, and had people been hard booked into camp sites, there would have been issues.

Based on what I have personally seen, I don't think it is necessary to change the management of Isle Royale. Keep the

existing structures, don't require site-specific permits. The difficulty of getting to the island naturally precludes a large increase in visitation.

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Correspondence: Winter Closure: Would Alt C require permanent park staff on the island? It can be a treacherous place and rescue would be challenging, to say the least. Also, ski planes should not be allowed due to the potential disruption to wildlife. Perhaps the backcountry could be closed? The island is truly wild in the winter and ideally visitation should be limited to scientific endeavors.

Concessions: I have concerns about expansion of commercial tours. Visitors to the Isle Royale back country must make a serious commitment to both planning and preparation. Expansion of commercial tours may result in visitors that are less concerned about their impact on the island and tour guides may be reluctant to enforce appropriate behavior due to the risk of lost business. I would be very much against any guided tours into the backcountry, especially off-trail. I can imagine tour advertising off-trail trips to some of the islands hidden treasures with an amplified impact on these areas.

PWAs: My recommendation is to leave them alone. Backcountry visitors are rarely impacted by these areas and they can enhance the experience for day visitors or those traveling the shoreline. Once you enter the backcountry, the experience is truly wild. One topic I am particularly passionate about is Bangsund Cabin. I was a wolf-moose field assistant from 1982-85 and lead Earthwatch Trips in subsequent years. Bangsund provides a low impact means for visitors to experience the wolf-moose research, especially those visitors that may be unable to travel to the backcountry. Importantly, the (b) (6) are an Isle Royale treasure and I often hear visitors raving about having met them. They welcome dozens of visitors daily to Bangsund and their talks at Daisy Farm are always well attended. Their enthusiasm about the environment and the island is contagious! (b) (6) impact on the ecology of Isle Royale is legendary and meeting him as a young student truly changed the course of my life. I am now a Vice President at Medtronic and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota. I have performed wildlife research on more than 25 species around the globe with numerous additional studies planned. I am sure this is being considered, but Isle Royale doesn't have to conform to a singular standard for management. We can keep the backcountry wild while allowing access to the island to those that may have physical or other limitations (possibly even limited time).

Wilderness Permitting and Group Size: I would focus on limiting the impact on the backcountry. Group sizes should be kept modest, and I would not increase off-trail groups beyond 6 (4 would be ideal). I have hiked more than 2,000 miles on the island, much of which was off trail. Almost unbelievably, I have never encountered another hiker/camper off-trail even during my summers as an assistant on the wolf-moose project. I believe that off-trail camping today is a rare exception and is for those that have the experience and respect for the outdoors to do it safely and successfully. Over the past 25 years, I have taken my three daughters off trail on a yearly basis, and it has taught them a tremendous amount about respecting the environment, self-reliance and a love for Isle Royale and the environment (they are of course always happy to have a final night in Rock Harbor or Windigo for some non-trail food and a bit of "civilization").

Regarding permitting, I'd recommend reviewing proposed itineraries and warn when overcrowding is likely to occur vs requiring reservations. Fixed Itineraries are challenging since visitors may underestimate the physical rigor required to reach their destination and they may push onward even when physically challenged. Also, would there be a deadline to arrive at the campsite? If not, sites will be left unused. Perhaps a tool like Gravy Analytics can be used to better understand travel patterns (this tool tracks cellphones and can be used to characterize backcountry usage).

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Correspondence: Hello, since I started kayaking isle royale in 2015 I now have around 250 days cross country camping on the island. For my trips around the island I zone camp. I do not stay at campsite. I will say a shelter is nice to have if a storm is coming. Also a good place to dry things if need be. I do not know how the reservation system would work with the way I camp. Are you going to reserve the zones?As for following a itinerary that seldom works out. The lake does not always let you paddle every day. Also on page 56 it says "campers cannot be visible from the water. When I come in june it is for lake trout fishing, does that mean I cannot have a shore lunch since I will be visible from the water. I also like to have breakfast on the beach and watch the sunrise. Same goes for dinner and the sunset.

So with the way everything is I say to leave things like they are and make no changes.

I have had a couple trips that I had my ferry date push back, just to stay a little longer. I don't know how I would reserve that.

Sincerely (b) (6)

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Isle Royale National Park
Attention: Superintendent Denice Swanke
Wilderness Stewardship Plan
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896

Subject: Comments on the Isle Royale Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan

Dear Superintendent Swanke:

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) appreciates the opportunity to be a Consulting Party to and provide comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan (WSP) and commends the effort to enhance wilderness character with specific emphasis on improving visitors' wilderness experience. NPCA supports Alternative B with additional considerations noted further below.

Since 1919, NPCA has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. NPCA and our more than 1.6 million members and supporters nationwide, including over 42,000 in the State of Michigan, advocate for America's national parks and work to protect and preserve the nation's most iconic and inspirational places for present and future generations.

Isle Royale National Park (ISRO), or Minong, is the largest archipelago in Lake Superior, about 210 square miles, and has over 400 satellite islands. ISRO is well known for wilderness character with over 99% of the park federally designated wilderness and recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve, where management seeks to achieve sustainable use of

natural resources while ensuring conservation of its biological diversity. ISRO has gained interest and attention from our supporters and members with the designation of Isle Royale in 2019 as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) along with the National Park Service (NPS)'s collaboration and commitment to Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (GPB). ISRO provides a unique visitor experience with the presence of wolf and moose populations, hiking and camping, remote character and serenity, a rich pre- and post-European history, and the mysteries and power of Lake Superior or Gichigami.

Based on the ISRO's unique ecosystem, wildlife populations, traditional cultural property designation, and visitor experience, NPCA supports Alternative B with the following additional considerations:

Recognition of Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Designation

Recognizing ISRO as a designated cultural property, what it means, and the working relationship with Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa should be included in the Overview of Current Wilderness Management. Appendix B, page B-5, states that: "The NPS continues to work closely with Grand Portage Band on island matters and is strongly committed to building a more day-to-day working relationship reflecting respect for Tribal sovereignty." Recognizing and acknowledging this working relationship would be one way to show respect and build relations.

Cultural Resources in Wilderness

Traditional Cultural Property Designations signify a living community because of its association with cultural beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community's history and that are important in maintaining the community's cultural identity. As stated within NPS's Draft Quick Guide for Preserving Native American Cultural Resources, "TCP's help preserve those physical properties associated with often-intangible aspects of a local community's cultural history" (p. 2). With this reasoning behind the TCP's intent, NPS should incorporate cultural, historical resources and landscapes in the minimum requirements analysis (MRA) as they pertain to the Traditional Cultural Property Designation.

The WSP notes that the cultural, historical resources and landscapes are addressed within the Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP). Appendix B, page B-3-4 states: "The CRMP/EA additionally addresses management of traditional cultural properties that encompass the whole park." A summary of progress on the incorporation of the TCP resources and landscapes within wilderness should be included in the WSP. Additionally, if an ethnographic assessment has been completed, this should be included in the WSP; otherwise, one should be completed.

Treatments for Historic Structures and Installations

NPCA concurs with the plans for historic structures if they are in accordance with the standards in the Wilderness Act and other NPS laws, policies and guidance. However, we urge NPS to include in the WSP more detail on how any historical structures will be removed given the restrictions on the use of motorized equipment in wilderness areas. The WSP should provide details on how removal will be conducted so as not to undermine the park's wilderness designation.

NPCA supports using moldering to allow old buildings to deteriorate in wilderness areas. However, we are concerned that the plan does not address the potential impacts of moldering on the health and safety of the public, wildlife, cultural and historical resources, and landscapes. A number of questions should be addressed in the WSP, including:

- Would hazardous materials be removed from structures before they deteriorate to prevent soil and water contamination?
- What analysis would be done to prevent injury to wildlife from moldering materials?
- Would the NPS remove potentially valuable items or materials from moldering structures to prevent the buildings from attracting crime or vandalism?
- If the moldering areas are deemed a human or wildlife safety risk, would NPS move to removal or physically prevent access (fencing) to the moldering structures?
- Are cultural and historical resources and landscapes identified and where in the plan does it analyze impact upon those

resources and landscapes?

The WSP should address what the proposed treatments will entail and provide clarity on how proposed treatments for historical structures may or may not impact cultural, historical resources and landscapes within the TCP, human health and safety and wildlife.

Group Size Requirements

NPCA urges NPS to compile and provide more data from visitors as part of their minimum requirements analysis. By comparison, Rocky Mountain National Park conducted a survey of day and overnight backcountry and wilderness visitors. That study was conducted to "better understand (1) the socio-demographic characteristics of visitors, (2) their trip characteristics, (3) motives for visiting, (4) activities pursued, (5) things adding or detracting from their experience, (6) their perceptions about future wilderness designation in the Park and a variety of current and potential Backcountry/Wilderness management actions." According to the study, "about 41% of those surveyed, said there should be limits on group size, and the great majority of these favored group sizes between four and ten with six people per group as the most common response." See Wallace et al., A Survey of Day and Overnight Backcountry/Wilderness Visitors in Rocky Mountain National Park, p. 53 (2004).

The WSP proposes to increase the group size limit from 10 to 12 and up to 40 in the Front Country Zone to improve the visitors' wilderness experience. However, the WSP offers no underlying data to support the increase in group size. Furthermore, it is not clear if cultural and historical resources and landscapes were considered in these areas where an increase in group size is proposed. Finally, GPB has direct relations with the moose, wolf and island and their voice is critical to any changes made to support their cultural identity, and if analysis was conducted, it should be included in the WSP.

Wilderness Permitting Systems

The plan proposes a permit system "issued until campgrounds are booked to 85% of capacity. The remaining 15% of campsites would not be booked in advance to allow for flexible itineraries and address overcrowding and conflicts in campgrounds." This is a reasonable approach, but specific percentages should not be included in this plan. We note the plan states that the "park may adapt these numbers slightly depending on the success of avoiding overbooking." However, there is no definition of "slightly." NPS may want to make significant changes to the percentages identified in this plan. If these percentages are specified in the plan, it may require the need for a plan amendment to alter the percentages, which could hamstring future management decisions. We recommend the plan be altered to specify that these are only target percentages and that the park retains the right to change these percentages at any time based upon changing conditions or management needs without triggering the need for a plan amendment. We have the same concerns regarding the group size requirements.

In the 2006 NPS Management Policies section 8.2.1 Visitor Carrying Capacity, the policy states: As park use changes over time, superintendents must continue to decide if management actions are needed to keep use at sustainable levels and prevent unacceptable impacts. If indicators and standards have been prescribed for an impact, the acceptable level is the prescribed standard. If indicators and standards do not exist, the superintendent must determine how much impact is acceptable before management intervention is required.

The park should set use capacities based upon conditions, visitor experiences, and the preservation of wilderness values rather than using specific numbers.

Impacts on Wildlife

NPCA urges NPS to include additional information on wildlife impacts as part of Table ES-1, which summarizes environmental consequences of the alternatives. Current wolf and other wildlife populations could be impacted by new campsites and increased group sizes and making sure they are not adverse is vital to sustaining wildlife populations.

Appendix B at B-3 states that:

"Management actions under consideration in this EIS do not pertain to the management of terrestrial wildlife, and actions considered would not result in significant impacts or issues for wildlife. Management activities proposed under the alternatives in this plan, including maintaining and preserving structures, creating new campsites or campgrounds, allowing specific uses, clearing vegetation, and managing trails may affect wildlife species by disturbing, displacing, or temporarily altering habitat or behavior. These impacts would be localized, affecting individuals but not affecting the species' populations or habitat overall, and would not lead to persistent changes in wildlife habitat."

The WSP should include an MRA and methodologies that support the above statement and result of no significant impacts to wildlife. At least 10 commenters in the scoping process noted that impacts on wolves need to be included in the plan. This should be addressed since it is of interest to the public (WSP p. 120).

Winter Closure

ISRO is closed during the winter season, and the WSP provides considerations for opening the park during the winter months. NPS indicates it would consider doing so if open water existed during 100% of the winter season for at least five consecutive years (WSP p. 38). There are significant visitor safety concerns associated with winter use, particularly as it pertains to access in the event of a needed rescue operation. Additionally, there will be increased staffing needs to address the new season, and unless the NPS operations budget is increased, it will be difficult to meet those needs. If a winter season is considered, an MRA or a feasibility study should be completed and amended to this plan to discuss wildlife impacts from an expanded visitor season, visitor safety, and economic impacts along with tribal consultation on this subject if not already conducted.

Consider Reforestation as part of the WSP

In Appendix B, page B-2, vegetation management is considered an issue not carried forward for detailed analysis. With the Great Lakes region in the forefront of climate impacts, an MRA should be conducted for new plantings due to the influx of pests, diseases, and need for biodiversity in addition to thinning and removal practices. Great Lakes national parks are proactively beginning to implement plans to secure native and biological diversity of our forests. Although ISRO is predominantly Balsam Fir, moose benefit from a diverse understory and healthy forests. NPCA recommends the plan address how restoration practices would be analyzed in the MRA and be considered in this plan.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Correspondence: This past summer I went back to Isle Royale for the first time in many years. I was disappointed at how "unwildernessy" it felt compared to past trips. I feel like there was more noise and people and power boats than I have encountered before. The noise from the coming and going of the float plane seemed to permeate all through the eastern end of Isle Royale. We ran into numerous power boat groups and usually had trouble finding a place to stay at campgrounds with docks as the shelters and campsites were jam packed with the occupants (and there noise!) from the

boats. I'm glad Isle Royale managers are asking for feedback. I definitely think the park staff need to take a step back and reconsider how to make the park more quiet and peaceful like the wilderness it's supposed to be. I think the third alternative, the more protective of the three, is the best. The peace and quiet of Isle Royale needs protecting so that it doesn't end up like Wisconsin Dells!

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Correspondence: Please don't change anything about this beautiful place.

I have lived in Southwest Michigan my whole life, but only first visited Isle Royale NP 3 weeks ago, and it was everything I had heard it was.

Commercial tours will ruin trail silence and take over campgrounds. Itinerary flexibility is of utmost importance given the unpredictability of Lake Superior weather, and 15% of sites being "open" is not enough. Shelters and picnic tables are bare minimum necessities for extreme weather and cater to less experienced hikers who just need to sit after arrival at camp or have a place to set gear. No winter opening of the island, it will be a recipe for disaster without services and harm will come to campers who underestimate the winters of northern Michigan. Human activity during winter could also interfere with the wolf moose study and the entire ecosystem; human absence from the island can only be a benefit.

As a whole, so many national park units are open to the public year round. IRNP is special and valuable because of it's location and because of what we haven't changed about it.

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Correspondence: As a frequent park visitor and member of the fifth generation of the family to enjoy using the Connolly cabin on Tobin Harbor, I am in favor of Plan B. I am delighted that more people are discovering the wonders of Isle Royale and appreciate the NPS's creative efforts in Plan B to increase access while preserving what makes the park unique. I have my doubts about how winter access would work--incredible risks would be involved, though incredible experiences would await those lucky enough to go (I have always envied the moose-wolf scientists and follow their winter activities avidly). I find it remarkable that it is even being considered, this unexpected byproduct of climate change.

Although I have never actually camped on the island, I have witnessed the mad dash from Rock Harbor to Three Mile countless times and think that a reservation system is a good idea. It would certainly help reduce the stress of hikers and paddlers, who, as the WSP makes clear, have come to the island in search of solitude, peace, and wonder. One of the comments in the initial consultation mentioned that reservation systems don't appear to work in other parks because there are so many no-shows. I would guess that Isle Royale's isolation would mitigate against that risk, as people who commit to coming are generally committed (one way to test that hypothesis would be to get cancellation data from the boats and planes that service the island). In my limited experience, reserved campsites in Ontario Provincial Parks work pretty well; you can't book a precise site, only the general lake or area, and a handful of campsites in any given area or lake are always kept free in case of poor weather, illness, etc. Since the climate and topography of many Ontario parks closely resemble Isle Royale, perhaps the NPS could look at models across the border and compare them to policies in national parks in the USA.

I agree that preserving the community of family cabins in Tobin Harbor would help keep alive an important part of the island's history, when families made even more arduous trips than we do today, via some combination of trains, boats, and poor roads to spend weeks on the island recharging, finding inspiration for their line of work, and perfecting their fish planking and pie baking techniques in very challenging environments. I believe my relatives have provided feedback on how to preserve the Connolly Cabin and Spider Haven (the Bunkie). Spider Haven was restored just before the pandemic and is

in excellent condition, thanks to a truly communal effort involving talented family members and neighbors on Tobin Harbor.

Maintaining access to the family cabin is important to me and my kids--the sixth generation to spend time there. As a potential partner with the NPS at Isle Royale as a member of the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association, I would continue to help with upkeep on the cabin. I could contribute to initiatives in the park, including giving talks on cabin architecture in the Great Lakes region or daily life in the pre-park years (based on family diaries). I could also assist with selecting artists for the Artist-in-Residence program. (I am a historian of art and architecture). I would also advocate for IRNP in Canada, where very few people have heard of it unless they are from Thunder Bay or avid boaters on Superior. Finally, I could also help the NPS develop and promote a residency for Indigenous artists in Canada, which could help rebuild connections between the island and Anishinaabe on the other side of the border, as well as with other Nations in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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Correspondence: I have made 9 canoe trips, 3 backpacking trips, and 1 lodge visit to Isle Royale, in addition to working at the RH marina and store one college summer many years ago. Despite the required 3000 mile round trip it requires, I visit every summer that I can and will continue to for as long as I am able.

On the whole, I think plan B has the most merit, however there are a couple of issues I would address:

Party size: I very strongly feel that increasing the allowed non-group size from 6 to 8 would be a mistake. I have encountered more larger parties in recent years and find that to be distracting from the peace, quiet, and solitude of the island. Limiting larger groups to the groups sites at least maintains separation from the rest of the campground. On the other hand, I don't see a problem with increasing the group size to 12, given that they are already in group campgrounds. Reservations: I think the non-binding "reservations" of plan B is a creative solution to campground overcrowding. The fixed reservations of plan C would be disastrous, especially for paddlers who would feel forced to venture out in life-threatening conditions, or create campground conflicts by overstaying.

Bangsund Cabin: It seems to me that the Wolf Moose study could, and should, be allowed to continue from that site, similar to provisions made for Amygdaloid and Davidson. It is both a historical and cultural resource, as well as scientific, and is a large part of what makes I.R. unique and special.

Belle Isle: Frankly, I hate the idea of a group campground on Belle Isle. But if it does happen I strongly feel it should be developed to the SW of the dock, well away from the existing campground. When I first started camping there I was often alone--in more recent years it is more likely full. I would hate to see even more power boats beached on the beach because even larger groups come together.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

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Campgrounds generally only have consistent overflowing during 25% of the season (July/August). If a visitor needs a more 'wilderness experience', they could certainly research the possibility of cross-country camping instead of staying in campgrounds.

An advanced permitting system, even with 15% of campsites unreserved, would be problematic due to weather conditions and/or health/fitness issues of visitors and their overplanning, overestimating of their ability to cover the planned distances. What is to say that only 15% of the visitors, at any given time, will need/want to change their itinerary. So 20% of visitors show up at a campground they are not permitted for. Then what? 10% of them have to hike another 4 to 15 miles to the next campground, and hope 15% of those campsites are not already taken?

Winter season is problematic with lack of trail marking visible above the snow, limited NPS staffing, and deadly consequences of visitor's lack of proper preparation, etc. There is no reason to think that a certain percentage of winter visitors would be any more prepared than summer visitors.

Maintaining certain historic structures is very important. Visitor's learn so much about the island's history and their understanding of the need to protect this treasure is enhanced by visits to the Edison Fishery, Bangsund Cabin, and attending the presentations at Daisy Farm by (b) (6).

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Correspondence: NPS should allow comments to be received through 9/27/2023 given that folks are receiving the following message when they go to enter their comments: ParkPlanning.nps.gov is offline Tues. Sept. 26th starting at 2 pm MT for emergency maintenance. Expected downtime is up to four hours.

Thank you for your patience.

My comments are as follows:

I support alternative B as the preferred alternative for Isle Royale National Park to manage its wilderness area. The continuation of historic structures within wilderness does support the fifth element of wilderness values. By not saving every building everywhere, resources can be focused on critical locations and historical stories that are integral to park development and part of its foundation resources. Alternative C reduces the number of historic structures managed in a preservation status and thus diminishes the fifth element of wilderness to a point where the centuries of use by humans at the island loses a richer context. The structures not only have their own stories to tell of modern times, but most of the structures are sitting on sites long used by indigenous people. The site can more fully be interpreted by using the interior of the structures to tell multiple stories of human occupation through time and reduce visual impacts of interpretation at the site. Most 19th and 20th century structures are well documented. I would encourage the park to emphasize the gathering of the indigenous stories of place and use of these unique islands and ensure that the timeline of human uses at a site are well interpreted. I believe the rich stories and use by indigenous people for centuries has been muted by the voices of former life lessee's families. The 19th and 20th century histories on the island are important but should not overshadow the thousands of years of use by indigenous people. Thus, if the park is in a limited resource situation for cultural resources interpretation it needs to prioritize filling out the history of indigenous use before it is lost as tribal elders age. Climate change and future Management. Moving researchers from Bangsund cabin and leaving administrative use of Davidson and Amygdaloid have added advantages relative to climate change. Patterns of use would indicate less motorized boat traffic to the main island if the research stations were concentrated at Daisy farm. Daisy farm, which is out of wilderness, would allow for more amenities to deal with water and sewer, and the processing of specimens could be done in an area designed to provide lab and cleaning facilities. Davidson Island has been a centrally located launching site for scientists and enhances communication between the NPS natural resources employees and visiting scientists as proximity has led to many dinner conversations.

Bangsund Cabin and outbuildings could continue to serve as a center for interpretation of the on-going wolf and moose research with interior exhibits and allow both self-exploration and/or on-site interpretive. Since research is an integral part of managing wilderness, I would hope the MRA takes into account how interpretative programing is enhanced by the interpretation at the place where the majority of work was done, no matter who is responsible for the science. Since both the lighthouse and research cabins are a popular day trip adventure, continuing their interpretive use helps to reduce impacts to solitude on the island by providing day trippers a half day outing in an area backpackers don't typically reach unless they employ a boating option; and allowing the solitude of non-motorized and motorized boaters options to explore and absorb the research history via interpretation with either static or live presentations on their own schedules allows for increased solitude for visitors.

Allowing Feldtmann fire tower to just molder may create a dangerous public nuisance as people try to explore it while it has deteriorated and is unsafe to climb. I would support complete or partial removal, or an adapted molder where the cab is placed on the ground and the tower is also laid down or removed.

I appreciate the fact that a decision on the Amygdaloid Ranger Station will wait until an MRA is completed, but it should be noted that Amygdaloid Island can only be accessed by boaters and is part of an outer Island reef system that faces a low use area and islands south towards the main island. As such, it has a minimal impact of noise and potential visuals on wilderness when used as a ranger station, in comparison to relocating it to Belle Isle, where it would impact a broader area of wilderness to the south and require significant additional infrastructure. It would potentially reduce docking space at Belle Isle, impacting the number of boaters who want to use it as a base to explore the north shore and fish. Response time and carbon footprint implications should be evaluated in addition to the MRA prior to any action to relocate the current Ranger Station. Isle Royale is a difficult place for employees to be off duty as off-duty recreation typically has to occur on the island. Putting a Ranger station on a very popular recreational campground and Island would result in a reduction in employee down time as well as potential nonemergency visitor interruptions during critical response times.

I am not sure the permitting system as explained in Alt B has been well understood by commentors to the plan. If I understand it correctly, by gaining access to the on-line system you can plan a route that will result in you hopefully not sharing a campsite as additional users will be able to see where the campgrounds have reached the 85% and plan alternatives accordingly. A visitor is not mandated to stick to the route if weather or physical abilities result in a change. Monitoring of this permit system will be critical to determine how well it prevents campground crowding.

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Correspondence: Comment on the EIS

Overall, I feel that Plan B relates more to the needs of present time and all the various stakeholders in the project.

I do have a problem with "stabilization", as each and every structure tells part of the story. Let's organize to preserve all but the mouldering structures.

Let's work out a way for visitors who would like to visit a cabin or cabins could do so on a scheduled basis. Most if not all inhabitants of the cabins would be happy to share stories and show the cabins. We have done this a lot over the years, and everybody loves it. Perhaps the Lodge could help facilitate this as a Sandy tour.

There are two things that don't line up with the preservation of pristine wilderness, which I wish the Park could do something about. One is the flat out use of Tobin Harbor as a runway for the seaplanes. The roar is deafening as the planes go over at an elevation of about 200 feet.

Secondly, on a calm night, the rumble of the RHL generator can easily be heard all up and down Tobin Harbor. It is disturbing. It would be great for all humans and wildlife if the noise could be diminished by a significant amount, returning the Harbor to the pristine sense of stillness and silence that we enjoy at night in the wilderness.

Thank you, (b) (6)

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Correspondence: Thank you for allowing the public the opportunity to comment on the draft WSP/EIS as presented. I am fully supportive of the comments submitted by The Isle Royale Friends and Families Association (IRFFA) and want to add a few personal impressions focusing on the importance of cultural heritage.

I am writing in Maine on a simple camp table seated on an old hickory chair. The chair and the table belonged to my great grandparents Frederick W. and Lee Dassler and are from the Dassler cabin at Isle Royale. At the time of our family's removal from the island in 1992, the cabin was the only family home remaining, so my brother Skip, cousin Rich, and I took what we could. A weighty charge: six generations of memories stowed in modest structures on a chunk of basalt in Lake Superior.

The Island is why my brother got his masters degree in oceanography and was career Navy. The Island is why I got my masters in historic preservation and have formed my career in landscape conservation.

I am 66 now. I spent a portion of every August on the island when I was young. College years got messy as my parents divorced. I have experienced the island twice as a hiker and once as an artist in residence after the death of my father. In more recent years I've been blessed to go as a Volunteer-in-Park with the Snell family. Spending the predominance of my vacation caring for the cabins/homes of dear Tobin's Harbor friends has been a gift. The Island is in my bones, my soul. I've read through the extensive draft WSP/EIS which presents three options A, B, and C to manage a myriad of historic structures, most as yet undocumented and unassessed vis-a-vis their national significance, yet all part of an ethnographic puzzle reflecting cultural history, the island's ecology, and the over-arching temperament of Lake Superior. I believe that these camps are each their own complex landscape formed of similar functioning pieces (privy, sleeping cabin, main cabin, boat house/fish house) and that they are all necessary to understand the flow and function of the daily life of each camp and each camp's relationship to its "Resort" community at Isle Royale: Rock Harbor, Tobin Harbor, Washington Harbor, and Belle Isle. The camps and the communities amass an invaluable national asset, an unblemished window into a simpler time experienced in an isolated complex environment.

To cavalierly condemn some structures to molder, others to be stabilized (i.e. molder) while select buildings are allowed to be preserved will result in an curated version of preservation that makes no functional sense.

For three decades I've found a modicum of solace knowing that while I cannot stay in the Dassler cabin, artists can, and have. I am stunned by the proposed day-only use of the Dassler cabin which would functionally create artist in residence program with no residency on an isolated island in the middle of Lake Superior. Artists do not apply to come to Isle Royale to paint in a cabin, they are coming to paint/photograph/write in nature. They need safe harbor, a place to bed down after a day outside. Please continue the residency.

I am confounded by the inherent tension created by not acknowledging that the island is not, and was not, a wilderness when people like my great grandparents helped create the park a century ago. The island was not a wilderness when trappers and fishermen of European decent arrived on the shores of Minong two centuries ago. Indigenous peoples had been on the island for over 5,000 years. To establish wilderness as a standard to be maintained is false and inherently fraught. Congressional action to redefine wilderness/non-wilderness areas should be sought. Get the historic structures out of wilderness or potential wilderness.

I confess that I do not understand the tension between historic structures and the experience of solitude. I personally have experienced profound moments of inner reflection and solitude within architecture. To see historic structures, well preserved and interpreted within wilderness, provides scale, cultural anchoring, and perspective.

We, all of us who have been born into families with ties to, and possibly structures on, Isle Royale, have experienced

privilege in our lives. It is not a privilege easily experienced. It takes determination, gumption, creativity, and many modes of travel to achieve a stay on the Island. There is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of knowing the Island. My grandparents and many others who helped promote the establishment of Isle Royale as a National Park understood the privilege they had experienced, and knew that responsible conservation was needed to protect the resource. Now here we are generations later: there is not a one of us unwilling to share our privilege responsibly.

The Park's responsibility is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Do not forget the cultural and human resources inherent to Isle Royale.

With appreciation for all of the effort involved.

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Regarding the proposal to book 85% of sites in advance, and leave 15% to accommodate flexible itineraries, I think this would be preferable to a fixed itinerary system, due to safety concerns and the unpredictable nature of logistics on the island, as well as to maximize campers' enjoyment and flexibility. Additionally, since many of Isle Royale's campgrounds have just a few sites each, it would be beneficial to have a mechanism to ensure that the 15% open sites are distributed throughout the island and throughout campgrounds that typically serve different types of users (boaters/paddlers/backpackers).

Cultural history

Increasing access to select historic structures, such as by creating a new trail in the Tobin Harbor area, and allowing day access to certain structures, would create exciting opportunities to better experience them.

As buildings progress through the stabilization period, I would support efforts to ensure these structures are able to progress to preservation status.

Regarding the proposal to remove the structures on Wright Island under Alternative B: Personally, I feel that this place's associations with Ingeborg Holte, and the fact that her story--as a woman, and as a life-long resident who was keenly appreciative of the island--is preserved in her own words through her autobiography, makes this a very special place with great interpretive value. If it could be safely maintained, being located near the proposed Wright Island campground could increase its value, by creating opportunities for visitors to experience the location. I strongly support stabilizing, and hopefully preserving this cabin.

The Wilderness Stewardship Plan makes the critical point that preserving Isle Royale's historic structures facilitates the interpretation of residents of European ancestry on the island. I am eager to see in what ways the Wilderness Stewardship Plan might be an opportunity to facilitate interpretation and preservation of Indigenous history of the island, as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important resource. What a fantastic place this ISRO! And what an opportunity to help shape the face of the park and user experiences!

I visited ISRO for 8 days during July-August 2023 for the purpose of sea kayaking. We had a group of four paddler. We landed at Rock Harbor via the Ranger III and paddled to :

Merritt Lane - 1 night
Belle Isle - 3 nights
Merritt Lane - 1 night
Tookers Island - 1 night
Daisy Farm - 2 nights
Rock Harbor - 1 night

This was reasonably close to our planned itinerary.

We visited Crystal Cove, looked for the sea arch (and did not find) on Amygdaloid Island.
We visited Bangsund cabin and met the Peterson's and learned of the Wolf/Moose project.
We hiked to Ojibway Tower on a loop route.
We visited the Edisen historic fishery and hiked to Rock Harbor Lighthouse.
We kayaked to Moskey Basin camp and hiked to Lake Richie.

We camped next to a group of 6 fishermen at Merrit, a grandfather, his two sons and 3 grandsons. We traded them brownies for cooked lake trout and it was fun to meet this family of outdoorsmen from upper Michigan. Another night we met a couple who had rented a canoe at Rock Harbor and was camped at Merrit. We helped them with their canoe and gave them some food. We met some grand people at Belle Isle. We loved meeting the volunteers at Edisen and the Petersons. We also met the Edwards family. We met 3 older gentlemen at Tookers and carried most of their gear from their boat to their shelter as they were a bit frail. Rock Harbor was quite busy and dusty although this is understandable. It's a bit of a reality shock when coming in from the backcountry! Daisy Farm was pretty busy as well but we met quite a few nice people there - many wearing full bug suits!

I think there needs to be a wilderness stewardship plan to combine the best of the A, B, and C options.
I do think there should be reasonable visitor quotas with a reservation system that allows some flexibility in camping plans especially for sea kayakers because of being more weather-affected than other users. I think the wilderness experience could be enhanced for kayakers if small scattered tent only campsites with composter or box toilets could be developed and maintained to facilitate kayaker accommodations. On our trip we were fortunate to have had shelters despite being prepared to camp. We know there is heavy demand for powerboat camping in some of the areas we visited.

I feel that in general the mixing of different types of people and user groups is a plus for visitors. I know big numbers could cause friction but we do need to tolerate and even help each other. Given the big building presences on Mott and Rock Harbor and just knowing these footprints are there does alter one's wilderness experience perception however it just becomes a part of the milieu. The only negative I felt during our trip was frequent elevated noise levels from seaplanes. I understand they are necessary but perhaps overly convenient? I would support decreasing the amount of flights allowed and perhaps change the routes to decrease the noise experienced by users. I do think the development of additional shelters and tent pads at established campgrounds is inevitable.

For educational and cultural resources ISRO is priceless. What we know both of the prehistory and recorded history of the island is vast and varied. I think we should consider and investigate a deeper dive into certain areas that would truly make ISRO the gem of island National Parks and overshadow other units like South Manitou Island and Raspberry Island Light Station. This is not to take away from these beautiful areas that we have also kayaked to but on ISRO it would be possible to:

Develop a youth science camp at Crystal Cove.

Develop a re-creation of historic copper mining with Chippewa tribe members. This could also include artisanal jewelry making that could be exclusively sold through ISRO offices and concessionaires or additional outlets.

Develop a re-creation of a family fishery that could in part supply food to Rock Harbor Lodge and perhaps sell smoked fish on premises to visitors.

I also feel that the Edisen fishery and Bangsund cabin/Wolf Moose research project should be continued in situ.

I also feel that families with long-term presence on the island - like the Edwards family - whether it be life leases or similar should be maintained and allowed to remain as long as the family desires and longer if VIP or similar can then take over management.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

I can't wait to go back!

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Correspondence: My husband and I did a 5 day/4night backpacking trip to Isle Royale in August 2019, It was our first time to this national park. As a reference we moved campgrounds each of the 4 nights, which was our intention when planning the trip.

We have camped & hiked at a few other national parks, some requiring permit access.

I spent two summers as a trip guide/planner in the BWCAW while working at a summer camp in northern MN, and taken many personal trips to the BWCAW. Each BWCAW trip required acquiring a permit for a specific entry point on a specific date, seasonally May-Sept. There is a set quota of permits allowed.

Based on my experience wilderness camping and working within the confines of permits & quota limits, the experience we had on Isle Royale would likely have been better with a quota limit in place. Better in the specifics of less crowded campgrounds, specifically Daisy Farm & Rock Harbor where we shared a campsite each night. Better in the sense of more solitude, a calmer more relaxed trip to really enjoy the natural habitat. The feelings & energy we experience are reciprocal with the land, animals & environment. We felt very rushed hiking each day to get to the next campground & get a site. It is a bit uncomfortable and awkward asking to share a site, even when we were given that guidance when arriving on the island. We were very surprised how many people we saw in the campgrounds.

Camping at Lane Cove was quite honestly terrible. We arrived early afternoon & every site was taken, most with already two groups. We camped in a & "make-shift" campsite, far right side of the campground, near the water when you come down the trail. This had clearly been a well used & "new rogue" campsite, tiny, on a slant, our tent fit so we felt relieved.

Hiking everyday became a quest to get to the next location, not to log a set number of miles & certainly know time to really enjoy the park, but to get a spot to camp!

A quota/permit system should be put in place for the preservation of the park.

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Correspondence: My feedback is based on being a day hiker, multi-day backpacker, and boater on the island since the mid-1990s.

If I had to select one plan in whole, it would be Alternative A (No Changes). However, I don't believe any of these Alternatives in isolation address the needs of this National Park. My preference would be a combination of Alternative A of

keeping things largely the same, especially NO CHANGES to the existing flexible permit system in combination with adding additional camping sites and shelters to existing campgrounds, as well as possibly adding new campgrounds and boat docks. This would allow both the flexibility that users seek (and require in this very weather dependent island wilderness) and the extra capacity needed for the recent uptick in park utilization.

Under no circumstances should a reservation system be implemented. This is not a drive-up park. There is probably no other park in the National Park system that is as impacted by weather for basic travel, daily plans, or safety. This is true for all user types - backpackers, boaters, and kayakers. The best plans (and reservations) are quickly impacted due to weather. This is true of every trip I have ever taken to the island. Weather rules everything. Mother Superior controls everything. People roll with and the National Park System should too. As a boater especially, we have had to delay a trip to the island by up to a week due to rough seas. If a reservation system was in place and we missed "our week", would we just have to cancel the trip?

In recent years there have been some congestion at a few popular campgrounds. However, I have never seen it lead to issues or confrontation. Everyone is willing to share a campsite if required.

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Correspondence: I would like to submit that using Bangsund cabin for the headquarters of the Moosewatch program, through the Isle Royale Institute fosters in the volunteer citizen scientists a special feeling of being a part of the process. Rolf and Candy have created a community and a tradition around this program with their presence on the island and their love and care in the past few decades for the research. It is this that makes the Moosewatch program a valuable asset for education and engagement.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is (b) (6) and I am a native of Houghton Michigan. I worked on Isle Royale national park for the 2019 season and have gone back to hike every single year since. Isle Royale is a very special place to me. It's solitude and beauty is unmatched!

After reading the proposals for the upcoming years, and possible changes on the horizon.. it is my opinion not to do anything that involves Alternative C. I do not think that the removal of shelters would be beneficial to the island experience at all. The shelters are appreciated and in good standing condition.

I am mostly on board with Alternative A, which is no change at all. But do think that adding more shelters and campsites would be beneficial to the park. However, I DO NOT agree with the prior need to make reservation and filling the campsites up to 85%

So much can happen on the trail, and I speak from much experience! We have had to change our route more than once and are so thankful that we had the flexibility to do so. It would be too stressful to require campers and visitors to reserve campsites ahead of time. To me it would take away from the experience of leisurely hiking and just being on the fly. It would add pressure to some, and possible drama.

I do believe that reevaluating the "winter closer" after 5 years time could be good! I am down to do some winter camping on the island! I also think adding two campsites on Wright island and on Johns island.

DO NOT take away any hiking trails. Instead perhaps.. let's add a few more?

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Correspondence: In order to protect Isle Royale's sense of Wilderness and solitude, I think Alternative C is the best option. To reduce stress on the wildlife from human traffic during the spring, summer, and fall months, it would be best to close the Park during the winter months.

Thank you for allowing me to express these comments and for taking them into consideration.

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Correspondence: I've visited Isle Royale for backpacking trips at least five times over the past 15 years and over that time have hiked every mile of every trail on the main island - Isle Royale is a beautiful, unique and truly special place. In making management changes, whatever they may be, please try to be mindful of what makes Isle Royale Isle Royale so it can keep its character for generations to come.

I support "no-action" or a modified Alternative B as detailed below. Please don't go with Alternative C!

I definitely vote for the "no-action" option when it comes to Wilderness Permitting. The "first come, first served", flexible itinerary approach is uncommon and such a great part of Isle Royale camping and backpacking; please don't change it. Everyone gets the option of tailoring their trip itinerary on the fly, based on reality. I myself have been glad to alter my plans on more than one trip to Isle Royale - sometimes things don't work out the way you thought they would when planning the trip on paper! There was the time I got sick and needed to rest up before going on; the epic tent failure in cold, rainy weather when I was grateful to be able to divert over to a campsite with shelters and those times I optimistically overestimated how many miles I REALLY could do that day. Because I was free to adjust my route as needed, I had an amazing trip anyway despite these little hitches. And the best itinerary changes were when it was just so beautiful where I was that I decided to stay an extra day to really enjoy it. All that goes away if the vast majority of the sites have to be booked in advance or they're taken over by expanded commercial operations. Please don't ruin things for us solo or small-group hikers who just want to come to the island and happily backpack around without stress as the spirit moves us, finding our bliss. 😊 If you must change to a reservation system, at least make it 50-50 - 50 percent available for advance booking and 50 percent left open to try to keep the spirit of a really great system. 85 percent booking is just too high.

Wilderness experience: I support No action or Alternative B. I definitely support the future addition of new camp sites (for land or water access; primitive or with tables and shelters) and trails. I see that as an excellent way to support the increasing visitor count and improve the wilderness experience for everyone by offering more places to go. And whatever you do, please don't tear down the shelters! Everyone loves them and they are a great feature, one I haven't seen at other parks I've been to. (I can't tell you what a treat it is to arrive at a site after a long day on the trail and discover there's an open shelter!) The picnic tables should be left in place as well. It's ok that some sites have these amenities that people really enjoy. The campsites along the interior lakes are all primitive and off-trail permits are available for those who seek an even more secluded, primitive experience. The current system already offers all options for everyone to plan the trip they want so there is no need to waste tax-payer funds ripping out campsite structures that are popular with the majority of visitors or closing down existing campsites and trails. Isle Royale offers something for everyone. (How does offering LESS sites and trails alleviate visitor congestion and enhance solitude anyway?)

Winter Camping - I support Alternative B

If there is a large interest in winter camping on Isle Royale and the lake stops freezing over a consistent period of time I think it should be considered. My concern is the resources that may need to be expended to keep winter access safe. If there is only limited interest in winter camping and allowing it would require substantial park resources I think it would be

better to keep the island closed in winter and divert those resources to other higher priority park needs. (Like adding new trails and campsites!)

Historical Preservation - I support Alternative B

I think the history of the island and its artifacts enhance its appeal so I am in favor of a reasonable level of preservation efforts for structures of interest and significance.

A word on Alternative C: No! Just, NO.

Removing existing trails, campsites and the beloved shelters in the name of "solitude" is a terrible idea, especially if you are trying to increase public access to the park. I don't see how you can expand access to Isle Royale if there are less places for people to go than there are now. And most people LOVE the shelters. Tearing down existing structures that people really like is not a good use of limited funding. Those who find such things offensive can deliberately plan their trips to avoid them, using only the primitive camp sites or maximizing their solitude by obtaining off-trail camping permits or visiting off-season, leaving the campsites with amenities to everyone else.

Thank you for this opportunity participate in this process.

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Correspondence: I am not in favor of increasing the number of people allowed on the island nor am I in favor of decreasing the number of campsites. I believe the foremost issue to conquer is the overfilled latrines at the most popular campgrounds. I would encourage serious consideration of some modern and realistic technology to address the human waste issues. I have visited the island multiple times, usually at the western side, and have hiked and paddled to multiple camping areas on the island. I routinely have seen latrines near or actually overflowing. I appreciate the challenges of finding suitable sites on an area the seems to be wetland or solid rock that coincides with a campground. Perhaps it is time to use transportable containers, (like New Zealand) or composting toilet technology with a solar electricity component.

I would be in favor of an additional hiking trail on the south side of the island along the shoreline between Siskiwit Bay and Malone Bay.

Thank you for taking my comments.

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Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Commercial guided trips should be limited if overuse and campsite conflicts are becoming overwhelming. Boating and fishing are parts of the history and culture of Isle Royale. All user groups should be treated equally. If you are going to expand a campground for one group but close down a dock, then another dock should be considered somewhere else, in an appropriate area where overnight docking is not currently allowed, away from the main island.

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Correspondence: Greetings,

I have been a recurring "MooseWatch" volunteer for the MTU Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Study since 2005, for which I have participated in 46 week-long field work expeditions. About half of those have been based out of Bangsund Cabin, so I am

quite familiar with the place.

If the non-historical structures of the Bangsund Cabin complex were to be eliminated, it would cripple a highly functional research station, as well as a tremendous source of positive public outreach. I would therefore recommend maintaining it in its current state: accessible and welcoming, to visitors, volunteers, and researchers of all kinds! :-)

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Correspondence: STICK TO WHAT THE WILDERNESS ACT STIPULATES!

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Correspondence: I support alternative A, no action. After reading through all three proposals, and not being privy to any inside info, it appears to me that there probably are some changes that need to be made. It seems to me, though, that someone is taking the opportunity to make some sensible changes and using it to try to make unnecessary overarching changes. That's just a natural human impulse though, I suppose. It's something we all do when given the opportunity. It seems to me that when people are in the wilderness they just do not want to be overburdened with rules and regulations. It is likely a reason to go there in the first place. Alternatives B and C seem to me to be quite burdened with rules and regulations. Thus my support for alternative A. It is unfortunate that one of the other two alternatives could not be a more sensible, pared down list of changes. Instead, you present one lambastic alternative and one alternative you hope people will see as sensible. In my opinion, neither B or C are sensible. Thus my support for alternative A.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale - Don't Let Perfect Get In The Way of Good

Clearly, there is no perfect plan for Isle Royale that will meet every visitors need or desires. That said, all three of these plans have merit and show love and care for Isle Royale.

I prefer Option B and believe it is thoughtful and progressive. But I do wish to express the following:

Crowd/Population Control - The booking system is a good step toward controlling the number of total visitors to Isle Royale but I believe the park and the wilderness will benefit if a quota of daily visitors is established and the number of visitors on the island is controlled. This is done at the Lost Coast in Northern California with much success and I believe it will benefit Isle Royale.

Campsite/Camp Shelter Reservation - I endorse this action as an unwelcome necessity of the online age and the growing popularity of Isle Royale.

Architectural/Historic Structure Preservation - I highly recommend the NPS work with the Families of Isle Royale and embrace their presence, expertise, dedication and love of Isle Royale when planning and preserving historic structures. Let me family renew leases if they maintain and preserve their historic structures. This is a win-win situation for Isle Royale. Be bold. Be smart. Work together.

Thank You,

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Correspondence: As the author of the National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Tobin Harbor Historic District, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

Tobin Harbor is recognized as a nationally significant historic district and thus the National Park Service should be committed to the preservation of the district. It is noted several times in the document that the NPS will prioritize the preservation of nationally significant resources. In addition, the National Historic Preservation Act discusses the obligations of federal agencies to preserve nationally significant properties.

As I read over the treatment options, I agree there are several buildings in the Tobin Harbor Historic District that may be considered beyond repair and will be allowed to "molder." I was very troubled, however, with the rather confusing concept of "stabilization" as applied to Tobin Harbor. It sets the stage for the deterioration or removal of buildings if a nebulous public partnership is not formed. Why would a public partnership be required to preserve a nationally significant district? And the document does not define the nature of this partnership or what would be required of it. In addition, there is no specific information as to how buildings in Tobin Harbor were selected for the "stabilization" category. In one section, it is stated that one criterion in general for preservation on Isle Royale is whether a resource is a major building. However, the nomination makes it clear that small scale buildings contribute to the significance of the Tobin Harbor Historic District. And why would the How Cabin and How Guest Cabin be included on this list? Both are major buildings. Their categorization in the "stabilization" category would appear to set the stage for the removal of the entire How Camp. I won't go through the entire list of buildings in the "stabilization" category, but I could make similar comments about every building in that category. It could be concluded there is a desire to reduce the number of buildings in Tobin Harbor. Fortunately, the buildings in Tobin Harbor are simple frame buildings with no mechanical systems, which certainly facilitates their preservation. Again, this is a nationally significant historic district that should be preserved in its entirety.

Also, I would suggest including the Tobin Harbor Historic District National Register Nomination in the bibliography along with a link to the nomination as well as the accompanying photos and maps.

I was also rather amazed at the very esoteric discussions about the concept of "wilderness" and how it impacts the preservation of historic resources. I think the general public would find this baffling. And in terms of Tobin Harbor, it is puzzling to think of limitations on activities relating to the buildings in Tobin Harbor with its close proximity to the highly developed Rock Harbor area of Isle Royale.

During my time on Isle Royale, the visitors I met in the campground or during my boat trips to and from the island were fascinated when I told them about my project working on a National Register Nomination for Tobin Harbor. I met one man who had been camping in nearly every national park. After describing my project and showing him photos of the buildings in Tobin Harbor, he commented, "I will never look at a National Park the same way again." I'll conclude by stating I believe there is an untapped audience for the cultural resources on Isle Royale and I encourage the National Park Service to embrace this opportunity.

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Correspondence: As someone who has been experiencing Isle Royale almost every year since 1984, I care a great deal about what happens on the island. My husband and I have repeatedly backpacked, canoed, and sea kayaked there, including our children and older relatives in three- and four-generation backcountry trips.. We also led 40 Elderhostel/Road Scholar groups (educational day-trips out from the lodge) from 2002 to 2019 and are now leading lifelong learning courses out of the lodge under a CUA (Sweetwater Visions). This has given us a nearly 40-year perspective on visitor activities on the island, and an understanding of how important the Isle Royale experience is to visitors with a wide range of ages and abilities.

Overall, I agree with much of Alternative B ("Preferred Alternative"). The described backcountry permitting system sounds like it might resolve a number of current permitting issues, while continuing to allow flexible itineraries, which is important. We have used camping permit systems in other parks that require you to be in a certain campsite on a certain day -- that can push campers to move camp in dangerous weather conditions or when they need a rest day (from injury or exhaustion) but feel forced to move on. This raises the risk of injuries and accidents, increasing calls for NPS assistance. I support the flexible-itinerary permitting system described under Alternative B and object to the not-flexible reservation system described under Alternative C.

I agree with Alternative B's plan to retain the Indian Portage Trail south of Lake Richie, as opposed to Alternative C's plan to remove part of that trail. Removing that section of trail would dispossess backpackers from being able to reach Chippewa Harbor at all, and I fail to understand the reasoning for doing that. Years ago attempts were made to eliminate that trail, but hikers needed/wanted to make that connection and continued to use it, going around efforts to block the trail. Eliminating a popular trail just runs the risk of many hikers still trying to follow that route but perhaps putting themselves at risk by following a no-longer maintained trail.

I agree with Alternative B's plan for the park to remain closed in winter, and disagree with Alternative C's plan to allow winter access to the park. It seems that allowing winter public use would require NPS presence in the winter, adding significantly to park costs. Winter weather presents too many additional risks, logistics, and liabilities. A better use of NPS funds would be to add backcountry rangers in non-winter seasons, and leave the park closed in winter.

I especially object to Alternative C's plan to remove shelters. This might satisfy wilderness purists, but would make it more difficult for other campers with some physical limitations. And the removal of shelters would not even achieve the desired effect of increased solitude and wilderness character, because many shelters are in campgrounds with boat docks. You will not "restore campgrounds to their natural conditions" unless you also remove the docks. As long as boaters are docking near a campground, the mechanized sounds of motors, generators, radios, and voices will shatter the desired solitude. I am not suggesting that you actually remove docks, but the idea of removing shelters from lakeside campgrounds that still have docks would not create the intended solitude and restore the wilderness character.

I appreciate the acknowledgement (on page 81) of the negative effects on the soundscape of the large diesel generators on Mott Island, Rock Harbor, and Windigo. This generator noise has been a long-term annoyance in our wilderness trips over the years, and the more recent placement of a loud Mott Island generator seemed especially effective at transmitting noise across the Rock Harbor corridor. While I was glad to see NPS acknowledge the generator problem, I did not see any solutions proposed, and strongly encourage NPS to address this in a Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

When considering ways to best enable future stewardship of wilderness at Isle Royale, our experience has been that the presence of backcountry rangers is crucial. When first traveling through Isle Royale's backcountry in the mid-1980s, we frequently encountered backcountry rangers, and found them to be excellent role models for appropriate wilderness ethics and techniques; visitors learned from them, and also knew someone with authority was nearby to enforce rules. These backcountry rangers were friendly and not heavy-handed, using infractions as learning experiences and giving tickets for only the most egregious offenses; they engendered a sense of respect and appreciation for the Park Service amongst the campers -- excellent public relations. As the years went on and NPS suffered budget cuts, encounters with backcountry

rangers became less and less frequent until they were almost non-existent. As the NPS presence in the backcountry decreased, we witnessed a growing disregard for following NPS rules -- illegal campfires, illegal campsites, groups using individual sites, bathing and washing dishes in lakes, trash and fish remains left in campsites, etc. We even heard comments indicating people knew they wouldn't be caught. We know that boaters regularly arrive from Minnesota or the Keweenaw and dock overnight without permits. And it is clear that park visitors are aware that there is very little NPS presence in the campgrounds and on the trails. One of the best things that NPS can do to support stewardship of wilderness at Isle Royale is to increase their own appropriate presence in the backcountry -- especially with backcountry rangers, and maintaining staff at Malone Bay and Amygdaloid Island.

Finally, I am very concerned to see plans to relocate researcher activities and overnight use of Bangsund Cabin, and hope this idea will be dropped from the final plan. The presence of researchers at Bangsund Cabin has provided the rare opportunity for park visitors to meet and talk with the people who have been actively involved with the internationally renowned Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Study -- the world's longest running predator-prey study. We have brought many groups to Bangsund Cabin, and these participants have valued the strong educational component of the displays, along with the rare opportunity to meet and talk with researchers. Often this opportunity has been described as "one of the high points" of visitors' trips. I am concerned that the described plan says: "After research activities are relocated and occupancy ends, the NPS would evaluate opportunities at the site, including interpretation." It does not make sense to remove the best people who can interpret the site and then replace them with "interpretation" by others unrelated to the research.

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Correspondence: As someone who has been experiencing Isle Royale almost every year since 1984, I care a great deal about what happens on the island. My wife and I have repeatedly backpacked, canoed, and sea kayaked there, including our children and older relatives in three- and four-generation backcountry trips.. We also led 40 Elderhostel/Road Scholar groups (educational day-trips out from the lodge) from 2002 to 2019 and are now leading lifelong learning courses out of the lodge under a CUA (Sweetwater Visions). This has given us a nearly 40-year perspective on visitor activities on the island, and an understanding of how important the Isle Royale experience is to visitors with a wide range of ages and abilities.

Overall, I agree with much of Alternative B ("Preferred Alternative"). The described backcountry permitting system sounds like it might resolve a number of current permitting issues, while continuing to allow flexible itineraries, which is important. We have used camping permit systems in other parks that require you to be in a certain campsite on a certain day -- that can push campers to move camp in dangerous weather conditions or when they need a rest day (from injury or exhaustion) but feel forced to move on. This raises the risk of injuries and accidents, increasing calls for NPS assistance. I support the flexible-itinerary permitting system described under Alternative B and object to the not-flexible reservation system described under Alternative C.

I agree with Alternative B's plan to retain the Indian Portage Trail south of Lake Richie, as opposed to Alternative C's plan to remove part of that trail. Removing that section of trail would dispossess backpackers from being able to reach Chippewa Harbor at all, and I fail to understand the reasoning for doing that. Years ago attempts were made to eliminate that trail, but hikers needed/wanted to make that connection and continued to use it, going around efforts to block the trail. Eliminating a popular trail just runs the risk of many hikers still trying to follow that route but perhaps putting themselves at risk by following a no-longer maintained trail.

I agree with Alternative B's plan for the park to remain closed in winter, and disagree with Alternative C's plan to allow winter access to the park. It seems that allowing winter public use would require NPS presence in the winter, adding significantly to park costs. Winter weather presents too many additional risks, logistics, and liabilities. A better use of NPS funds would be to add backcountry rangers in non-winter seasons, and leave the park closed in winter.

I especially object to Alternative C's plan to remove shelters. This might satisfy wilderness purists, but would make it more difficult for other campers with some physical limitations. And the removal of shelters would not even achieve the desired effect of increased solitude and wilderness character, because many shelters are in campgrounds with boat docks. You will not "restore campgrounds to their natural conditions" unless you also remove the docks. As long as boaters are docking near a campground, the mechanized sounds of motors, generators, radios, and voices will shatter the desired solitude. I am not suggesting that you actually remove docks, but the idea of removing shelters from lakeside campgrounds that still have docks would not create the intended solitude and restore the wilderness character.

I appreciate the acknowledgement (on page 81) of the negative effects on the soundscape of the large diesel generators on Mott Island, Rock Harbor, and Windigo. This generator noise has been a long-term annoyance in our wilderness trips over the years, and the more recent placement of a loud Mott Island generator seemed especially effective at transmitting noise across the Rock Harbor corridor. While I was glad to see NPS acknowledge the generator problem, I did not see any solutions proposed, and strongly encourage NPS to address this in a Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

When considering ways to best enable future stewardship of wilderness at Isle Royale, our experience has been that the presence of backcountry rangers is crucial. When first traveling through Isle Royale's backcountry in the mid-1980s, we frequently encountered backcountry rangers, and found them to be excellent role models for appropriate wilderness ethics and techniques; visitors learned from them, and also knew someone with authority was nearby to enforce rules. These backcountry rangers were friendly and not heavy-handed, using infractions as learning experiences and giving tickets for only the most egregious offenses; they engendered a sense of respect and appreciation for the Park Service amongst the campers -- excellent public relations. As the years went on and NPS suffered budget cuts, encounters with backcountry rangers became less and less frequent until they were almost non-existent. As the NPS presence in the backcountry decreased, we witnessed a growing disregard for following NPS rules -- illegal campfires, illegal campsites, groups using individual sites, bathing and washing dishes in lakes, trash and fish remains left in campsites, etc. We even heard comments indicating people knew they wouldn't be caught. We know that boaters regularly arrive from Minnesota or the Keweenaw and dock overnight without permits. And it is clear that park visitors are aware that there is very little NPS presence in the campgrounds and on the trails. One of the best things that NPS can do to support stewardship of wilderness at Isle Royale is to increase their own appropriate presence in the backcountry -- especially with backcountry rangers, and maintaining staff at Malone Bay and Amygdaloid Island.

Finally, I am very concerned to see plans to relocate researcher activities and overnight use of Bangsund Cabin, and hope this idea will be dropped from the final plan. The presence of researchers at Bangsund Cabin has provided the rare opportunity for park visitors to meet and talk with the people who have been actively involved with the internationally renowned Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Study -- the world's longest running predator-prey study. We have brought many groups to Bangsund Cabin, and these participants have valued the strong educational component of the displays, along with the rare opportunity to meet and talk with researchers. Often this opportunity has been described as "one of the high points" of visitors' trips. I am concerned that the described plan says: "After research activities are relocated and occupancy ends, the NPS would evaluate opportunities at the site, including interpretation." It does not make sense to remove the best people who can interpret the site and then replace them with "interpretation" by others unrelated to the research.

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Correspondence: As someone who has visited Isle Royale many times and has volunteered as part of the Moose Watch program and as a Volunteer In Park, I feel that any option except Alternative A would destroy the things that make ISRO so special. It seems like incorporating some of the structure stabilization/preservation from Alternative B without adding or changing the current campground system could be obtained without taking away the aspects of ISRO that visitors have come to expect and enjoy. I realize that the park has become more popular in recent years and that more people has led to more issues or problems with overcrowding and encroachment on wilderness areas. But changing the park to accommodate more people does not seem like a logical answer. The plan states that its purpose is not to look at changes to

the ferries or sea plane because that subject doesn't speak to the purpose of preserving the wilderness character of the island. More boat trips/sea plane flights equals more people. More people equals more impact on the wilderness. Seems like the method of how people get to the the island is a key reason why the park is experiences these growing pains. Keep ISRO magical. To do that there is no option except Alternative A.

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Correspondence: Untrammelled. Human congestion is the greatest contemporary detriment to wilderness. Give the moose room to breathe. Decongest the island by allowing for more natural loops and less dead ends; adding a trail from Lane Cove to McCargoe's Cove along the Stanley Ridge, and adding a trail from the south end of Lake Richie to Malone Bay. To complement those additions, add a campground at Linklater Lake and expand Lake Whittlesey.

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Correspondence: I believe Alternative A: No Action, is what's truly best for the park and wildlife. Currently, the park is not open to visitors in the winter. This allows wildlife a chance to exist for 6 months without human influence or interference. The only humans present is during the 7 week winter study period. As a part of what made this island so special, I believe winters should remain isolated and closed off to the public. Again, this allows nature to run its course without human influence, it allows scientists to observe behaviors, and if the park was open in the winter, questions/arguments for more amenities and services available open back up... already a place where people should go, with a lot of planning and preparation, or with some experience under their belt, I believe winter camping etc would only open up the national park to more accidents or SARs. Not a lot of people are well versed in winter camping, and I believe even those who are may have issues which require SAR etc. it's better to leave the park how it is now.

While we have trails set up, and shelters and campgrounds in place already, we do not need to become more "invasive" and encroach on the wilderness anymore. The shelters are something special to Isle Royale, as are the trails and campsites that exist. Visitors should not expect a 5 star resort with amenities, but go looking for solitude, an escape from the everyday hustle, and isle royale provides it. No need to change something that already works

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Correspondence: As a former CUA-holder operating guided kayaking trip that were lodge-based, I appreciate the thought behind the plans and would advocate for Alternative B even though it falls short in some areas.

As the history of the park shows, this island has been utilized by humans in numerous ways for thousands of years and preserving that cultural history should be of high importance. The island became a national park partly because the families who had established the lodges, fishing camps, and family outposts were initially trying to protect the island from the lumbering industries. And although the large tracts of Wilderness designation are wonderful, when we guided trips on the island, without fail our guests were most interested in seeing and hearing about the old structures, the families, the Indigenous stories, the wolf-moose study, shipwrecks, lighthouses, etcetera. They loved seeing the trees, wildflowers, shorelines, loons -- and maybe a moose -- but over time the Wilderness becomes monotonous and the visible human elements the gems. The deep appreciation they formed was seeing how the history and its causes and effects is part of the ISRO experiences. Keeping those histories alive and maintained allows the stories and the lessons to continue being part of the overall ISRO experience. What made guest most upset was seeing structures falling apart and discounted for their historic import.

Where the plan falls short is not creating water-based campgrounds that don't cater to motorized boats and allow for kayaking groups (whether CUA or private groups) to have places to land that keep them away from the crowded hiker sites like 3 Mile, Daisy, and Moskey. There should be a few more small campsites that can be used by the largest allowed groups with permitted use (so 4-5 2-person tents). Especially when a trip is trying to make its way back to RH, having spots they can reliably access is a matter of safety and overall trip logistics based on ferry arrival times for launching trips. And some places, like Tooker's, become squatting places for boaters who don't want to pay to stay in the marina. Merrit is also squatted on by motorized boaters, who like paddlers, can be waiting for clear weather to scoot around Blake. But with nothing else available out there, paddlers are essentially without any options far from anywhere else to go. With some structures being removed, it would seem possible to create a few more campgrounds with small campsites and no dockage and a WAG-bag enforcement for waste removal.

And although this plan only addresses the 20-year Wilderness Plan, I can state that our organization continues to receive inquiries into resuming guided kayaking trips that utilize the Rock Harbor Lodge. However with increased visitation rates, as documented in the paperwork, the Lodge has little need or interest to work with CUAs because they don't need our "help" booking rooms and making money. This then trickles down to lack of helping different groups of people access the Wilderness, even just for day use, in a safer manner than they might be able to do on their own. CUAs running guided hiking or paddling trips, like in Alternative C, are not the "enemy" to the Wilderness. The CUAs often are the best eyes and ears a staff-strapped NRS can have to what is going on in the park as well as acting as interpretive rangers outside of the Visitor Centers to both paying clients and other park visitors.

Alternative B is the best course.

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Correspondence: Greetings! I am writing to voice continued support of the wildlife research efforts that have come through the Moosewatch program over decades of dedicated service of academic scientists and passionate volunteers on Isle Royale.

This type of public-private partnership working together to leverage resources, funding opportunities, and diverse expertise holds significant and instrumental possibilities to provide a mutually beneficial service for all stakeholders while offering positive educational experiences for general park visitors.

As such, I would strongly recommend reconsidering any alternatives within the proposed ISRO Wilderness Stewardship Plan that would unnecessarily inhibit the ease of Backcountry research and overarching support of scientists, volunteers, and park visitors to experience the island in the unique and deeply connective way that the Moosewatch program has and can continue to offer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Denice Swanke, Superintendent
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Re: Comments on Proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Isle Royale National Park and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Dear Superintendent Swanke,

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We strongly support the comments submitted by the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA), and its individual members, as well as the comments submitted by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In addition, we support the comments submitted by Cindy Johns-Geisen regarding the historic Johns Cabin.

The Proposed Wilderness Stewardship Plan Does Not Comply with Section 110 of the NHPA.

In general, although the National Park Service has made progress in the past decade toward more responsible management and stewardship of the historic properties within Isle Royale, a stronger commitment to historic preservation in the planning process is required by Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 110(a) requires:

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The program shall ensure that--

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historic property under the jurisdiction or control of the agency is managed and maintained in a way that considers the preservation of their historic, archeological, architectural, and cultural values in compliance with section [106] and gives special consideration to the preservation of those values in the case of property designated as having national significance."

54 U.S.C. § 306102(a), (b)(2) (emphasis added). In addition, Section 110(f) of the NHPA requires, "to the maximum extent possible," that the agency must "undertake such planning and actions as may be necessary to minimize harm to" National Historic Landmarks. Id. § 306107.

In our view, the proposed treatment of historic properties in the draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan is not consistent with the requirements of Section 110 of the NHPA, and the National Park Service needs to modify the treatment recommendations in the plan in order to comply with the agency's legal responsibilities for the management of historic properties.

Additional Identification of Historic Properties is Needed.

The comments submitted by the SHPO identify at least eight properties that have not been adequately evaluated for their National Register eligibility. In addition, because of the stronger stewardship responsibilities that apply for historic properties with national significance, many of the historic properties within Isle Royale that are already acknowledged to be National Register-eligible need to be reassessed for their potential national significance, in light of the determination that the Tobin's Harbor Historic District is nationally significant.

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The "Stabilization" treatment option is defined as "a one-time treatment that provides temporary protection for vacant

historic structures to arrest deterioration and allow for potential future preservation efforts, should the resources and opportunities for preservation arise." DEIS at 43. While Stabilization might have a beneficial effect for a historic structure that is currently suffering from demolition by neglect, many of the historic structures proposed for Stabilization are currently receiving active preservation and ongoing maintenance work, for example, by members of IRFFA. In those cases, Stabilization would represent a significant reduction in preservation, and would indeed represent an adverse effect on the historic property. If the NPS is not willing to acknowledge these changes as adverse effects, we would intend to pursue a formal objection to these determinations pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(c)(2)(i).

The Proposed Treatments for Moldering and Demolition are Inconsistent With the Stewardship Responsibilities Required by Section 110 of the NHPA.

We strongly object to the many proposals for historic properties to be moldered or demolished, especially when they are currently being affirmatively preserved by families with strong historic and cultural connections to the properties. Additional consultation is needed to develop formal partnerships with IRFFA and others.

The National Trust is committed to remaining engaged as a consulting party in an effort to modify the proposed plan in order to avoid and minimize the substantial adverse effects of the current proposal on historic properties.

Sincerely,

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Deputy General Counsel

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Swanke:

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) appreciates the opportunity to be a Consulting Party to and provide comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilderness Stewardship Plan (WSP) and commends the effort to enhance wilderness character with specific emphasis on improving visitors' wilderness experience. NPCA supports Alternative B with additional considerations noted further below.

Since 1919, NPCA has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. NPCA and our more than 1.6 million members and supporters nationwide, including over 42,000 in the State of Michigan, advocate for America's national parks and work to protect and preserve the nation's most iconic and inspirational places for present and future generations.

Isle Royale National Park (ISRO), or Minong, is the largest archipelago in Lake Superior, about 210 square miles, and has over 400 satellite islands. ISRO is well known for wilderness character with over 99% of the park federally designated wilderness and recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve, where management seeks to achieve sustainable use of natural resources while ensuring conservation of its biological diversity. ISRO has gained interest and attention from our supporters and members with the designation of Isle Royale in 2019 as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) along with the National Park Service (NPS)'s collaboration and commitment to Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (GPB). ISRO provides a unique visitor experience with the presence of wolf and moose populations, hiking and camping, remote character and serenity, a rich pre- and post-European history, and the mysteries and power of Lake Superior or Gichigami.

Based on the ISRO's unique ecosystem, wildlife populations, traditional cultural property designation, and visitor experience, NPCA supports Alternative B with the following additional considerations:

Recognition of Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Designation

Recognizing ISRO as a designated cultural property, what it means, and the working relationship with Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa should be included in the Overview of Current Wilderness Management. Appendix B, page B-5, states that: "The NPS continues to work closely with Grand Portage Band on island matters and is strongly committed to building a more day-to-day working relationship reflecting respect for Tribal sovereignty." Recognizing and acknowledging this working relationship would be one way to show respect and build relations.

Cultural Resources in Wilderness

Traditional Cultural Property Designations signify a living community because of its association with cultural beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community's history and that are important in maintaining the community's cultural identity. As stated within NPS's Draft Quick Guide for Preserving Native American Cultural Resources, "TCP's help preserve those physical properties associated with often-intangible aspects of a local community's cultural history" (p. 2). With this reasoning behind the TCP's intent, NPS should incorporate cultural, historical resources and landscapes in the minimum requirements analysis (MRA) as they pertain to the Traditional Cultural Property Designation.

The WSP notes that the cultural, historical resources and landscapes are addressed within the Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP). Appendix B, page B-3-4 states: "The CRMP/EA additionally addresses management of traditional cultural properties that encompass the whole park." A summary of progress on the incorporation of the TCP resources and landscapes within wilderness should be included in the WSP. Additionally, if an ethnographic assessment has been completed, this should be included in the WSP; otherwise, one should be completed.

Treatments for Historic Structures and Installations

NPCA concurs with the plans for historic structures if they are in accordance with the standards in the Wilderness Act and other NPS laws, policies and guidance. However, we urge NPS to include in the WSP more detail on how any historical structures will be removed given the restrictions on the use of motorized equipment in wilderness areas. The WSP should provide details on how removal will be conducted so as not to undermine the park's wilderness designation.

NPCA supports using moldering to allow old buildings to deteriorate in wilderness areas. However, we are concerned that the plan does not address the potential impacts of moldering on the health and safety of the public, wildlife, cultural and historical resources, and landscapes. A number of questions should be addressed in the WSP, including:

- Would hazardous materials be removed from structures before they deteriorate to prevent soil and water contamination?
- What analysis would be done to prevent injury to wildlife from moldering materials?
- Would the NPS remove potentially valuable items or materials from moldering structures to prevent the buildings from attracting crime or vandalism?
- If the moldering areas are deemed a human or wildlife safety risk, would NPS move to removal or physically prevent access (fencing) to the moldering structures?
- Are cultural and historical resources and landscapes identified and where in the plan does it analyze impact upon those resources and landscapes?

The WSP should address what the proposed treatments will entail and provide clarity on how proposed treatments for historical structures may or may not impact cultural, historical resources and landscapes within the TCP, human health and safety and wildlife.

Group Size Requirements

NPCA urges NPS to compile and provide more data from visitors as part of their minimum requirement analysis. By comparison, Rocky Mountain National Park conducted a survey of day and overnight backcountry and wilderness visitors. That study was conducted to "better understand (1) the socio-demographic characteristics of visitors, (2) their trip characteristics, (3) motives for visiting, (4) activities pursued, (5) things adding or detracting from their experience, (6) their perceptions about future wilderness designation in the Park and a variety of current and potential Backcountry/Wilderness

management actions." According to the study, "about 41% of those surveyed, said there should be limits on group size, and the great majority of these favored group sizes between four and ten with six people per group as the most common response." See Wallace et al., A Survey of Day and Overnight Backcountry/Wilderness Visitors in Rocky Mountain National Park, p. 53 (2004).

The WSP proposes to increase the group size limit from 10 to 12 and up to 40 in the Front Country Zone to improve the visitors' wilderness experience. However, the WSP offers no underlying data to support the increase in group size. Furthermore, it is not clear if cultural and historical resources and landscapes were considered in these areas where an increase in group size is proposed. Finally, GPB has direct relations with the moose, wolf and island and their voice is critical to any changes made to support their cultural identity, and if analysis was conducted, it should be included in the WSP.

Wilderness Permitting Systems

The plan proposes a permit system "issued until campgrounds are booked to 85% of capacity. The remaining 15% of campsites would not be booked in advance to allow for flexible itineraries and address overcrowding and conflicts in campgrounds." This is a reasonable approach, but specific percentages should not be included in this plan. We note the plan states that the "park may adapt these numbers slightly depending on the success of avoiding overbooking." However, there is no definition of "slightly." NPS may want to make significant changes to the percentages identified in this plan. If these percentages are specified in the plan, it may require the need for a plan amendment to alter the percentages, which could hamstring future management decisions. We recommend the plan be altered to specify that these are only target percentages and that the park retains the right to change these percentages at any time based upon changing conditions or management needs without triggering the need for a plan amendment. We have the same concerns regarding the group size requirements.

In the 2006 NPS Management Policies section 8.2.1 Visitor Carrying Capacity, the policy states: As park use changes over time, superintendents must continue to decide if management actions are needed to keep use at sustainable levels and prevent unacceptable impacts. If indicators and standards have been prescribed for an impact, the acceptable level is the prescribed standard. If indicators and standards do not exist, the superintendent must determine how much impact is acceptable before management intervention is required.

The park should set use capacities based upon conditions, visitor experiences, and the preservation of wilderness values rather than using specific numbers.

Impacts on Wildlife

NPCA urges NPS to include additional information on wildlife impacts as part of Table ES-1, which summarizes environmental consequences of the alternatives. Current wolf and other wildlife populations could be impacted by new campsites and increased group sizes and making sure they are not adverse is vital to sustaining wildlife populations.

Appendix B at B-3 states that:

"Management actions under consideration in this EIS do not pertain to the management of terrestrial wildlife, and actions considered would not result in significant impacts or issues for wildlife. Management activities proposed under the alternatives in this plan, including maintaining and preserving structures, creating new campsites or campgrounds, allowing specific uses, clearing vegetation, and managing trails may affect wildlife species by disturbing, displacing, or temporarily altering habitat or behavior. These impacts would be localized, affecting individuals but not affecting the species' populations or habitat overall, and would not lead to persistent changes in wildlife habitat."

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ISRO is closed during the winter season, and the WSP provides considerations for opening the park during the winter months. NPS indicates it would consider doing so if open water existed during 100% of the winter season for at least five consecutive years (WSP p. 38). There are significant visitor safety concerns associated with winter use, particularly as it pertains to access in the event of a needed rescue operation. Additionally, there will be increased staffing needs to address the new season, and unless the NPS operations budget is increased, it will be difficult to meet those needs. If a winter season is considered, an MRA or a feasibility study should be completed and amended to this plan to discuss wildlife impacts from an expanded visitor season, visitor safety, and economic impacts along with tribal consultation on this subject if not already conducted.

Consider Reforestation as part of the WSP

In Appendix B, page B-2, vegetation management is considered an issue not carried forward for detailed analysis. With the Great Lakes region in the forefront of climate impacts, an MRA should be conducted for new plantings due to the influx of pests, diseases, and need for biodiversity in addition to thinning and removal practices. Great Lakes national parks are proactively beginning to implement plans to secure native and biological diversity of our forests. Although ISRO is predominantly Balsam Fir, moose benefit from a diverse understory and healthy forests. NPCA recommends the plan address how restoration practices would be analyzed in the MRA and be considered in this plan.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Swanke,

This past summer I went on my first kayaking trip at Isle Royale National Park ('RNP). I first went to IRNP in 1996 to backpack and I try to get back from time to time to rest and recharge in its wilderness. We had a good trip except for our interactions with power boaters at the campgrounds. Unfortunately, I wasn't surprised since I, like many other 'RNP wilderness users, have had previous negative wilderness interactions with power boaters. I'm disappointed however that

the Isle Royale National Park administration seems to have done little to address this long-standing and well-known problem that is unfortunately common to IRNP.

My first trip to 'RNP was in September of 1996. The Park Service started surveying visitors in that year, and indeed we were surveyed. We were smitten with the amazing wilderness of the park and happily provided our feedback. I went to the park again in August of 1998 for another backpacking trip. On this trip, we had several negative interactions with power boaters. All the power boaters we encountered on this trip seemed to be at IRNP for a tailgate party and the wilderness was no part of their visit. Due to the erosive effect of the power boater interactions on this trip, I got involved, and encouraged other wilderness users to get involved, in the public meetings and public comment periods for the general management plan. A common theme among responses back then was that power boating was having a detrimental effect on the wilderness experience for non-power boat users.

This past summer on our kayaking trip I was very disappointed that most of our power boater interactions continued to be destructive to the peace and quiet of our wilderness experience. These are some of the issues we encountered with power boaters that were completely counter to the wilderness experience for which we were there:

- Music from a Bluetooth speaker was being played loud enough to be clearly heard throughout the wilderness campground.
- An illegal fire circle was created in the middle of Duncan Bay campsite with a half-burned cardboard beer container left littering the middle of the campground.
- Discarded beer cans were found littering the campground.
- No power boaters obeyed the wilderness quiet/no wake zones.

A group of power boaters drinking alcohol busted through the wilderness knocking down standing trees to create a huge campfire during the summer fire ban.

All of the power boaters we met on this trip were very nice, however we didn't make the long trek to Isle Royale for a party; we were there to immerse ourselves in the healing power of wilderness, and unfortunately wild places are getting harder and harder to find in this world. Without protection, wilderness tends to be encroached upon, abused, and degraded. My own observations have supported the need for more protection for the Isle Royale wilderness experience. Therefore, I support the Park Service adopting the most wilderness protective of the wilderness stewardship plan alternatives, alternative C.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Swanke:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we are providing our full comments on the Draft Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Assessment received August 2, 2023.

In general, we agree with the NPS that Alternative B is the preferred alternative among the options presented, with the greatest advantages to historic properties in Wilderness areas. We offer the following comments on this alternative.

Archaeological Resources and Traditional Cultural Properties

Humans have visited Isle Royale for thousands of years; therefore, it should not be perceived as a pure Wilderness,

unaltered by human activities. Isle Royale National Park is host to a richly diverse array of archaeological resources. The most well-known of these may be copper extraction sites, which have been identified in the park dating to both the Pre-contact and Post-contact periods. Native Americans have used the islands and waters of Isle Royale National Park for millennia, with archaeological sites in the park evidencing sophisticated means of utilizing natural resources prior to the arrival of Europeans. In some areas of the park, landscape alterations related to human activities during the Pre-contact period are still apparent today. Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeologists understand these features to underscore the importance of the park to Native American communities and traditional cultural practices potentially important in maintaining group identities and connections to the land and water.

The SHPO recognizes the significance of the Minong Traditional Cultural Property to the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Traditional Cultural Properties/Places (TCP) include both cultural and natural features of a landscape and are defined by the continued use of these places by the communities that derive significance from them. Minong is the Ojibwe name for Isle Royale and the Minong Traditional Cultural Property includes the islands that comprise Isle Royale National Park as well as traditional fishing waters surrounding the archipelago. Plants, animals, and cultural sites are all integral components of the TCP, as are the cultural practices that occur within and those associated with this place. The Minong TCP was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2019, highlighting the significant connection between the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the park. We strongly recommend that every opportunity is afforded to the Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to consult and provide comment on the proposed Wilderness Plan, if they choose to do so.

Identification of Cultural Resources

SHPO respectfully requests a comprehensive list of historic resources in Wilderness and their assessment status. There remain a small number of resources for which we do not believe assessments of National Register eligibility have been completed in the previous five or even ten years. SHPO staff searched our records and were unable to locate information on the following resources:

- Fisherman's Home Area
- Johnson Anderson Fishery
- Anderson/Scotland Cabin
- Davidson Island/Davidson House (Mott Island, multi-story constructed by John Holyoak
- Holger Johnson Fishery and Resort - Horner Cabin (Robinson Bay vacant for years; vertical logs)
- Island Mine ruins and engine
- West Caribou Island Fog Horn Compressor Shack

If previous documentation exists for these resources, please forward it to SHPO so that we may review and comment on the eligibility. We do not support this EIS and Wilderness Stewardship Plan moving forward without thorough consideration of the historic resources being discussed.

Treatments of Above-Ground Resources

NPS proposes four treatments for the 100 historic structures identified as part of this planning process. Preservation will occur with fifty-two of the structures, Stabilization for twenty-three structures, Moldering for eighteen structures, and Removal for seven structures. NPS indicates that only Molder and Removal are considered adverse effects. While the SHPO agrees that both the Molder and Removal treatments constitute an adverse effect to the twenty-six buildings under those proposed treatment plans, the SHPO also feels that Stabilization has a high likelihood of having an adverse effect on historic structures. Stabilization requires that a building be mothballed and then inspected on a six-year cycle. During that cycle, NPS would seek a partnership with an yet undetermined organization to transition these buildings to Preservation rather than Stabilization. However, after two six-year cycles, if no partnership has been identified, then these buildings would instead be moved to Molder following documentation. The cumulative impact of these twenty-three structures moving to Moldering or Removal, in our opinion, constitutes an adverse effect on the listed and eligible resources included on that list.

SHPO recommends the removal of the specific treatments for historic structures within the Wilderness Area from this Plan.

Rather, we advise moving the discussion of the specific treatments for historic structures to a Programmatic Agreement process with SHPO, NPS and other stakeholders. The development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) will be key to successful implementation of this Plan over the long term. Removal of the specific treatments, while acknowledging that Stabilization is an adverse effect, would allow questions regarding eligibility and significance to be resolved as well as more time for stakeholders to weigh in regarding specific treatments proposed. At this time, we do not fully know which resources will be adversely affected long term if stabilization and partnerships are not viable options. A PA will outline the best process for resolving effects in the years to come.

Specific treatments proposed in this document are of concern to SHPO, including the following;

The proposed treatment of the Feldtmann Fire Tower (Molder), which was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. On page 43 of the Appendices, the conclusions of Section 1.7.9 Fire Towers, there is confusion over which fire tower is proposed to be moldered. This section of the report indicates that it's the Ishpeming Fire Tower that will be moldered rather than Feldtmann, which would be preserved. Please clarify which fire tower is proposed for moldering versus preservation and provide additional information on why this treatment is proposed. The moldering of a listed fire tower constitutes an adverse effect.

- The SHPO disagrees with the recommendation that the historic resources at Captain Kidd Island be moldered (McPherren Sleeping Cabin #3, McPherren Bath House, Boat House, Flag Pole, Sleeping Cabin #1, Sleeping Cabin #2 and Tool Shed) with only one building being recommended for stabilization (McPherren Cabin). It would be more appropriate to have all of the buildings moved to Preservation or Stabilization followed by Preservation if a suitable partnership could be established. Removal of all of the surrounding buildings would adversely affect the remaining McPherren Cabin, which has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The SHPO would like to see additional information and photographs of the physical condition of the Horner Cottage on Horner Island, which appears to be a unique example of a small family summer camp that has survived a remarkably long period of vacancy. Please provide additional photographs to document and justify the finding that poor integrity lends this resource to molder.
- The SHPO disagrees with the recommendation for the Johns cabin to be removed. While it is reasonable to remove the non-historic outbuildings, the cabin provides context for the evolution of fishing and residential occupation of the Barnum Island area including demonstrating one of the ways the families adapted their use of the land post-fishing era. The SHPO would like to see the historic Johns Cabin moved to a stabilization treatment, with the intention of finding a willing partnership to preserve the cabin.

The explanations in this document for why various treatments were selected for historic resources appear to tie back to the Isle Royale Foundation Document. The SHPO would like to know what public or agency consultation was conducted during the preparation of that document. We have no record of receiving or commenting on this document in our files.

As the Special Use Permits expire over the next few decades, the SHPO recognizes the need for NPS to continue the strong partnerships that have been established over the years with groups such as Isle Royale Friends and Families Association, Johns Hotel Historical Point Association, and others. The SHPO supports the NPS as it seeks to develop a different type of agreement than has previously existed through the individual Volunteer-In-Park (VIP) agreements. The SHPO encourages the NPS to lay out a framework during this EIS process as to what these partnerships would look like. As requested at the September 5, 2023 Consultation meeting, SHPO would like to see examples of these frameworks at other National Parks to get a better understanding of how this might function.

As mentioned above, the SHPO concurs with the NPS that Alternative B is the best of the presented options for stewarding the historic resources within Wilderness Areas at Isle Royale. That said, we also concur that the treatments outlined in this plan rise to the level of an Adverse Effect.

This undertaking meets the criteria of adverse effect because: the undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would

diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association, 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1). Specifically, the undertaking will result in physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property, removal of the property from its historic location, and a change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance.

The SHPO looks forward to further conversations and consultation regarding the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft Environmental Assessment.

Federal agencies are required to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. Please note that if the federal agency and the SHPO concur that the adverse effect cannot be avoided, the Section 106 process will not conclude until the consultation process is complete, an agreement is developed (in this case a PA), executed, and implemented, and, if applicable, the formal comments of the Advisory Council have been received, 36 CFR § 800.6. For more information on federal agencies' responsibilities to resolve the adverse effect pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6 for undertakings that will have an adverse effect on historic properties under 36 CFR § 800.6.

We remind you that federal agency officials or their delegated authorities are required to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking and its effects on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). The National Historic Preservation Act also requires that federal agencies consult with any Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertakings per 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii).

The opinion of the SHPO is based on the materials provided for our review. If you believe that there is material that we should consider that might affect our finding, or if you have questions, please contact Martha MacFarlane Faes, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, at (517) 335-2721 or by email at FaesM@michigan.gov. Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.

Finally, the State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Denice Swanke et al,

I just returned last weekend from a full 7-night solo trip on Isle Royale. I believe this was at least my 10th trip over 30 years, and the fourth since 2018. I have visited the island mostly by canoe, but have also done backpacking trips. Most itineraries have utilized combinations of hiker and water-only campgrounds and I've been on the first and last ferries in recent seasons, and every month in between.

I love and obsess over Isle Royale and visit as often as I can - on-trail, off-trail, no water and land. I have seen all sorts of situations and weather. I recently volunteered to participate in the Moosewatch program, and hop to be able to crawl for carcasses next summer. I truly hope to visit the park until my final years, more and more often. I consider myself to be very rational (an engineer in a government agency) and a thorough planner. I would like to make some comments regarding the proposed management plans, and hope you consider them to be thoughtful, caring feedback aimed not just at good experiences for ME and my family, but for everyone who visits.

First, I appreciate the general aim toward maintaining and increasing the wilderness experience on the island while also acknowledging the history of man on the island. I am generally fine with either letting nature take back historical structures, or maintaining these as-is without improving and trust those choices to others. But I do recognize, too, that many people simply would not be able to visit without, say, the lodge and some limited paved paths, etc. I think the limited commercial operations currently strike a good balance, even though I make little use of them.

Thus, I generally favor Alternative A or B and C (in that order), though I believe Alternative B is acceptable with the following strong thoughts on Alternative B (and C, really):

I feel compelled to share strong opinions regarding the proposed reservation system. First, despite obsessive trip planning, and despite being a fit hiker and marathon and trail runner and skilled camper and canoeist, I don't believe I have ever been able to stick to my planned itinerary across more than 10. More than once, I have had to spend an extra night at a camp due to absolutely impossible to paddle wind and wave conditions - in fact, I just had to do that on my recent trip to avoid attempting a very unsafe paddle from Merritt Lane. I enjoyed my extra night and day and adjusted, but I really was NOT a choice. As much as I wanted to continue on, I genuinely feared being swamped or forced onto rocks with no one to know about it or rescue me. Given the assumption in this wilderness area that one shouldn't expect rescue and should prepare as such, there was no way I could paddle that day, despite a lot of scouting and wringing of hands. On the other hand on a past trip, I was caught with my brother in a thick, all-night and all-day fog at Lane Cove that had us fighting hypothermia - avoiding the dampness was impossible in or out of the tent, and we simply had to hike out of there a day ahead of schedule to get out of the cloud and stop shivering, accelerating our itinerary. I've been blown off the water on both Lake Siskiwit and at Moskey Basin, having to ditch it backwoods to wait for the wind and waves to relent on more than one occasion, unable to paddle upwind even with two people and needing to avoid being rolled with my daughter in big waves.

I consider myself pretty experienced - and yet have found myself mid-trip having to weigh the choice to continue under sketchy conditions to, say, get out of McCargo Cove into the northern five fingers on a loop trip rather than fall behind schedule, or to turn back and retrace our trip through interior lakes, off-itinerary all the way back. I've been caught with slower progress than planned with several trees still down across portages, and we've been slowed down on the Greenstone Ridge when several large trees were downed by high winds. We have also been grounded and lost a day due to a lightning storm more than once.

A colleague who agrees with the problems of a reservation system commented to me that he thought the main issues he saw this summer seemed to be at Rock Harbor, in particular with people who violated the limits on consecutive nights. He felt that he rarely saw a ranger, and that many people (in late June) seemed to have planned on staying at Rock Harbor their whole trip, rather than following the limits, based on the tubs they had instead of packs, etc. He felt that more enforcement was needed, rather than reservations - and that people overstaying their reservations might occur even if there was a reservation system, as these people did not seem prepared, whether by choice or ignorance, for the ruggedness of Isle Royale. I agree with these views - I have seen people simply overstay, and have seen others change shelters in a campground but remain in the same campground just to give the appearance to other visitors that they have moved. People with inadequate footwear, fitness or equipment have told me how their planned mileage had been way too much.

I see a lot of difficulty for the masses, and sometimes for me, with sticking to a reserved itinerary, and see difficulties for many people in getting back onto a plan once they slip a day (or two). I also wonder if it is too soon after the COVID boost in hiking to know what the long-term usage of Isle Royale will look like. We have seen significant drops in camping this year at a campground near our place we visit regularly in Manistee National Forest, and expect further drops.

That said, if a reservation system comes to pass, I would suggest the following thoughts:

1. I think the 85% reservation limit is too high. Some campgrounds only have two or three shelters - allowing 85% might mean all can be reserved. I think 50% should be the maximum, if not zero.
2. I do think increased enforcement of stay limits at key campgrounds would resolve a lot of problems. This can't be perfectly enforced, clearly, but I think a small percentage of visitors cause most problems.

3. I do think Rock Harbor and larger campgrounds with easier access (by land or water) have more crowding and overstay than more remote areas. Perhaps a reservation system should only address particular campgrounds and not include most sites that are further out from Rock Harbor where many campers arrive and may not go as far unless required.
 4. Some of the prevention of ill-prepared campers could happen as people get on the ferries. Visitors should be required to have a pack and their "carry-on," rather than, say, a plastic tub - when they get on the boat and when they check-in on the island.
 5. More use of overflow camping group sites may also help resolve demand issues at key campgrounds.
 6. Perhaps more creative solutions might include additional service to new or current campgrounds that could utilize regular, low-price or free ferry service to get some visitors out to currently under-utilized areas. For example, if a ferry ran every other day to, say, a camp on Raspberry Island or Belle Isle, a certain number of people could be offloaded and would necessarily spend two nights of a typical 3-to-5-night trip away from Rock Harbor and other overloaded areas. These are places that many of these people would not otherwise see.
 7. Unfortunately, I've seen other reservation systems make it much harder and sometimes impossible to actually book a trip at all in some other areas where it is actually much easier to stick to an itinerary - because of the complexity when so many people hike at different speeds, start in different places, use pickups and drop-offs, etc. I see this being magnified on Isle Royale due to rugged nature and unpredictable weather, and because first-time visitors are unaware of underestimating these factors. For example, three miles on the Tobin trail is an easy, fast walk in the woods - and the same 3 miles along Rock Harbor to Three Mile or Daisy is MUCH slower and incredibly difficult for some. I'm not sure how to resolve this - if reserved itineraries need to be improved? That seems difficult to achieve, understanding the limited resources of our agencies, including NPS, as well as the aforementioned variabilities.
 8. Finally, other reservation systems I've seen have created unfairness as people with guiding services or just more money and better Internet access snap up reservations as soon as they are available, blocking out those who may need to try to reserve by phone or some other way due to accessibility, technical, or economic difficulties.
- I really do appreciate the thoughtfulness to the plans presented and I appreciate the efforts to make the park better for visitors, with a personal bias toward more wilderness on the vast majority of the island. Overall, if the demands are too much at times, perhaps the access to the island should be limited by reducing ferry and plane tickets.

All that said, if I have one message to send, it is that I really see a lot of problems with a reservation system actually working effectively, safely, and fairly. For various reasons, including those stated above, I would expect many visitors to either be signing up for itineraries that are not achievable by them because that's all they can book, or because they are unaware. I also fully expected people to be weighing and making tough and unsafe choices at times to stick to or bail on their reserved itineraries. Most importantly, I think the uniqueness of Isle Royale's weather and variation in ruggedness will simply force broken itineraries and may drive more conservative trips in the future, exacerbating the problem of people packing the nearby campgrounds, even when they might be able to go further otherwise. Finally, I see conflicts arising between visitors with new rules and unclear enforcement when they encounter an open shelter or site late in the day. Is it empty because someone failed to stick to their itinerary - or not available at all because a group is simply running way late? Currently, the rules are clear and visitors don't find themselves attempting to boot someone out if they find shelters and sites full - we simply have to move on or backcountry camp or ask someone to share. People start earlier and can do what they have to do to take care of themselves, and to get along together. For whatever reason, people seem to be less patient and more difficult with each other and with public servants, and I fear the conflicts that may arise with a new system that doesn't account for a lot of needed flexibilities.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this and for taking such great care of our favorite nature place in the world - truly! I would be happy to discuss further at any time.

Sincerely,

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July 2023 Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

Personal comments from (b) (6)

September 25, 2023

Draft WSP authors and reviewers,

Thank you for reading and considering my personal comments regarding the **July 2023 Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (draft WSP)** and accompanying appendices. I offer these comments as someone who is described in the draft updated National Park Service (NPS) Bulletin 38 as:

an “expert” who has “lived in, used, and values” Isle Royale’s historic communities...an authority in my culture and the connection that my culture has to a place.

Regardless of my potential expert standing in the eyes of Bulletin 38, I am a lifelong student of Isle Royale and have been one of the stewards of the Snell Camp for fifty years. I have also been a board member of the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA) and have represented IRFFA during the Section 106 consulting party process for the Nonwilderness Cultural Resource Management and the Wilderness Stewardship Plan.

It's clear to me that NPS and its contractor put in significant effort to make the case that historic resources belong in and can be managed in designated wilderness. NPS makes the case in the draft WSP that NPS would like to strike a balance by managing historic resources through the lens of Wilderness Act best management practices and minimum requirement analysis.

If the issue was just about managing structures in designated wilderness, then I agree that NPS can lean on recent court judgements and new NPS guidance documents to manage Isle Royale’s cultural resources. However, the cultural resources on Isle Royale are more complicated and richer than just structures.

The remaining structures on Isle Royale are part of a rare collection of structures, family histories, and traditional ways that have been locked in place at the peak of their significance when Isle National Park was created and maintained with high integrity in their original state and in many cases by the original families for over 80 years. Preserving the cultural resources on Isle Royale is more than preserving a few random structures, it’s about preserving the history of hundreds of families who lived in four communities and several outposts, who formed multi-generational and intergenerational relationships with the Island and with each other.

What makes the case for managing Isle Royale's cultural resources in designated wilderness exceptionally challenging is both the scale of and level of significance associated with the historic cultural resources on the Island. There are over 100 structures, multiple cultural landscapes, one and potentially more historic districts with regional or national significance, and potential national historic landmark resources located in Isle Royale's designated wilderness.

Reading the draft WSP and appendices has helped cement my understanding that it's not just the structures, but the four communities and the people associated with these communities past, present, and future in Washington Harbor, Belle Isle, Tobin Harbor, and Rock Harbor that's important to honor and preserve. Isle Royale has a rare opportunity to preserve the communities as a full collective and most likely with National Historic Landmark significance.

The communities can be actively preserved by current and future stewards who already have or can develop long term ties to the Island and to each other. The communities can be preserved as NPS has proposed in partnership with friends of the park and the Park Service for the benefit of all visitors and as an active living history of what the Island was like before it transitioned to a national park.

Attached are my detailed comments.

Sincerely,

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July 2023 Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

Detailed comments from [REDACTED]

September 25, 2023

Superintendent Swanke's letter announcing the draft WSP to the Section 106 consulting parties requested feedback on potential adverse effects and draft language for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (MI SHPO) and possibly the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (ACHP). I confess that I would prefer to focus on solutions to maintain the existing cultural resources with the highest integrity possible rather than drill into adverse effects. I'm willing to drill into adverse effects if necessary.

Regarding the request for MOA language, a programmatic agreement (PA) is probably more appropriate. A WSP programmatic agreement (PA) would align with how the CRMP was handled by including a PA. Significant additional documentation recommendations and review process referenced in the CRMP PA will also apply to the WSP and will not be ready before the WSP must be completed.

Following receipt of Superintendent Swanke's letter, I attended the consulting party meeting on behalf of the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association. I understand from this meeting that:

1. Readers should review the draft WSP with the understanding that it is a first draft (DePasqual comment)
2. The draft WSP could have done a better job integrating the cultural resource preservation findings and statements in the Cultural Resource Management Plan (Valencia comment)
3. The draft WSP is one of the first NPS management plans to apply the February 2022 Reference Manual 41 (RM41) guidance for cultural resource management in designated wilderness (Kleinman comment)
4. NPS must complete the WSP by October 2024.

The consulting party webinar helped explain that the WSP is a work in progress. It helped frame the pressures that NPS is under to complete the WSP quickly. In addition, it confirmed that the guidance document NPS is using to propose management plans for Isle Royale is new and has not been applied widely.

Following are more detail comments primarily for the contractor writing the WSP and the primary reviewers. If possible, I would appreciate the opportunity to have follow up discussions with the lead author and primary reviewers to help develop and clarify actions that NPS can take with assistance from others to maintain the four "resort" communities on Isle Royale with the highest integrity possible.

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IRFFA's Comment Submission

I concur with IRFFA's formal comments that it has submitted separately. Alternative B's approach to convert potential wilderness to designated wilderness will lead to "unavoidable adverse effects" to potential and documented regionally and nationally significant cultural resources. Converting potential wilderness to designated wilderness is optional (Alternative A lists keeping all the remaining potential wilderness as potential wilderness as an option) and avoidable.

Report-Specific Comments and Observations

The following section includes text that I have copied directly from the draft WSP and appendices. I've highlighted important statements and added my personal comments.

- Some historic structures and administrative uses would be removed from designated wilderness and PWA, leaving the island's wilderness less developed. This action would, in some areas, make the history of use of the island by people of European ancestry less noticeable because there would be fewer sights and sounds of human habitation than currently exist in the park's wilderness. Even in areas where structures or installations would not be removed but allowed to molder over time, the presence of human habitation eventually would not be noticeable. Under this alternative, historic structures or installations integral to historic districts or necessary for the administration of wilderness would be maintained. The retention of these historic structures and installations would continue to contribute to the story of Isle Royale's wilderness and

Commented [JS1]: Can NPS start this section by stating that cultural resources in Wilderness are part of wilderness character?

Commented [JS2]: I'm struggling with the difference between human habitation, use, overnight use, and occasional use terminology referenced in this document. For example, how does day use only for the artist in residence program offer a better wilderness experience for visitors than overnight use? Do the sights and sounds of "human habitation" at night diminish visitor wilderness experiences more than day use? At face value, the existence of a structure and human habitation are both unacceptable according to the Wilderness Act unless they fall under the loosely defined "other" category.

Commented [JS3]: Can NPS add "and traditional use"? NPS may not want traditional use to continue but it's fair to say that traditional use would contribute to the story of Isle Royale's wilderness.

Commented [JS4]: Can NPS add "that contribute to nationally significant and potentially nationally significant historic districts and the Island's wilderness character" here?

allow the public to educate themselves about historical use of the island through the presence of the structures on the landscape.

- This alternative would provide new opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation and solitude compared to current conditions. New trails, campgrounds, and campsites in existing campgrounds would improve solitude by dispersing visitors in wilderness. Visitors would still have the opportunity to camp and hike outside designated areas and likely experience greater solitude. Changes in backcountry permitting would detract from some aspects of unconfined recreation, but itineraries would still remain flexible, and the benefits of having less crowded campgrounds and not having to share campsites would likely provide noticeable benefits to solitude. Group size changes along with zoning changes may adversely impact solitude for some visitors, but overall these changes would provide access to all visitors. Compared to current conditions, this alternative would improve access for all visitors, continue to protect solitude, and likely reduce crowding in some areas.

Cultural Resources

- Alternative B, would preserve 52 structures and installations in wilderness, stabilize 23 structures (that could deteriorate without a future partnership program for preservation), remove 7 structures, and 18 structures and installations would be allowed to molder in place.
- Beneficial effects on selected historic structures over the life of this plan are expected from efforts to preserve them in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The integrity of associated historic districts would be enhanced by the preservation of contributing historic structures. However, permanent and significant, adverse impacts would occur to any individual historic structure removed from its historic setting or allowed to molder in place because those individual structures' integrity and individual eligibility for listing in the National Register would be compromised. In addition, permanent, adverse impacts would also result from substantial reductions in the number of historic structures in historic districts that could further compromise and diminish the integrity and cultural landscape characteristics of the former resorts, recreational cottages, and fishing communities. Although structures selected for removal are generally already deteriorated and comparatively of less historical significance than those to be retained, their removal would nevertheless result in permanent, adverse impacts on the historic character of these districts. Mouldering would result in less adverse impacts to structures and installations, districts, and landscapes compared to removal because traces of the structures and installations are expected to persist on the landscape for an indefinite period and could continue to provide historic spatial and landscape design context. Ultimately, structures allowed to

Commented [JS5]: Depending on the final trail location, the new trail proposed for Scoville trail would reduce solitude traditionally experienced in the historic camps along the trail. Traditional circulation to the camps and between the camps has been by water of following existing moose trails that run between the camps. If NPS feels that a trail is needed, it should run down the center spine of the rise behind the camps with individual trails and appropriate signage about how and when the camps can be accessed.

Generally, this seems like a lot of work and disturbance to this area of designated wilderness and it will be interesting to see how the MRA for the project plays out in comparison to providing other sources of access through non-wilderness or other programming options.

Commented [JS6]: Structures and the S of I's standards are just one component of Isle Royale's cultural resources. Is it OK to let NPS focus just on structures here because this is just an environmental consequences summary?

molder would be reduced to unseen archeological sites that continue to retain potential for contributing to historic understanding of the sites.

- Two major components of the preferred alternative are preservation and stabilization, particularly associated with impacts to the nationally significant Tobin Harbor Historic District, the National Register-eligible Fisherman's Home and Johnson Island, and the National Register-eligible Bangsund. Preservation of a majority of structures within these districts would result in beneficial impacts over the life of this plan. Structures identified for stabilization under this alternative have been identified as integral to the historic significance of the districts to which they belong; their loss through deterioration would result in significant, adverse impacts to the districts by threatening their eligibility for listing in the National Register. Under the alternative, it is expected that these structures would be retained and that they would be preserved and stabilized to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, a substantial beneficial impact to the integrity and historic character of the individual structures, their districts, and landscapes. However, the reliance on a small cadre of prospective partners and the commitment of partners required to keep a structure stabilized ultimately means that they may deteriorate if adequate funding is not available. At Tobin Harbor, if stabilization fails to lead to preservation, then significant, adverse impacts on historic integrity, up to and including a reduction in the level of historic significance, could occur. The ultimate impact of implementation of alternative B to the stabilized structures, the historic districts in which they are located, and landscapes at Tobin Harbor Historic District, the National Register-eligible Fisherman's Home and Johnson Island, and potentially National Register-eligible Bangsund, while expected to be beneficial, is unknown.
- There would be significant, adverse impacts on the individual historic properties at Captain Kidd, Wright Island, and Johns Island under alternative B. The National Register eligibility of these historic properties would be lost due to mouldering or removal actions. Under this option, the Wright Island fishery and Johns Cabin would be removed in their entirety, and all the structures at Captain Kidd except the McPherran Cabin would be allowed to molder, eventually resulting in their disappearance from the landscape. The cabin at Captain Kidd would be stabilized, which would be somewhat of a benefit if stabilization leads to preservation. However, among the historic fisheries, recreational resorts, and cottage districts within Isle Royale, these sites have comparatively lower integrity and/or significance.
- Overall, the impact to all historic fisheries in Isle Royale under alternative B would be less severe than the impact to the individual resource at Wright Island, because the best representatives of fishery resources elsewhere would be restored, protected, and interpreted to the public. Unlike the Wright Island fishery, Captain Kidd is in fair

Commented [JS7]: As described in the document, stabilization sounds like what NPS called mothballing during the consulting party meetings. MI SHPO stated that mothballing had the potential to be demolition by neglect. Not pure avoidance of [adverse] affect. Has NPS confirmed with the Tobin Harbor District NR nomination author how Alternative B will affect the district's national significance?

Commented [JS8]: What are the Secretary of Interior's standards for stabilization? I see online that stabilization was removed as a category in 1992 and rolled into preservation. Probably best to delete stabilization as a category and include it with preservation to be consistent with Secretary of Interior's standards?

Commented [JS9]: These resources are listed as eligible for the National Register with suggested local and in some cases state significance using old data and no assessment of a potential historic district NR listing. The individual resources in Tobin's Harbor were listed with local significance before the historic district was submitted with national significance. As the resources are described in this report, the Crystal Cove, Captain Kidd, and Johnson Island resources are a natural fit for a historic district. The Johns Island and historic camp is a natural fit with Washington Island, Barnum Island, Rock Harbor lighthouse, the adjoining fishing grounds, and potentially Windigo as another Historic District. Wright Island is a less obvious fit within a potential Historic District. Wright Island would need to fit into a historic district that includes Fisherman's Home, Chippewa Harbor, and Menagerie Lighthouse.

condition and has a high integrity of place, but it too is less significant than the primary recreational resorts and cottage resources of the park at Tobin Harbor and at Barnum Island (outside wilderness). Alternative B would preserve the most significant components of the Crystal Cove Megeath Historic District, allowing aspects of their shared history to remain within the park. The preservation of other recreational cottage resources elsewhere in the park, specifically the resources at Crystal Cove, would reduce the overall impact of the loss of Captain Kidd to the park as a whole.

CHAPTER 1: PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION

- By 1976, 99% of park lands (131,880 acres) was designated wilderness by Public Law 94-567 to be administered under the Wilderness Act of 1964 (NPS 2016a). Public Law 94-567 also designated 231 acres of the park as potential wilderness additions (PWAs). In 1983, 138 acres of the initial 231 acres of PWAs were converted to wilderness following the removal of nonconforming uses (Westcott 2013). Currently, 93 acres within the park remain as PWAs.
- Wilderness makes up the vast interior of the island. Only 1,677 acres of the 133,788-acre island are considered nonwilderness land (see figures 2 and 3). Although some historic developments predating the establishment of the park are present on the island, the park is predominantly undeveloped except for certain areas that serve park management functions where there are historical features, structures, installations, and visitor amenities.
- The Wilderness Act of 1964 provides the following definition of wilderness:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value (Wilderness Act section 2(c)).

Commented [JS10]: Captain Kidd, Crystal Cove, and Johnson Island should be assumed to be Historic District eligible and regionally or nationally significant until shown otherwise. The draft WSP does an excellent job in the appendices drawing attention to the unique high quality construction of the rustic log structures and the primary artisan - Mr. Anderson of Johnson Island.

NPS agreed to this concept in the CRMP Programmatic Agreement (PA) for resources that are equally significant in non wilderness.

I haven't seen any documentation for the Crystal Cove Megeath Historic District. Is this a mistake?

Commented [JS11]: NPS makes a strong case that the overall impact of the cultural resources on IR to wilderness character and opportunities for a wilderness experience is de minimus.

Commented [JS12]: At what point does use on Isle Royale start to impact its wilderness condition?

Commented [JS13]: Just out of curiosity, what are examples of ecological and geological features that don't meet the primary wilderness criteria?

- The park encompasses 571,796 acres of land and water, of which land comprises only 133,788 acres (NPS 2016a). Isle Royale (the island) extends approximately 45 miles from southwest to northeast, and is approximately 9 miles across at its widest point. Most of the park is water with 438,008 acres of Lake Superior waters representing a significant fisheries and aquatic resource.
- Wilderness acreage of the park encompasses 99% of land area, which is 23% of the park.
- The nautical distance from shore and the natural setting of the rugged Isle Royale archipelago starkly contrast the usual sights, sounds, and modifications of an increasingly populous and mechanized civilization, providing an exceptional opportunity to experience solitude and isolation. Isle Royale is further secluded by fog, ice, wind, waves, and storms. A visit to Isle Royale requires passage across a large and often turbulent open expanse of water.
- Humans have had an episodic, but long-standing connection to Isle Royale. For more than 4,500 years, Indigenous peoples crossed Lake Superior and fished, hunted, gathered plants, and used stone tools to extract malleable pure copper. In the 19th and 20th centuries, the island attracted hunters, maple sugar harvesters, loggers, greenstone collectors, sports and commercial fishers, recreationalists, miners, fur trappers, and summer cottagers. Today, Isle Royale is seasonally used for wilderness recreation and extensive and unique scientific research endeavors. The evidence of these episodic human uses is woven into the harbors and lands of Isle Royale wilderness.

Figure 3. Questions and Comments:

When was non-wilderness added to East Caribou Island next to Mott Island? Can that process be replicated for other areas on the Island? Can Belle Isle be converted to Designated Wilderness? What process would that require? Why wasn't the Bangsund cabin listed as Potential Wilderness or Non wilderness? Were leases the trigger and not use for labeling areas as PWA? How was Davidson PWA established without a lease and only for part of the Island?

Does Congress have a mechanism for correcting de minimis boundary line mistakes? Can non-wilderness at Blake Point be converted to Wilderness? What is the offending feature and why was so much land allocated as non-wilderness at Blake's Point? It's one of the most rugged, isolated locations on the Island.

From My Research Into Wilderness Boundary Changes and Corrections:

- According to Reference Manual 41 regarding legal descriptions and boundary maps (2013):

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- The legislative maps are not the “final” wilderness maps. If they were, Congress would not mandate that the National Park Service produce a subsequent wilderness map. Only after the National Park Service has written a legal description and drawn a map from that description can the final wilderness map be produced.
- Each park must conform as strictly as possible to the legislative map when translating the wilderness boundary into a legal description and final map. The process of describing or drawing a final boundary is not to be used to adjust or modify wilderness boundaries. Neither the National Park Service nor the Secretary has the power to change boundaries from the legislative maps to accommodate uses that would otherwise be prohibited or to ease restrictions or eliminate friction.

H. Correcting Errors.

- NPS staff or the public may detect typographical or clerical errors in the final legal description and/or in the final wilderness maps. The laws that establish NPS wilderness often provide a mechanism for the National Park Service to correct errors after the legal description and maps are made final.
- Errors come in many shapes and sizes. A legal description could inaccurately describe the map, or a map line may conflict with the description. A number or direction could be a typographical mistake. Errors may be uncovered shortly after filing the maps, or decades later. It is never too late to correct errors.
- The National Park Service will correct errors by writing a memorandum from the park superintendent. The memorandum will explain the error in the existing legal description and/or map(s). If the correction results in a change of wilderness acreage, the memo will so state.
- Correcting typographical or clerical errors cannot be used to adjust or modify wilderness boundaries to eliminate management problems or concerns. Adjusting or modifying existing wilderness boundaries may be made only by a recommendation to Congress that Congress enacts into law.



Bangsund cabin circa 1949. (NPS gave Allen and Mech access to the camp for moose/wolf research when Bangsund died in 1959).

- **2022 Wilderness Watch letter** – In response to the initial WSP EIS announcement, Wilderness Watch (WW) wrote that it opposes structures, historic or otherwise, in designated wilderness. It references all the court cases that it won but doesn't reference the Creechbaum case that it lost. Interestingly, WW does some excellent work documenting the legislative history for PWAs on Isle Royale and makes a good case that IRNP should leave property currently listed as PWA if it will continue to have cultural resources that will remain or be used. Use and leases are both mentioned as reasons for not converting PWA to DW. NPS may want to prove that cultural resources belong in designated wilderness but teaming up with WW and advocate for leaving PWAs as PWAs might be a good opportunity for everyone to save face on Isle Royale.
 - "Wilderness Watch supports the conversion of as many as possible of the remaining 93 acres of Potential Wilderness to designated Wilderness, but only if the National Park Service plans to manage those acres as Wilderness."
 - "The National Park Service should not re-classify any of the Potential Wilderness areas as designated Wilderness if the agency plans to maintain any structures within them. Doing so would violate the 1964 Wilderness Act."
 - Congress provided further direction in its House Report:

"There are approximately 20 existing trailside shelters, however, which are included in areas of potential wilderness addition, and these areas shall become wilderness when the shelters are no longer needed. Other potential wilderness additions bearing more substantial development or

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retention of private rights will likewise convert to wilderness status when the non-conforming **uses or rights** are terminated.” H. Rpt. 94-1427

- A central issue to how the NPS manages wilderness is how the proposed action would impact wilderness character. Within these qualities of wilderness character are other resources, including natural features, natural sounds, development in wilderness, and visitor access and experience.
- Three types of cultural resources are being retained for further analysis in this plan/EIS: historic structures and installations, historic districts, and cultural landscapes. **The only actions in this plan that would affect cultural landscapes or historic districts in wilderness are associated with treatments proposed for historic structures and installations.**
- Historic districts are defined as a group of structures, properties, or sites that have been designated in, or are considered eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). These districts are considered historically or architecturally significant. **The only historic district in the park’s wilderness with historic structures that is addressed in this plan is Tobin Harbor.**
- Cultural landscapes are distinctive features of the human-built environment or natural environment, or both, and represent aspects of a way of life of a people, group, or family. Cultural landscapes also include vegetation components. The cultural landscapes addressed in this plan that include historic structures that are eligible for listing in the National Register are: Fisherman’s Home, Crystal Cove, and Captain Kidd Island. The Bangsund Research Station, which is a potentially National Register-eligible cultural landscape, is also addressed in this **plan.**

CHAPTER 2: ALTERNATIVES

- NPS Management Policies 2006 require that all management decisions affecting wilderness must be consistent with the “minimum requirement” concept. An MRA is used to determine whether administrative actions, projects, or programs undertaken by the NPS that may affect wilderness character, resources, or visitor experience are necessary and, if so, how to minimize the effects.
- Prohibited Uses. The Wilderness Act prohibits temporary roads, motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats, landing of aircraft, and other forms of mechanical transport, structures, and installations except as necessary for the **administration of wilderness** (16 U.S.C. § 1133(c)). Before allowing or authorizing any of these uses, the park would complete an MRA to determine whether the use is necessary for the administration of wilderness (see additional wilderness planning materials posted on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment [PEPC] website).

Commented [JS16]: What about changes to traditional use, objects, and artifacts discussed in the plan that will affect historic district and cultural landscape integrity?

The term historic districts in the WSP is inconsistent. It is plural here and in the following bullet, the WSP says that there is only one historic district. Earlier historic districts are mentioned for Fisherman’s Home and Crystal Cove/Megeath.

Commented [JS17]: Can the park at least mention that there are potential historic districts in Washington Harbor and the North Shore but the studies haven’t been performed yet. MI SHPO asked for historic district boundaries and maps to review during CP meetings.

Commented [JS18]: Has the significance of the cultural landscapes been established?

Tobin Harbor was originally listed as a cultural landscape before it was listed as a historic district. What is the plan for these cultural landscapes? Do they get documented and submitted to National Register as is? Do they get consolidated and then submit as Historic Districts? Are cultural landscapes and historic districts interchangeable?

Where do national historic landmark applications fit into the discussion? The regional office shared during the consulting party meetings that funding had been approved for a fisheries national landmark submission to the National Register. A holistic approach would be to include the four “resort communities” identified in the WSP in the national landmark submission. The incremental cost to do a full national landmark submission instead of a partial submission just for the fisheries would be less than doing two separate national landmark submissions or multiple historic district applications.

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- The NPS would continue to encourage appropriate uses within wilderness, including hiking, backpacking, paddling, fishing, scientific research, and traditional uses by associated Tribes. None of the alternatives propose changes in these types of current uses or regulations in Isle Royale wilderness.
- A variety of features are considered installations, including vernacular boats
- The park would continue to maintain Chippewa Harbor and Saginaw Point markers as aids to navigation to ensure visitor and boater safety.
- Actions to address damaged or destroyed historic structures would follow NPS *Management Policies 2006*, section 5.3.5.4.9. Historic structures damaged or destroyed by fire, storm, earthquake, war, or any other accident may be preserved as ruins; be removed; or be rehabilitated, restored, or reconstructed consistent with the Wilderness Act and in accordance with management policies.
- privies are currently available in wilderness on Isle Royale for the health and safety of wilderness users and to limit impacts from human waste on the natural quality of wilderness. Under all alternatives, the park would maintain privies in wilderness for visitor and administrative use, as appropriate.
- The five remaining special use permits for private use of historic recreational cottages would not be renewed when they expire. Existing Volunteers-In-Parks agreements issued to former life-lease or special use permit family members during the development of the plan would end, and volunteer agreements would transition to a partnership program.
- The NPS would continue to issue research permits; this plan/EIS would formalize the process.

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Are traditional uses by folk fishing and summer camp families excluded because they are associated with structures? Some other reason?

Commented [JS21]: How does NPS categorize vernacular boats? IRFFA submitted a long list of important non-fishery wooden boats associated with Isle Royale summary camps in the CRMP that were not included. Are vernacular boats exclusively fishing-related boats? Do they have to be owned by NPS?

What is the best way to acknowledge the unique and in many cases antique wooden gas boats and rowboats associated with the Island?

Commented [JS22]: Are these markers in wilderness? If so, are they different than the marker at Blake Point that is in non-wilderness?

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ACTIONS COMMON TO ALL ACTION ALTERNATIVES (B AND C)

- Actions and activities described in this section of the plan/EIS have no potential for significant impacts, have already been the subject of a NEPA analysis, or are so remote and speculative in impacts that they cannot be meaningfully evaluated at this time.
- **Administrative Overnight Use of Historic Structures in Wilderness (except Amygdaloid and Davidson).** NPS staff, Tribal partners, volunteers, park partners, researchers, and roving caretakers may periodically use historic structures in wilderness to support historic or other resource preservation projects in wilderness. Overnight use would be prioritized in nonwilderness areas such as Windigo, Rock Harbor, Belle Isle, Malone Bay, and Daisy Farm. However, some administrative overnight use would be allowed in wilderness areas subject to the requirements included in this section.
- Workers using historic structures for overnight use must be performing actions necessary for the administration of the area, including visitor and resource protection,

historic structure stabilization and maintenance, and natural and cultural resources fieldwork and research.

- The NPS could authorize temporary overnight use of historic structures in wilderness for non-NPS entities if a work plan is in place for any work to be performed, specifying timeframes and strict adherence to NPS priorities and policies, including management of safe drinking water and human waste.
- **Historic Structures.** Most historic structures and associated cultural landscapes in Isle Royale wilderness are either listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register. Only one cultural landscape, the Tobin Harbor Historic District, is listed in the National Register. Less than half of 1% of Isle Royale wilderness includes a historic structure (93 acres occupied by historic structures in 132,018 acres of wilderness on Isle Royale). Historic structures on Isle Royale contribute to the wilderness quality of other features of value, and preservation is consistent with the public purposes of wilderness for education, recreation, and historic use.
- Research activities and overnight use of the Bangsund Cabin and associated structures would be relocated to nonwilderness as soon as an alternative site is available. After research activities are relocated and occupancy ends, the NPS would evaluate appropriate opportunities at the site, including interpretation.

ALTERNATIVE B (PROPOSED ACTION AND PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)

- **Treatments for Historic Structures and Installations**
- In developing the proposed treatments to historic structures, the NPS considered input from Tribes and non-Tribal consulting parties, as well as subject matter experts in both wilderness and cultural resource preservation. The four proposed treatments are described below. These treatments conform to guidance for managing historic structures and installations in wilderness provided in *Reference Manual 41: Wilderness Stewardship* (NPS 2022).
- **Preservation.** Preservation is the act or process of applying the measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of a historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses on ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction.
- **Stabilization.** Stabilization is a one-time treatment that provides temporary protection for vacant historic structures to arrest deterioration and allow for potential future preservation efforts, should the resources and opportunities for preservation arise. Stabilization is defined as the act or process of applying measures designed to

Commented [JS24]: Does this apply to Partnership agreement participants as well? Activities by partnership participants may be broader than listed here - education, monitoring, traditional use.

Commented [JS25]: Hopefully a work plan could be viewed broadly to include education, monitoring, and traditional use

Commented [JS26]: Could NPS correct the wilderness map and list Bangsund as non wilderness? Bangsund looks like it was a mistake to put in wilderness and this should be corrected.
Scientific use began in 1959, well before the Wilderness Act.

Commented [JS27]: RM41 serves as Level 3 guidance, tiering from [Management Policies 2006, Chapter 6](#) and [Director's Order 41](#). RM41 includes relevant legislation, regulations, other instructions or requirements issued through policy, as well as examples, illustrations, recommended practices, forms, etc. All materials included in RM41 have been approved by the Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection.

Commented [JS28]: In RM41 it says under NPS Management Policies (2006) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines:

1)A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that maximizes the retention of distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships. Where a treatment and use have not been identified, a property will be protected and, if necessary, stabilized until additional work may be undertaken.

Why are all the out buildings listed for stabilization when most of them are in good or better shape than the main cabins that are listed for preservation?

Commented [JS29]: Many if not most of the structures listed in the plan are not vacant.

I understand from the consulting party webinar that this action was meant to be an improvement from the state of no work being done. NPS appreciated that stabilization on camps in active use could be seen as a preservation step backwards.

reestablish a weather resistant enclosure and undertake a minimum level of preservation action necessary to retain the structural stability of historic property, while maintaining the essential form as it exists at present. Stabilization and its definition were deleted from the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties in 1995. However, in the context of this plan, and for the purposes of retaining the essential form of certain fundamental and other important cultural resources in the Isle Royale wilderness, stabilization is considered an appropriate treatment, but one that does not require in-depth studies such as historic structure reports or cultural landscape reports.

- The NPS would evaluate the condition of stabilized structures over a six-year cycle to correspond to the timeline of updates required in the List of Classified Structures. During the six-year cycle after the completion of this plan, if a structure is in poor condition and no NPS resources or resources under a partnership program are available to bring it to fair or good condition, then the NPS would document the structure and it would be left to deteriorate. The NPS may continue to stabilize structures that are in fair or good condition without the assistance of a partner. Treatment and documentation processes for structures that are left to deteriorate would follow the description provided under the "Molder" treatment below.
- During the six-year cycle, if the NPS enters a partnership program to preserve stabilized structures or installations in fair or good condition, then historic structures and installations would revert to a preservation treatment and be maintained in a weatherized state as long as the partnership program keeps structures and installations in fair to good condition.
- The NPS would prioritize resources under a partnership program for the stabilization of historic structures or installations that are fundamental resources and values as defined in the park's Foundation Document or that have been determined to be of national significance determined by National Register evaluations.
- **Molder.** Mouldering is defined as allowing natural deterioration to act upon historic structures or installations without benefit of human interference. Mouldering would allow the resource to transition into an archeological site or ruin, facilitating future self-discovery by visitors (discovery site), research, and interpretive opportunities.
- **Remove.** Removal is defined as the careful and comprehensive disassembly and removal of historic structures or installations such that the site no longer retains its character, historical significance, and/or integrity.
- In applying these treatments to historic structures and installations in wilderness under the action alternatives, the NPS considered a range of criteria related to the significance

Commented [JS30]:

The Foundation Document mentions Maritime Character as a fundamental value and lists historic boats, landscapes, structures, and sites as specific resources. It also calls out the maritime fishing culture. Rebecca Toupe's ethnographic assessment of the "fisherfolk" is an excellent document describing the commercial fishing culture. A similar report is needed and proposed in the CRMP for the other maritime cultures.

As described in the Foundation Document:

"Maritime Character

Travel around and among the islands requires intimate knowledge of and skills in navigating the treacherous waters of Lake Superior. Historic boats, landscapes, structures, sites, and submerged remnants of their adaptation to this maritime environment are found throughout the inlets and harbors of the archipelago.

A significant maritime fishing culture with an associated traditional environmental knowledge of fish and fishing developed slowly over time and has been passed down generation after generation in response to this very specific environment. The park provides a continued opportunity for the expansion and quarry of the abundant fish populations in these waters.

Maintaining and preserving examples of maritime resources and the designs, vernacular methods, and skills used to create them is critical to preserving this fundamental resource and value."

I don't believe that any individual structures on Isle Royale are listed with national significance.

Either this statement should be expanded to mention all the non-structural maritime resources mentioned in the Foundation Document or the WSP should add other sections to prioritize the preservation of historic boats, landscapes, structures, sites, and maritime cultures.

of the structure or installation within the park and nationally, its condition, whether the structure or installation contributes to the integrity of a historic district, potential future use of the structure or installation, the feasibility of the proposed treatment, and a range of other criteria.

- **Is the resource considered fundamental per the Isle Royale Foundation Document?** Fundamental resources and values described in the park's Foundation Document (NPS 2016a) include precontact and historic mining sites, shipwrecks, folk and commercial fisheries, vernacular boats, lighthouses, and ethnographic uses and resources. Other important resources and values include cemeteries and burial sites; recreational cottages; Civilian Conservation Corps, Mission 66
- **Is the resource considered "nationally significant" as per the National Register?** Actions associated with structures and installations that are nationally significant are a higher priority for implementation, as opposed to actions associated with resources that are state or locally significant.
- **Is the resource in good condition?** Good condition is defined by the List of Classified Structures or best professional judgment (when up-to-date information is not included in the list). Actions for structures and installations in good condition are a higher priority for implementation. Resources in good condition cost less to maintain and preserve over time compared to those resources already in poor condition.
- **Is the resource of high integrity?** Resource integrity is defined as the physical ability of a structure or installation to convey its significance. This is measured by the seven National Register elements of integrity: materials, design, workmanship, location, setting feeling, and association. To retain integrity, a resource must possess several, if not most, of these elements. Actions for resources with higher integrity are a higher priority for implementation.
- **Does the resource contribute to the integrity of a historic district?** Historic district integrity is defined as the ability of the collection of resources to convey the significance of the district.
- **What is the practicality/implementability of preservation or stabilization?** Does the scope of the project negate implementation? Under this criteria, NPS considers the complexity and scale of project, remoteness of the site, practicality of taking an action, and availability of materials that are historically accurate.
- **Would the action result in a long-term/sustainable solution to resource concerns?** Actions that result in long-term solutions (e.g., sustainable over 20+

Commented [JS31]: How are the section 106 consulting parties supposed to address these filters for individual structure preservation? Ignore them? Do all these criteria meet section 106 review criteria?

Are the section 106 consulting parties supposed to read these as NPS criteria that it used and we are then supposed to decide whether the final decisions have adverse effects on the resources?

years) are prioritized over short-term solutions that would need to be re-done. All actions are assumed to be in line with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Stabilization is not considered a sustainable action, while preservation is considered a sustainable action even for resources in poor condition.

- **Is the resource a primary rather than an auxiliary structure?** Actions for primary structures (e.g., main cabins) are prioritized over actions for support and auxiliary structures (e.g., privies, tool sheds, etc.).
- **Is the resource currently accessible to visitors or would the proposed action increase visitor access?** Structures that are currently well served by either a dock or trail are prioritized over structures that are difficult for visitors to reach.
- **Does the action facilitate an operational/administrative use or visitor experience opportunity?** Actions that facilitate operational uses or visitor experience opportunities are prioritized over those actions that have no effect or remove opportunities.
- **Does the action result in minimal impacts to wilderness character?** Actions that result in fewer adverse impacts to wilderness character are given higher priority.
- **Does the action result in minimal adverse impacts to natural resources?** Actions that improve natural resources or result in fewer adverse impacts to natural resources are given higher priority.
- Tables 3–11 summarize and describe the proposed treatment of historic structures and installations in wilderness under alternative B.
- * The Mattson Fishery Fish House was demolished in 2018, following a partial collapse into Lake Superior. The building materials are stacked on the shore. ** The Mattson Fishery Fishing Shed was disassembled in 2017 due to structural failure. The building materials are stacked on the shore.

Public Use of Historic Structures

- **Bangsund Cabin and Associated Structures.** The Bangsund site would remain accessible to the public by trails and the boat dock. The boat docks at Bangsund would remain open to the public for day use and would be maintained for administrative use.
- **Tobin Harbor Area.** Selected historic structures in the Tobin Harbor area would be open for the public to access during the day.
- **Fisherman's Home.** A campground would not be established at this site. This site would be open to the public for day use only.

Commented [JS32]: I confess that it's hard for me to understand how the remaining cultural resources on Isle Royale can be anything other than de minimus in relation to wilderness character and wilderness experience for visitors to the Island and the Island's natural resources. The total footprint for all structures on Isle Royale is less than 34 acres. This leaves well over 100,000 acres for visitors to find their wilderness experience, natural resources to remain natural, and the Island to maintain its wilderness character. The request to preserve the Island's cultural resources is not a 50/50 request. It's a 99.95% request to honor designated wilderness and a .05% request to honor the historic human connection to the Island.

Commented [JS33]: Are these tables minimum standards (like building codes) or are they absolute standards? For example if a building is listed as molder is a Partnership allowed to preserve the building?

Commented [JS34]: The Mattson fish house was not demolished! I led the disassembly of the fish house in 2019 and the fishing shed in 2020. The fish house is the last "Swede Finn" fish house on Isle Royale, a point of intense personal importance to the Mattson family. In addition, the fish house has also been the focal center of the Tobin Harbor community for decades.

The crib is the problem and needs to be reconstructed before the fish house and fishing shed can be replaced. Our intention/desire is to reassemble the fish house using as much of the salvageable material as possible after the crib is repaired.

Both structures are ready to be reassembled if and when NPS allows a new dock to be built. In addition, the dock and these structures are in non wilderness if as NPS states in this document that docks are in non wilderness.

Commented [JS35]: Can NPS include docks in tables 3-11 associated with each location? NPS can add a note that they are in nonwilderness but should be associated with structures located in wilderness.

- **Crystal Cove.** The main lodge would be open to the public for day use, with interpretive exhibits inside the structure. A campground would not be established at this site. Overnight use of the dock would be permitted.
- **Wright Island.** A campground would be added. Overnight use of the dock would be permitted.

Use of Structures for Administrative Uses

- **Tobin Harbor Area.** Park staff or park-approved personnel may use select historic structures for overnight administrative use approximately four to six weeks per year for resource protection purposes.
- **Fisherman's Home.** Park staff or park-approved personnel may use the Rude Cabin for overnight administrative use at Fisherman's Home. Fisherman's Home would be used for administrative overnight use approximately four to six weeks per year for resource protection purposes. Use of these structures at Fisherman's Home would be consistent with the 1998 GMP, which noted that structures at Fisherman's Home would be evaluated for adaptive use.
- **Crystal Cove.** The caretaker for structures at Crystal Cove would be located at Belle Isle (nonwilderness).
- **Davidson Island.** Seasonal overnight use by park staff (April–October) would continue at Davidson (Davidson Island Boreal Research Station). Transient researchers would continue to use Davidson when no other park housing is available. Administrative staff would be relocated from Davidson to Mott Island when funding becomes available. The relocation of Davidson staff to Mott is not a high administrative priority and may not occur within the life of the plan. The transfer of employees from Davidson to Mott would require that additional infrastructure be built on Mott to support those staff. If administrative functions were transferred from Davidson to Mott, the bunkhouse and other support structures on Davidson Island (except the privy) would no longer be necessary and would be removed. Davidson House would be retained for its historical value and for administrative use of transient researchers. The NPS would not further develop this area.
- **Amygdaloid Island.** Under this alternative, seasonal overnight use (April–October) by park staff would occur at Anderson/Scotland Cabin (also known as the ranger cabin) and Duplex on Amygdaloid Island (two structures). Administrative use of these cabins for staff and researchers would continue. The NPS would not further develop this area and would remove non-essential structures and installations. The park would minimize nonconforming uses at this location and address any necessary nonconforming uses in an MRA.

Commented [JS36]: NPS should recommend to Congress that Belle Isle should be converted to Wilderness now that NPS has determined that the intended administrative use will not occur.

- **Fire Towers.** The Mount Ojibway and Ishpeming Fire Towers would continue to be used for communications until determined not necessary.

Conversion of Potential Wilderness Additions

- Under alternative B, 12 acres of PWAs would not be converted to designated wilderness. After publishing a *Federal Register* notice, the park would designate 81 acres of current potential wilderness to designated wilderness status. Table 12 indicates which areas would remain potential wilderness and which would be designated wilderness. Existing nonconforming uses (see table 2) would be evaluated for continuation or elimination under an MRA as part of the conversion to designated wilderness.
- Table 12 POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS ON ISLE ROYALE, ACREAGE, AND NONCONFORMING USES
- Under alternative B, visitors could use the docks at Bangsund Cabin and Fisherman's Home for day use and the docks at Crystal Cove and Wright Island for overnight use. Although not in wilderness, noise and the presence of boats at the dock would adversely impact solitude in the adjacent wilderness because the noise may be heard within wilderness, and wilderness visitors may see visitors on the dock.

Commented [JS37]: As pointed out in Wilderness Watch's 11/21/22 letter, "There are approximately 20 existing trailside shelters, however, which are included in areas of potential wilderness addition, and these areas shall become wilderness when the shelters are no longer needed. Other potential wilderness additions bearing more substantial development or retention of private rights will likewise convert to wilderness status when the non-conforming uses or rights are terminated."
H. Rpt. 94-1427.

Non conforming rights in most places listed in Table 12 have ended. Non conforming use (structures, maintenance, and continued occupancy required to maintain historic integrity of the sites) may be required to avoid adverse effects to regionally or nationally significant cultural resources.

As explained for shelters located in potential wilderness, Congress allows continued use of structures as long as NPS feels that continued use of shelters and more substantial development are desirable.

As an alternative to a blanket PWA to designated conversion, can NPS state that it will monitor the park's cultural resource management priorities and commit to convert individual PWAs to designated wilderness when it determines that maintaining and using the structures located in historic districts and cultural landscapes isn't necessary anymore?

Commented [JS38]: Leaving property as PWA is listed as an option in Alternative A so it must be a viable alternative.

Commented [JS39]: What are the primary drivers behind the desire to convert PWA to WA? If leaving land as PWA helps avoid adverse effects to historic properties, shouldn't NPS leave land as NWA?

Can NPS revert part of NWA parcels tied to specific legal right properties or does it need to revert entire parcels? for example, can most of Edwards be converted to wilderness but the Edwards camps left in PWA?

Commented [JS40]: Docks are mentioned in the text but not listed as structures in tables 3-11. Can NPS include them in these tables with a note that they are in non wilderness? I don't believe that the docks are listed in the nonwilderness CRMP either and it would be confusing to have them identified in that document because the docks are associated and critical to the function of the cultural resources in wilderness.

Isle Royale National Park, Michigan

Isle Royale National Park is one of the very prime wilderness parks of the entire National Park System. Being forty five miles long and up to nine miles across, it is the largest, essentially primitive, island archipelago in the waters of Lake Superior. The park islands constitute a 133,786-acre land base, which together with submerged lands 4½ miles offshore, bring the total area in the park to 539,279 acres.

Except for necessary visitor use developments located on the shores at both ends of the island, and occasional clusters of **trailside** shelters along the shoreline elsewhere, the island is totally primitive and undeveloped except for its trail system.

The Committee proposes that 131,880 acres be designated as wilderness, with 231 acres designated as potential wilderness additions. All developments of any type are excluded from the proposed wilderness area. There are approximately 20 existing **trailside** shelters, however, which are included in areas of potential wilderness addition, and these areas shall become wilderness when the shelters are no longer needed. Other potential wilderness additions bearing more substantial development or retention of private rights will likewise convert to wilderness status when the non-conforming uses or rights are terminated.

The Committee chose to recognize by special language, the permissibility of (1) the construction and maintenance of boat docks along the lakeshore as long as their purpose is for safety of visitors and the protection of the wilderness resource, (2) the maintenance of an existing power transmission line, and (3) the pursuit of prescribed burning for the perpetuation of a natural ecosystem.

Throughout the deliberations on Isle Royale, it was stated that the park, in general, and the prospective wilderness in particular, is substantially at its optimum visitor carrying capacity, and any further concentration of use should be promptly and properly controlled.

With regard to the Gull Islands addition, it was the Committee's understanding and intention that these lands would promptly be transferred by the Secretary from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service.

Much greater detailed history of the Committee's concerns and intentions with regard to wilderness designation and the related general management of Isle Royale National Park can be found in the Committee Report (Number 93-1636) of the 93rd Congress accompanying H.R. 4860.

From House Report 94-1427

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT DISMISSED FROM FURTHER ANALYSIS

- **Alternatives with removal or deterioration of additional historic structures in wilderness.**
- The NPS considered but dismissed alternatives that would remove or molder additional structures beyond those identified in alternatives B and C. While the removal of additional structures would improve some aspects of wilderness character, **removal**

would likely result in significant, irreversible impacts to the integrity of key cultural resources of the park, including those that are nationally significant. Removal of additional structures would also negatively impact the “other features of value” quality of wilderness character. Therefore, the NPS dismissed alternatives that included removing additional historic structures from wilderness because the impacts would be too severe.

- **Commercial fishing.** Several stakeholders asked the NPS to evaluate commercial fishing as part of the Wilderness Stewardship Plan. The issue of commercial fishing is outside the scope of this plan because it does not occur in wilderness and is not directly related to accessing wilderness.
- According to Federal Law, commercial fishing is allowed for “bona fide commercial fishermen at all locations on Isle Royale that had fishing establishments where such structures and facilities were used for this purpose during the period from April 1, 1937, to December 31, 1939. Some of these locations are in areas proposed for Designated Wilderness.

Commented [JS41]: NPS proposes to preserve significantly more structures than previously suggested in consulting party meetings (2014-2018).

Is MI SHPO comfortable that NPS proposes significant, irreversible impacts to the structures listed in alternatives B and C? Has NPS proven that it cannot avoid adverse effects to these properties?

In addition to structures, other less tangible cultural resources identified by MI SHPO and in the Tobin Harbor Historic District NR Listing will suffer significant, irreversible impacts. Where does this discussion belong in the report. When and how will the adverse effect on these resources be addressed?

Commented [JS42]: Some fishing-related structures are located in Wilderness. If commercial fishing is not discussed in this document where should it be discussed and decisions made?

PART 20—ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK; COMMERCIAL FISHING

Sec.

20.1 Definitions.

20.2 Permits; conditions.

20.3 Maximum number of permittees.

20.4 Revocation of permits; appeal.

AUTHORITY: Secs. 1-3, 39 Stat. 535, as amended, sec. 3, 56 Stat. 133, secs. 1, 2, 67 Stat. 495, 496; 16 U.S.C. 1, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 408k.

SOURCE: 24 FR 11055, Dec. 30, 1959, unless otherwise noted.

§ 20.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Park* means Isle Royale National Park.

(b) *Permittee* includes all persons engaged in commercial fishing from bases in the Park, except those life lessees who were engaged in such occupation at the date of the issuance of their leases.

[24 FR 11055, Dec. 30, 1959, as amended at 60 FR 55791, Nov. 3, 1995; 62 FR 30235, June 3, 1997]

§ 20.2 Permits; conditions.

Annual, revocable special use permits authorizing the use of Government-owned structures and facilities in the Park as bases for commercial fishing in the waters contiguous to the Park may be granted by the Director of the National Park Service, or the Regional Director if authorized by the Director, to bona fide commercial fishermen, where such structures and facilities were used for this purpose during the period from April 1, 1937, to December 31, 1939, inclusive, subject to the following conditions.

(a) Permittees will be required to pay an annual fee as set forth in part 6 of this chapter.

(b) Permittees shall personally reside at their Park bases during the fishing season.

(c) Permittees shall secure and possess at all times such commercial fishing license as may be required by the State of Michigan.

(d) Permittees shall comply with all Michigan laws, and related regulations prescribed by the Michigan Department of Conservation, governing commercial fishing in the waters contiguous to the Park.

(e) Permittees shall use the bases covered by the permit for commercial fishing only. No permittee shall furnish boat or guide service to the public unless expressly authorized to do so by the Secretary or the Director.

(f) Permittees shall maintain at their own expense, in accordance with reasonable standards of repair, safety, and sanitation, all Government-owned structures and facilities embraced in the permits.

(g) The size, type and location of nets and gear and the number of men engaged in the operation of the fishing base of the permittee shall be prescribed in the permit. Only nets and gear approved by the Michigan Department of Conservation shall be used.

§ 20.3 Maximum number of permittees.

Commercial fishermen to whom the annual revocable permits may be granted shall not exceed the maximum number of persons conducting commercial fishing operations from bases in the area comprising the Park at any one time during the period from April 1, 1937 to December 31, 1939, inclusive.

§ 20.4 Revocation of permits; appeal.

The Director of the National Park Service may, by notification in writing, revoke the permit of any permittee found by him to have violated any Federal statute or the provisions of these or any other regulations of the Secretary, relating to the Park. A permittee, however, shall have the right to appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, from a decision of the Director of the National Park Service revoking his permit. Any such appeal shall comply with the general rules set forth in Department Hearings and Appeals Procedures, 43 CFR part 4, subpart B, and the special procedural rules in subpart G of 43 CFR part 4, applicable to proceedings in appeals cases which do not lie within the appellate jurisdiction of an established Appeals Board of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

[36 FR 7184, Apr. 15, 1971]

- **Relocating administrative uses from Amygdaloid Island to nonwilderness.** Amygdaloid is the only NPS administrative facility on the north side of the island. Since the establishment of the park, the NPS has invested significant resources in developing infrastructure necessary for the administration of wilderness and other park resources on Amygdaloid Island. NPS staff are necessary for to support operations on the north side of the island, including patrol and law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical, visitor contact, and natural and cultural resources **management**.
- Belle Isle is the only nonwilderness area on the northeast side of the island. The current infrastructure on Belle Isle, including the existing dock, is not capable of supporting the current administrative activities supported by **Amygdaloid**.
- **Revising wilderness boundaries.** The proposed action is to fully implement the potential wilderness boundary as designated by Congress in Isle Royale's 1976 wilderness legislation. Some stakeholders asked the NPS to consider changing the potential wilderness boundary in Tobin Harbor to exclude recreational resorts and cottages. Excluding those structures and installations from wilderness could accommodate occupation of historic structures in wilderness, if it were consistent with other park management plans (i.e., the 2022 CRMP/EA). Additional public comments received during scoping either recommended that the NPS change the potential wilderness boundary or make changes in zoning around historic districts or sensitive natural resources.
- Importantly, **the fifth quality of wilderness character (other features of value) recognizes the value of these historic structures in wilderness**. Changing the wilderness boundary is inconsistent with the purpose of the plan and beyond the NPS's ability to implement. The scope and purpose of this plan include planning for the future of wilderness stewardship on Isle Royale under current authorities and does not include how or whether to divest of wilderness in the park. Additionally, this alternative was rejected because it would require a change to existing law. The NPS cannot alter wilderness boundaries designated by **Congress**.
- **Public overnight use of historic structures in wilderness.** The NPS considered but dismissed public overnight use of historic structures in wilderness for several **reasons**.

CHAPTER 3: AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

WILDERNESS CHARACTER

- Generally, opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation are degraded by the presence of recreational structures and installations that decrease self-reliance.

Commented [JS43]: Relocated services from Amygdaloid to non wilderness seems onerous. Can NPS leave Amygdaloid in PWA rather than convert to WA?

Commented [JS44]: If Belle Isle was supposed to be the support center for the north shore and it will not be, can NPS recommend to Congress that it be included as Designated Wilderness?

Commented [JS45]: Does the fifth quality also recognize the value of non-structural components of the confirmed and potential historic districts and landscapes such as objects, the interiors, and traditional use?

Commented [JS46]: Correct, NPS can correct obvious/minor mistakes but it cannot alter the boundaries to serve NPS interests. However, NPS can recommend changes and major corrections to wilderness boundaries - see RM41.

The prudent action would be to leave all PWA as PWA until Congress has the opportunity to digest new information collected during the CRMP and WSP plan development process and discuss potential wilderness boundary changes that NPS has identified during the WSP process?

Commented [JS47]: While IRFFA generally agrees with NPS that the historic structures are fragile and public use should not be offered, One or two sites could be guest-proofed for public use as one of several options to make the experience of staying in one of the historic structures available to the general public. It would take some oversight and handholding similar to what's done for participants in the artist in residence program.

Commented [JS48]: Is NPS overstating the impact of structures and installations on the opportunity for solitude and unconfined recreation? In my experience, walking away a few steps away from a structure offers as much opportunity for solitude and unconfined recreation as does walking away from a tent.

In Tobin's Harbor, the sound from motorized vessels, planes, the Rock Harbor generator, and access to cellphone coverage are the biggest impediments to feelings of solitude in the part of the Island that I'm most familiar with. Most if not all structures are located on the edge of the wilderness and easy to walk or paddle away from. Mechanical noise and the itch to turn on a cellphone are more difficult to escape from.

On a parallel note, I can confirm that maintaining an historic structure and traditional practices on a remote island is an excellent opportunity to learn and experience self-reliance.

- In 1970, at the time of the park's wilderness recommendation, approximately 10,000 people visited the island annually. Visitation among overnight backcountry campers (i.e., the total number of overnight stays by campers, which may include multiple overnight stays by single individuals) peaked in 1996 and 2001 at over 46,000 and 49,000, respectively.

Commented [JS49]: It's interesting to note that Congress recommended in 1976 that Isle Royale had reached its peak capacity and that's when there were only about 10,000 visitors per year.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Through the 1910s and 1920s, several resort communities were established in the Rock Harbor region, at Tobin Harbor and Belle Isle, and on Washington Island. These communities were characterized by a diverse array of structures, including lodges, dining halls, rental cabins, auxiliary cabins and sheds, generator sheds, post offices, and docks. Although most of these early resort complexes are gone, some standing structures and associated archeological features remain.
- **Tobin Harbor.** The Tobin Harbor Historic District is located at the northern end of the narrow harbor and contains a collection of structures and landscape features associated with a commercial fishery, tourist resort, and 14 seasonal camps. The historic district is important as a rare surviving example of a recreational enclave in the North Woods region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.
- **Recreational Cottages.** There are currently 40 historic summer cottage structures at 13 locations in Tobin Harbor. This number represents about one-third of the original total; most were removed following federal purchase. Most remaining structures are in good condition, primarily a result of continued use and maintenance through original life-lease agreements and subsequent special use permits.
- **Crystal Cove.** The Crystal Cove Megeath Historic District is located on the northeast tip of Amygdaloid Island and near the northeast end of Isle Royale. The complex consists of the original Megeath Cabin, the main lodge, two guest cabins, a storage shed, and a generator house. George Megeath lived in Omaha, Nebraska, and presided over the Sheridan Coal Company. The Megeath compound was determined eligible for the National Register at a local level of significance (MI SHPO 2013). Its period of significance spans 1920 when construction began until 1939, when John Nixon, the subsequent owner, sold the property to the NPS.
- **Captain Kidd.** The Captain Kidd Historic District is located on the northeastern tip of Captain Kidd Island to the northwest of the northeastern portion of Isle Royale in a small sheltered cove on the eastern side.
- Captain Kidd is significant at a local level.

Commented [JS50]: This is great that NPS identifies and uses the term community for Rock Harbor, Tobin Harbor, Belle Isle, and Washington Harbor. These are the four communities that deserve to be historic districts if not collectively a national historic landmark with the intent to preserve what remains of these very special communities.

Commented [JS51]: All the Tobin Harbor structures were determined eligible with local significance as well before they were reviewed and listed under the lens of a historic district.

Commented [JS52]: This is the second time this camp is described as a historic district. This should be part of the Belle Isle Historic District including Belle Isle, Johnson Island, and Capt. Kidd Island.

Commented [JS53]: This is the first time that Captain Kidd is listed as a historic district. I have not seen any documentation for this.

The cove is not very sheltered. MacPherrrens, Dasslers, and Edwards all struggled to maintain docks in their locations.

Commented [JS54]: One of the sleeping cabins is listed as eligible with state significance.

Folk and Commercial Fisheries

- **Fisherman's Home.** Fisherman's Home Historic District is located on Houghton Point near the southwest end of the park.
- The fishery complex is eligible for the National Register at a state level of significance. It presents one of the best examples of a remote fishery and is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, in the area of Ethnic Heritage/Commerce for its association with Isle Royale's commercial fishing history.
- The Fisherman's Home complex contributes to the historical value of wilderness character because of its relationship to the landscape; the structures are immersed within the environment rather than imposed upon it. Fisherman's Home is noted for its isolated location.
- Fisheries are a fundamental category of cultural resources related to the park's purpose. The Isle Royale CRMP/EA recommends a Multiple Property National Historic Landmark evaluation of the park's fisheries, and Fisherman's Home will be included in this.
- **Johnson Fishery, Chippewa Harbor.** Chippewa Harbor has been the site of commercial fisheries since the 1880s.
- **Wright Island.** Wright Island may have been used as a commercial fishery as early as the 1830s when the American Fur Company reportedly rendered fish oil on-site.
- **Johns Island.** The Johns Island location near the mouth of Washington Harbor is associated with the original Johns Bros. Fishery on today's Barnum Island. Four structures remain on the site, one of which is considered historic and eligible for inclusion in the National Register as a fishery resource associated with the Johns Fishery on Barnum Island.
- **Bangsund Fishery (Wolf/Moose Research Base).** The Bangsund complex was originally established in the mid-1920s by brothers Jack and Bill Bangsund and was used as a fishery until the mid-1950s. In the late 1950s the location was reoccupied by researchers associated with the wolf/moose project.
 - Climate Change Considerations for Cultural Resources
 - NPS's Cultural Resources Climate Change Strategy establishes goals to preserve and maintain cultural resources as the climate continues to warm. Climate change may affect cultural resources of Isle Royale in numerous ways. Temperature changes that lead to warmer, longer summers would expand the territory of invasive species/pests such as termites that can cause significant damage to wooden structures. Changes in seasonality and phenology from changes in temperature may lead to increased growth of invasive vegetation in

Commented [JS55]: Interesting that it's listed here as a historic district

wilderness areas as a result of longer growing seasons. Increased precipitation and/or heavier precipitation may cause swelling/distortion of wooden building materials and architecture features from wetness and damp, increased risk of rot and fungal/insect attack, increased rates of deterioration from frost events in cold regions that were formerly dry, and erosion of supporting ground around structures. Finally, sea level rise may cause submersion/flooding of coastal sites due to increased flooding events.

Commented [JS56]: Sea level rise may not be an issue (copy paste of text?) but lake level changes are wreaking havoc with the historic crib docks all around the Island.

CHAPTER 4: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

- Cumulative impacts were determined by combining the impacts of each alternative with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in the analysis area and, if applicable, the surrounding region.
- The focus of the wilderness impact analysis is on changes to wilderness character, specifically to the natural, untrammeled, undeveloped, and opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation qualities and other features that would result from the alternatives (Landres et al. 2015). Potential impacts on wilderness were evaluated qualitatively, based on best professional judgment of park, region, and NPS Washington Office Wilderness program staff.

Alternative B (Proposed Action and Preferred Alternative)

Natural

- **Other Actions.** Rerouted trails would benefit the natural quality by moving visitors away from sensitive resources, including nesting species, although the new trail alignment would detract from the natural quality of wilderness in that area. Creating new trail segments in Tobin Harbor, Windigo, on Minong Island, and formalizing the Bangsund Fishery Trail would add approximately 1.7 miles of new trail and degrade the natural quality of nearby wilderness as a result of changes to vegetation and soils from the establishment of a trail.
- Removal of historic structures and restoration of natural vegetation at the sites of these structures would result in permanent, localized, beneficial impacts on the natural quality in these areas. Vegetation clearing around historic structures and installations that would be preserved under this alternative would continue to have a localized, adverse impact on the natural quality by removing vegetation.

Undeveloped

- Under alternative B, 81 acres of PWAs would be converted to designated wilderness. PWAs already are managed as wilderness; however, conversion (conversion) of PWAs may result in an indirect, permanent, beneficial impact to the undeveloped

quality of wilderness if existing nonconforming uses are removed. If alternative B is selected, additional site-specific analysis would be completed to address the continuation or elimination of nonconforming uses as part of the conversion of PWAs to designated wilderness. Ongoing existing nonconforming uses in areas converted to designated wilderness would continue to degrade the undeveloped quality in these areas.

- Relocation of the research activities at Bangsund Research Station to nonwilderness and removal of bridges park-wide would have a beneficial impact on the undeveloped quality in these areas from the reduction in structures and development.
- Administrative use of the structures on Amygdaloid and Davidson Islands and the periodic use of other historic structures would continue, resulting in adverse impacts to the undeveloped quality in these areas over the life of this plan from the continued presence of development.
- Campgrounds would be added at Wright Island and on Johns Island, resulting in direct, adverse impacts to the undeveloped quality in these areas from adding development to wilderness.
- Under alternative B, 51 historic structures and installations in wilderness would be preserved, 23 would be stabilized, 19 would be allowed to molder, and 6 would be removed. Removing structures would have an immediate and direct benefit to the undeveloped quality at the time the removal occurs. Structures and installations that are preserved would detract from the undeveloped quality while they are on the landscape. Structures that are allowed to molder would detract from the undeveloped quality until they molder into the landscape, at which point beneficial impacts to the undeveloped quality would occur. The preservation of the majority of historic structures and installations in wilderness would continue to result in localized, adverse impacts on the undeveloped quality of the wilderness over the life of this plan due to the presence of these developments.

Opportunities for Solitude or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Solitude

- **GMP Management Zones.** rezoning in these areas would not affect the solitude quality of wilderness but rather reflect current and proposed uses.
- **Encounters in Campgrounds.** Two new campgrounds would be established at Wright Island and Johns Island in accordance with the GMP. Under alternative B, the campground at Johns Island would offer a new opportunity specifically for

Commented [JS57]: So what I get from this statement is that NPS hasn't decided yet what uses may or may not be allowed as part of this plan. Will what's described here require an another 106 review?

What will these site-specific analysis consist of and proposed criteria? Should NPS hold off with PWA to WA conversion until these site-specific analysis are completed and have been vetted through 106 review?

nonmotorized recreationists traveling via canoe or kayak. Although boating would still be allowed in the area, creation of a campground for nonmotorized recreationists would provide a new opportunity for solitude because docking would not be allowed, and this campground would be substantially free from boat noise, providing a remote camping experience.

- A new group campsite at Belle Isle campground or elsewhere in nonwilderness would have beneficial effects on wilderness character by providing a place for groups to camp outside wilderness. This may enhance solitude for wilderness visitors because they would be less likely to encounter these groups in wilderness campgrounds or along trails in wilderness.
- Changes to dispersed camping opportunities at Johns Island for users of nonmotorized watercraft would enhance the solitude opportunities at this location. Compared to existing conditions, alternative B would offer an additional area for nonmotorized boat users to camp.
- Alternative B includes changes to public use allowed in various areas. Visitors could use the docks at Bangsund Cabin and Fisherman's Home for day use and the docks at Crystal Cove and Wright Island for overnight use. Overnight use of the dock at Crystal Cove would provide a new use to this area, which is currently not available. The use of the structures may detract from solitude because wilderness visitors would encounter people at these structures. Visitor expectations for encounters in this area should include encountering structures and other visitors. The public use anticipated in Tobin Harbor would be consistent with the expectations for that zone—namely that solitude and quiet would be available some of the time, but there would be bursts of activity, and adventure and challenge would be low in this area.
- **Noise.** Under alternative B, activities including maintenance and creation of trails and removal of historic structures would result in localized, adverse impacts to solitude by contributing to intrusive noise in wilderness areas.
- **Park maintenance staff may also use power tools and chainsaws for preservation of historic structures** or clearing trails and hazard trees. These mechanized tools would create noise in the wilderness and result in localized, adverse impacts to solitude during these activities. The magnitude of these noise impacts would depend on the methods and types of equipment used. Temporary impacts to visitors could be reduced if the park completes these activities during periods of low visitation. Any use of chainsaws or other forms of motorized equipment and mechanical transport would be subject to an MRA.

Commented [JS58]: Are there any other sites on Isle Royale in Wilderness that NPS could build a campground for kayakers that would avoid adverse effects to the historic resources on Johns Island? Can the historic sites and a campground coexist on the Island? What if any other sites were reviewed and rejected for kayak campgrounds? Can other outer islands currently prohibited for camping be opened up for wilderness camping by kayakers?

I asked a friend who has circumnavigated the Island twice where he stayed. He stayed 1/2 in campgrounds and 1/2 on open beaches.

Commented [JS59]: Is there really no other place to offer a non-dock campground experience for a kayaker other than to take over an historic camp? It would be worth talking to some kayakers to find out where they camped while circling the Island.

- Over the long term, the park would continue public and administrative uses at historic and non-historic structures in wilderness as described in chapter 2. Other structures, such as the Rude Cabin at Fisherman's Home, which may be used for administrative overnight stays for approximately four to six weeks per year under this alternative, and multiple structures at Tobin Harbor, which would be open to public day use, would be newly opened to administrative or public use. These uses would result in adverse impacts to natural sounds in wilderness over the life of the plan due to the increased human noise in these areas.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

- Rerouted trails in wilderness and the creation of new trail segments in Tobin Harbor, Windigo, and Bangsund would detract from the opportunity for unconfined recreation by concentrating foot traffic in areas because most visitors would stay on formal trails. However, maintenance of formal trails helps keep social trails from forming; social trails detract from the opportunity for unconfined recreation by concentrating foot traffic in areas that are intended to be off-trail.
- As stated previously, under alternative B, 51 of historic structures would be preserved, 23 would be stabilized with the long-term intention of preservation if funds are available, 19 would be allowed to molder, and 6 would be removed. Removing structures would have an immediate benefit to the primitive and unconfined recreation quality because visitors would not encounter these structures. Structures that are allowed to molder would detract from this quality until they molder into the landscape. Preserving and stabilizing other structures would continue to result in an adverse impact on the primitive and unconfined recreation quality of the wilderness from their presence. Likewise, day use of structures would detract from solitude and primitive recreation.

Other Features of Value

Historic Structures and Districts and their Associated Cultural Landscapes.

- Under alternative B, the historic structures and associated districts that contribute to wilderness character under this quality would experience both beneficial and adverse impacts, as described below under "Cultural Resources." These historic features are located in wilderness and contribute to the story of wilderness at Isle Royale.
- Overall, alternative B would retain some of the features that contribute to this quality of wilderness character but would allow for the mouldering or removal of some structures that would detract from this character.

Commented [JS60]: But would preserving structures reduce the opportunity for those looking for primitive and unconfined recreation? Individuals for looking for this wilderness feature are hopefully headed somewhere else than where the historic structures are located (mostly in front county zones where expectations for primitive and unconfined recreation are low).

In addition, scale of the area associated with historic districts (about 90 acres) is significantly smaller than the scale of opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation on the Island (about 131,000 acres). This suggests that the issue regarding the potential environmental impact of historic structures on primitive and unconfined recreation is de minimus.

Commented [JS61]: are currently located in potential wilderness and are proposed to be

Commented [JS62]: The report overall is silent or mysterious about traditional use, objects, artifacts, continuum of use, and whether or not the integrity that brings the documented and potential historic districts up to national significance with these additional intangible features. The structures by themselves are local significance. Grouped together into Historic Districts, they rise to regional or national significance.

What is the best way to deal with this? Hope that partnerships can help NPS avoid adverse effects?

- When the structures have been reclaimed by the landscape, they would no longer contribute to the story of human presence in Isle Royale's wilderness, resulting in an adverse impact to this quality of wilderness.

Cumulative Impacts

- Overall, past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be the same as those described for alternative A. Preservation actions would result in beneficial impacts on other features of value over the life of this plan, while removal and mouldering of historic structures would result in permanent, adverse impacts on these features of value. When the incremental impacts of alternative B are added to the past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future impacts, the overall cumulative impacts would be beneficial and adverse to the undeveloped, natural, and other features of value qualities of wilderness. Alternative B would only contribute to the adverse impacts to the undeveloped, natural, and other features of value qualities of wilderness. Effects would be beneficial for opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

- Federal agencies are required to consider whether the alternative actions would result in impacts that could not be fully mitigated or avoided (NEPA section 101(c)(ii)). The following discussion describes the potential unavoidable adverse impacts by alternative.

Alternatives B and C

- Under alternatives B and C, although there would be unavoidable, adverse impacts to other features of value from the permanent removal of historic structures that contribute to this quality, there is a tradeoff to the degree in which the natural and undeveloped qualities would be enhanced through the removal of these structures. There would also be an adverse impact to the historic structures and associated districts themselves from the mouldering or removal of these structures and the impacts of those removals on the associated districts.

IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

- Federal agencies must consider if the effects of the alternatives cannot be changed or are permanent (that is, the impacts are irreversible). The NPS must also consider if the impacts on park resources would mean that once gone, the resource could not be replaced; in other words, the resource could not be restored, replaced, or otherwise retrieved (NEPA section 102(c)(V)).

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On Isle Royale, NPS will need to leave the historic resources in PWA, correct wilderness border mistakes (Bangsund), or recommend wilderness border changes to Congress as outlined in RM41 to avoid "unavoidable" adverse effects to documented and potential nationally significant cultural resources.

Alternatives B and C

- Alternatives B and C have the potential to result in irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources related to wilderness stewardship and maintenance at Isle Royale, including the removal of historic structures that detract from the undeveloped quality of wilderness character, as well as establishment of trails that enhance opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation.

Non-Tribal Section 106 Consultation

- Non-Tribal consulting parties include the following organizations: Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Isle Royale Families and Friends Association, North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Sierra Club, Wilderness Watch, Johns Hotel Historical Point Association, Washington Harbor Preservation Group, and the National Parks Conservation Association.

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APPENDIX B: ISSUES AND IMPACT TOPICS NOT CARRIED FORWARD FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS

1.6 IDENTIFICATION OF STRUCTURES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO WILDERNESS CHARACTER

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Through the wilderness stewardship planning process, the NPS identified the structures in wilderness and evaluated whether they contribute to the wilderness character of the Isle Royale Wilderness. In particular, the NPS consulted the Park's General Management Plan, Foundation Document, the State of Michigan survey of historic buildings (1975), and the development of the Isle Royale narrative history (1988), which included a listing of possible national register nominations. In addition, the NPS List of Classified Structures program began documenting historic structures at Isle Royale National Park in 1995. This effort culminated in the Franks and Alanen study, Historic Structures at Isle Royale (1999),

Based on these evaluations, approximately 100 historic structures that contribute to wilderness character were identified and considered in this planning effort.

1.7 DRAFT DETERMINATION OF CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC VALUES OF THE ISLE ROYALE WILDERNESS

Wilderness designation does not diminish the NPS's fundamental responsibility for affirmatively managing its cultural resources. The Wilderness Act's provisions do not lower the standards for the use or preservation of national parks under the various laws applicable to that national park including, the NPS Organic Act of 1916, the Antiquities Act of 1906, the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and other federal legislation that applies

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The approach that the evaluation team has taken to use old information and out of context with the cultural landscapes, historic districts, and national historic landmarks appears to take the value of these resources down to their lowest common denominator.

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In parallel, other cultural resources listed under the Preservation Act (such as use) most likely contribute to wilderness character. How does NPS anticipate identifying and preserving these resources?

to the protection of cultural resources. Section 6.3.8 of the Management Policies states that “cultural resources that have been included within wilderness will be protected and maintained according to the pertinent laws and policies governing cultural resources using management methods that are consistent with the preservation of wilderness character and values.” Managing to preserve wilderness character requires managers to holistically consider the five tangible qualities of wilderness character, all equally important, which are: (1) Natural, (2) Untrammeled, (3) Undeveloped, (4) Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation, and (5) Other Features of Value.

The “other features of value” quality of wilderness character is rooted in the Wilderness Act, which provides that wilderness “may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value” (emphasis added). This quality also ties to one of the six public purposes of the Wilderness Act “historical use.” This quality is important because it protects features unique and integral to an individual wilderness that might not be identified with one of the other four qualities.

Historic structures, even those that contribute to wilderness character, are prohibited under section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act unless they are “necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act.” Because the NPS has an obligation to preserve wilderness character, a structure meets this necessity standard and may be retained in wilderness if its existence preserves the totality of wilderness character based on a careful balancing of the five qualities of wilderness character. Thus, the NPS evaluated the approximately 100 historic structures (identified above) that were found to contribute to the wilderness character of the Isle Royale Wilderness to determine whether these structures were necessary either individually, or as components of a historic district, to preserve the historic values of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

In general, in evaluating the necessity of historic structures in the Isle Royale Wilderness, the NPS assessed its contribution to the “other features of value” quality of wilderness character, considering the following elements:

- Historic significance: whether the structure is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or is identified as a contributing resource to a larger historic district, and the level of significance at which the structure or district is eligible or listed.
- Historic integrity and uniqueness: the structure’s historic integrity, generally defined as how well a structure conveys its historical significance; the structure’s condition; the structure’s uniqueness and architectural features; and whether there are any other similar structures within the park.

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- Historic value: how the structure relates to the park's purpose and significance as described in park-specific enabling legislation or wilderness legislation and 6

accompanying legislative history; how the structure relates to the park's fundamental resources and values identified in a park's Foundation Document (which identifies precontact and historic mining sites, shipwrecks, folk and commercial fisheries, vernacular boats, lighthouses, and ethnographic use and resource as fundamental resources and values of the park)²; and, its relationship to the history and stories of people and their life on the island or historic events that led to the creation of the park or preservation of its wilderness.

In addition, the NPS considered the impacts of the structure, or related group of structures, to the other four qualities of wilderness character, including: their visual prominence and congruence with natural surroundings (solitude quality); their size, character and proximity to other structures (undeveloped quality); impact to plants, animals, air quality, and water quality (natural quality); and impacts to the biophysical environment (untrammeled quality).

Many structures that were once located in the Isle Royale Wilderness have already been removed from wilderness or destroyed following federal purchase. The remaining historic structures are generally of small scale compared to the extended island and its immense Lake Superior boundary. They are subtle and fit lightly into the landscape compared to more modern, industrial, and mechanized intrusions or larger or more complete structures and complexes. Often the boundaries between areas of cultural use and undisturbed wilderness are blurred or not apparent to most observers.

At Isle Royale, the undeveloped quality is degraded by the presence of installations and structures in designated wilderness. The presence of numerous recreational cabins and other structures in potential wilderness, fire towers in wilderness, and other such installations that are essentially unavoidable when traveling around the islands, may negatively impact opportunities for solitude. Many of the recreational camps are concentrated into small, but often visited areas of the island, and visitor encounters are frequent in these locations.

The solitude quality of wilderness may also be degraded when a visitor, seeking solitude, encounters a structure within the wilderness, or when a structure is visible within wilderness.

The natural quality of wilderness is preserved when wilderness ecological systems are substantially free from the effects of modern civilization. The presence of structures on Isle Royale diminishes the ecological systems in the areas where structures are located. The construction of structures, especially since they are generally present in clusters or camps that consist of small buildings, resulted in removal of vegetation, such as for clearing footpaths and for fire protection, and soil disturbance such as compaction. However, the continued presence of structures themselves does not manipulate the environment nor does it preclude the natural

ecosystems on the island from functioning naturally. Therefore, any impact from the presence of the structures to the natural quality of wilderness is minimal.

Structures may degrade the untrammeled quality of wilderness if they deliberately manipulate the biophysical environment. None of the approximately 100 structures evaluated in this MRA represent an ongoing trammel to Isle Royale's wilderness.

The Foundation Document for Isle Royale states that resources associated with maritime character and fishing culture are park fundamental resources. The Foundation Document notes that properties built in the late 1800s and early 1900s that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register are other important resources and values of the park. These properties include lodges, resorts, and summer cabins that fostered the growth of tourism on Isle Royale and helped give rise to the idea of establishing the archipelago as a national park. Interpretive themes described in the Foundation Document note that "despite changing human values and cultures, the allure of Isle Royale's primeval character has been consistent through time."

The **other features of value quality** of Isle Royale's wilderness character is diminished by the loss of cultural resources of value. In general, this quality may be degraded by the loss or removal of historic structures, the illegal removal of cultural artifacts, and damage or vandalism to historic structures. Other threats include loss of traditional knowledge and understanding of life on the island, including ethnographic resources as they relate to the island and knowledge of endemic, island-specific vernacular boat design.

Historic structures in Isle Royale wilderness are either individually assessed or assessed as an interrelated group of structures

1.7.1.8 Mattson Fishery

The Mattson Fishery is located along the south shore of Tobin Harbor, just to the south of Minong Island, on a 1.21 acre parcel of land that measures 175' by 300'. Louis Mattson Sr. was among several fisherman that started fishing in Tobin Harbor as early as the 1890s, which represents the earliest residential use of the District. The majority of the structures are located along the hillside above Tobin Harbor. A winding path leads from the dock up the hill to a flatter area where the buildings are sited. A steep path leads from behind the Art Mattson cottage to the crest of the hill where a garden was located. At one time there were at least 11 structures associated with this fishery, many of which were situated along the waterfront. The remaining extant structures that contribute to the Tobin Harbor Historic District and wilderness character include the Art & Inez Mattson cottage, Ed Mattson cottage, guest cabin/net house, net house, privy, and fishing shed. Other structures that are present but have not been found to contribute to wilderness character due to extreme deterioration are a chicken coop and woodshed.

Beginning at the waterfront, the fishing shed is located along shore adjacent to the location of the former fish house, which was dismantled in 2018 due to poor repair and impending

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collapse. The fishing shed is a rectangular building measuring approximately 8' by 10' and features drop-lap siding and a shed roof covered with asphalt rolled roofing. The northern edge of the building perches over the water. In 2021, the fishing shed was dismantled in preparation of needed cribbing repair below the structure. Full sections of this structure are now resting upright beside the waterfront awaiting reassembly after crib rehabilitation.

1.7.1.12 Snell Camp

The Snell Camp is located on a 0.574 acre parcel of land that includes 100' of shoreline along Tobin Harbor. The property is 250' deep. The Snell Camp is located atop a steep hillside. A stairway from the dock leads up to the top of the hill. The stairs consist of steps formed with packed earth and wooden risers. There is a railing along each side of the stairway built with logs and poles. The camp includes four contributing buildings, a cottage, a guest house, a store house, and the "writer's shack." There is one non-contributing privy on the site that was constructed in 1983. This privy is not considered historic and its necessity will be determined through a separate programmatic MRA.

The cottage is a one-story, T-shaped building, sheathed with horizontal boards and covered with a gable roof with asphalt rolled roofing. The guest house is a one-story building located to the west of the main cottage. The guest house consists of two separate sections that are joined together, with each section measuring approximately 8' by 12'. The store house is located on the edge of the hill overlooking Tobin Harbor. It measures 16' by 7' and features horizontal siding, corner boards, and a steep gable roof covered. The writer's shack is located on the crest of a hill high above the Snell cottage. The writer's shack is a square building that measures about 7' by 7' and is sided with plywood.

These structures, though small, are developments and thus detract from the undeveloped quality of wilderness character. The Snell Camp is high above the water on the south shore of Tobin Harbor. The cottage the steps leading up to the cottage are visible from the water (non-wilderness) while the store house is somewhat visible, and the guest house and writer's shack are obscured by vegetation. The cottage, guest house and store house are somewhat visible within wilderness and detract from the solitude quality of wilderness character. However, dense vegetation surrounds writer's shack and so visitors would have to be within immediate vicinity to readily view it, limiting its impact on solitude.

The Snell Camp contributes to the fifth quality of wilderness character – other features of value. Roy and Lucille Snell were from Wheaton, Illinois, where Roy wrote children's books for a living. Roy and Lucille Snell, along with their sons Jud, John, and Laurie, first came to Isle Royale in 1931 and rented a cabin in Rock Harbor. Lucille decided that Tobin Harbor would be a safer environment for her boys and the family proceeded to rent the Breen property beginning in 1932. The Snells purchased the property in 1936. The Snell family contributed to popularizing

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Major portions of the fish house originated from the Edwards Boathouse that washed away one winter.

The structures were both dismantled in preparation of needed cribbing repair below both structures. Full sections of both structures are resting upright on shore waiting for reassembly as are major lengths of siding and roofing that are stick stacked along the shore.

The fish house is the last remaining Swede-Finn fish house on the island and thus has additional significance. In addition, the fish house has been the defining landmark for the Tobin's Harbor community for decades.

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Commented [JS72]: Other than a brief period after Roy Snell died in 1958, the camp has been continuously occupied and maintained. Private rights to the cabin by the Snell family ended with the death of Laurie Snell in 2011. Snell descendants have continued traditional use and maintenance of the camp while NPS assessed options to manage the property.

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Can NPS walk us through the scoring/ weighting system that it used for the Snell Camp? What role does its connection to the Tobin Harbor Historic District play? The Camp and the Historic District are on the edge of the wilderness in what's listed on a map as front country. How does this affect the MRA scores compared to if the camp was in a back country, primitive, or wilderness immersion zone? The camp was built to connect with the island. Our families visit the camp to connect with the island. The camp and our family have purposely maintained a small footprint on the island. Does just the fact that it exists mean that it's developed? doesn't allow visitors to experience solitude?

Isle Royale through the stories told in Roy's books. Snell published over 80 books under several names, many written at the Snell Camp.

Conclusion: Tobin Harbor Historic District, and the remaining camps within the District, are necessary to convey the historic values of Isle Royale's wilderness. The four contributing structures in Snell Camp contribute to the significance of the District as a whole, and the Snell family had a unique contribution to the historic values of Isle Royale's wilderness. The cottage is in good condition and retains high historic integrity. The remaining structures are in fair condition. The significance of the site which served as inspiration for 84 children's books were created that sold over two million copies. As the site inspired the novels, its significance and historic value is tied to the site within wilderness and cannot be replicated outside of wilderness. In addition, the camp's placement in vicinity to other camps contributes to an understanding of how the families (including previous owners the Breens) lived together in Tobin Harbor. Thus, cottage, guest cabin, store house and writing shack are all necessary to preserve the historic values of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

1.8 TREATMENT

Reference Manual 41 counsels that in considering whether to perpetuate a structure in wilderness, its cultural or historic value and ability to convey the historical values of the wilderness should be considered. Virtually all structures considered in this process have been determined eligible for, or listed in, the National Register of Historic Places, though some unevaluated structures that are more than fifty years old have also been included. The Tobin Harbor Historic District has been determined as nationally significant. Additionally, some historic structures may be determined necessary for administrative uses, even if they have not been determined necessary to preserve the historic values of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Active preservation of historic structures determined necessary to convey the historic values of the Isle Royale Wilderness supports the public purpose of wilderness for historic use and education. Evidence of human interactions between the natural environment, including the complex influences each has had on the other, is well-preserved on Isle Royale and can range from subtle indications of cultural uses or alterations of the natural landscape. The park's cultural resources in wilderness illustrate the difficulties of life on the island, human use of resources on the island, the adaptation of human visitors and residents to the maritime environment, and the fleeting nature of human intervention in wild lands. In other words, they help tell the stories of a period of significance. For the purposes of this document, the term "active preservation" refers to structures identified for preservation or stabilization.

In developing proposed treatments for these historic structures, the NPS considered the feasibility and extent of measures likely needed to actively perpetuate a resource in balance [with] the significance of the cultural resource and the contribution it makes to wilderness

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The primary connection to other families was by water, almost exclusively in rowboats. Each family member had their own boat. Laurie's rowboat is the last surviving example, one of three rowboats that the Snell boys bought from Mr. Bailey for \$5 apiece.

The cabin interiors retain their original furnishings.

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character. The NPS considered input from Tribes and non-Tribal consulting parties, as well as subject matter experts in both wilderness and cultural resource preservation and will consider input received during public comment on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and Draft EIS.

The four proposed treatments are described below. These treatments conform to guidance for managing historic structures and installations in wilderness provided in *Reference Manual 41: Wilderness Stewardship* (NPS 2022).

Preservation. Preservation is the act or process of applying the measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity, and materials of a historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focuses on maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement or new construction. New exterior additions are not within the scope of this treatment. In limited cases, sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate within a preservation project. Regarding historic and prehistoric structures, a structure or cultural landscape would be preserved in its present condition.

If a structure or installation is identified for active preservation in wilderness, the NPS may remove vegetation around the historic structures in order to maintain the cultural landscapes associated with a historic district and for fire prevention. Vegetation would not be removed or manipulated beyond what is necessary for these purposes. In many cases the vegetation in these districts or camps have been continuously maintained by life-lease families for well over a century. In other districts, the NPS may remove vegetation that has built over time where the cultural landscape has not been maintained. In these areas, impacts to the untrammeled quality of wilderness would be greater than in areas where the cultural landscape has been maintained over time.

Stabilization. Stabilization is a one-time treatment that provides temporary protection for vacant historic structures to arrest deterioration and allow for potential future preservation efforts, should the resources and opportunities for preservation arise. Stabilization is defined as the act or process of applying measures designed to reestablish a weather resistant exterior and undertake a minimum level of preservation action necessary to retain the structural stability of historic property, while maintaining the essential form as it exists at present. Stabilization and its definition were deleted from the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties in 1995. In the context of this plan, however, and for the purposes of retaining the essential form of certain fundamental and other important cultural resources in the Isle Royale wilderness, stabilization is considered an appropriate treatment in some cases, but one that does not require in-depth studies such as historic structure reports or cultural landscape reports.

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The NPS would evaluate the condition of stabilized structures over a six-year cycle to correspond to the timeline of updates required in the List of Classified Structures. During the six-year cycle after the completion of this plan, if a structure is in poor condition and no NPS resources or resources under a partnership program are available to bring it to fair or good condition, then the NPS would ensure documentation of the structure and it would be left to deteriorate. The NPS may continue to stabilize structures that are in fair or good condition without the assistance of a partner. Treatment and documentation processes for structures that are left to deteriorate would follow the “Molder” treatment description below.

During the six-year cycle, if the NPS enters a partnership program to preserve stabilized structures or installations in fair or good condition, then historic structures and installations could revert to a preservation treatment and be maintained in a weatherized state as long as the partnership program keeps structures and installations in fair to good condition. The NPS would prioritize resources for the stabilization of historic structures or installations that are fundamental resources and values as defined in the park’s Foundation Document or that have been determined to be of national significance determined by National Register evaluations.

Supporting Documentation

In addition to reviewing the draft WSP and appendices, I reviewed all the supporting documentation that we’ve been working with as part of the consulting party process. Following are highlights that I pulled out from these documents that are relevant to the draft WSP development process that I would like to include as part of the public record.

1998- General Management Plan

- “Any impacts on cultural resources would be avoided if possible”
- “As soon as the constant care needed by buildings of this type is ended, they begin to deteriorate.”
- “The other major threat over time to the potential landscapes has been park development and destruction of key elements, such as buildings and docks.”

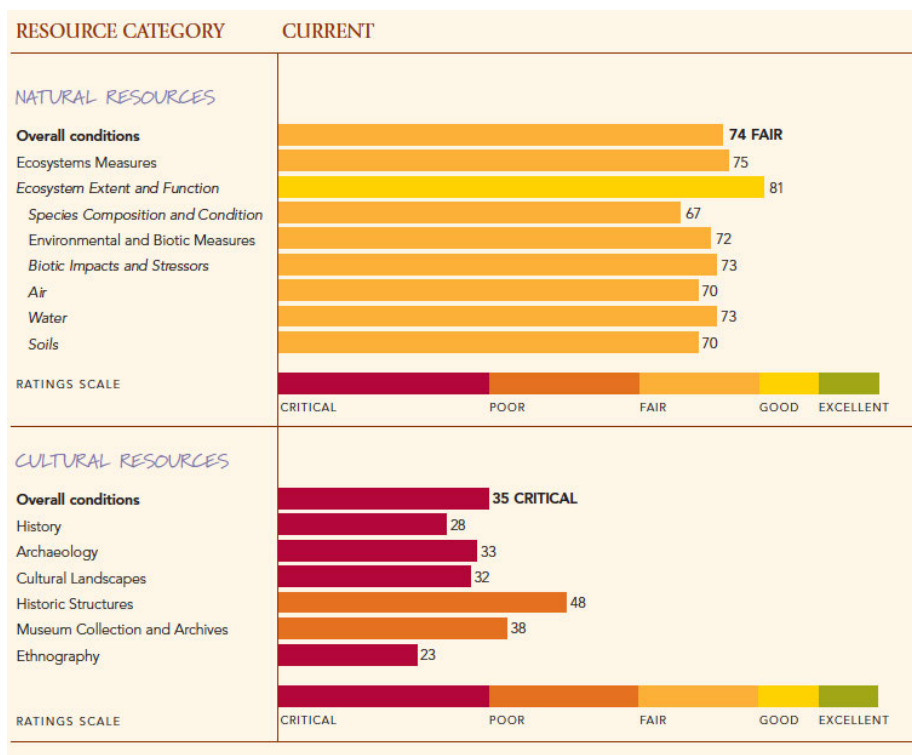
2006 - National Parks of the Great Lakes Resource Assessments, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)

NPCA’s release of its National Parks of the Great Lakes resource assessment identified significant shortfalls in Isle Royale’s cultural resource management. NPCA identified staffing shortfalls as the major concern. IRNP has added a staff archeologist but the other staffing recommendations and historic resource documentation remain unfilled or unfunded.

- “Just part of one staff person’s time is devoted to cultural resources management at Isle Royale—a tall order given the size of the park and the extent of its cultural resources, which encompass 4,500 years of human history. Additional staff are needed to provide

adequate care for cultural resources and to more fully address resource interpretation. Positions should include some combination of a cultural resource specialist, an education specialist, a museum or archival technician, a historical architect, and an archaeological technician.”

- “Limited cultural resources research has been done at Isle Royale. A variety of studies are needed to provide baseline knowledge of the park’s archaeological, ethnographic, and historical resources so that park staff can develop plans to care for and interpret the resources. Important work to be done includes a historic resource study, historic properties management plan, historic structures reports, archaeological surveys, ethnographic overview and assessment, cultural affiliation study, and traditional use studies. Park staff have requested funds to complete a number of these studies, though it could be years before funds are available.”



2010- Historic Context Study (Scarpino)

- The entire island is an historic landscape because of the indelible impact humans have had on the island and how the landscape has shaped human experiences on the island.
- The relationship between historic and present-day use of the extant cultural resources and the surrounding terrestrial and maritime landscape is significant.

2013- Tobin Harbor, Isle Royale National Park National Comparative Properties Study Working Draft

STUDY PURPOSE

Tobin Harbor, a small resort community that developed on the northeast end of Isle Royale during the early twentieth century, is currently composed of twelve single-family, private camps, one fishery, and the remain of the Minong Resort. This study looks to identify properties and offer a comparative analysis of historic recreation districts similar to Tobin Harbor to help inform future Isle Royale National Park planning documents, park management decisions, and cultural resource preservation efforts. A quality comparison study can also become the basis of a National Historic Landmark nomination, as national significance must be proven, and national context must be established within a successful NHL nomination.

COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES AND NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS

The NPS Bulletin “How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations” outlines the requirements for a property to be considered for National Historic Landmark designation. These include a high level of integrity, judged by the same seven criteria used when determining National Register of Historic Places eligibility (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association), and national significance. While properties can apply for the National Register on local or state significance, National Historic Landmarks must be “districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States in history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture” and meet one of the six NHL criteria. The bulletin recognizes that properties associated with regional patterns may qualify as nationally significant if they represent important trends in national history, as so long as the “pattern they represent reflects an important trend in the history of the United States.” In both cases, a NHL “represents an important aspect of the theme on the national level and is outstanding in its representation; also be exceptionally important compared to similar properties within that theme.” This second requirement is determined by using a “reasoned comparison of the property to themes of national importance and to similar properties nationwide,” both those that have already received NHL status and those not yet recognized by the National Park Service.

A section of each NHL nomination is dedicated to comparative analysis. Buildings or districts that share important characteristics with the nominated property are discussed in detail while creating an argument for why the nominated property is the best representation of a significant national theme. This comparison includes descriptions of like properties as well as a discussion of how strong the properties are linked to the theme and the level of integrity they possess. Successful NHL nominations succinctly cover similar properties' history and current status while building a case for the nominated property's "outstanding" representation of theme and integrity.

Isle Royale's Tobin Harbor includes twelve single-family, privately-owned camps that fit the lakeside summer cottage description. These camps feature modest, vernacular cabins created out of readily-available materials as seasonal dwellings and supporting outbuildings. Most of Tobin Harbor's resources predate the establishment of Isle Royale National Park in 1931 and the period of significance selected for the lakeside summer cottage definition within the Voyageurs National Park multiple property listing, but the document mentions how the remote nature of Voyageurs National Park resulted in development decades after they occurred elsewhere. While the land that is now part of Voyageurs National Park did not receive rail and road access until the 1920s, steamers transported people from Chicago and Detroit to Isle Royale as early as 1855. The decline of Lake Superior's fishing industry in the 1880s pushed Isle Royale's economy towards tourism, allowing middle-class individuals to build their own wilderness retreats on Tobin Harbor years before similar developments appeared in Voyageurs and upper Minnesota.

COMPARATIVE PROPERTY SEARCH

Within the Midwest Region, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan experienced similar recreational development during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the northern Midwest gained attention as a desirable vacation destination. These three states share similar settings, with lakeshores, remote islands, and densely-wooded areas once home to logging, mining, and fur trading ventures and they are now home to national parks that celebrate the remaining wilderness areas (Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota, Apostle Islands in Wisconsin, and Isle Royale and Pictured Rocks in Michigan). Searches through the online National Register of Historic Places databases sponsored by individual state historic preservation offices yielded a wide range of properties associated with seasonal, lake-based recreation in these three states. The NPS list of National Historic Landmarks also proved helpful when considering any comparable properties that may have successfully argued for national significance. Correspondence with the National Register coordinators for these Midwest Regional states also alerted me to properties which were not currently listed on the National Register but shared important aspects with Tobin Harbor and had studies which determined historic significance and National Register eligibility.

Recreational development was not a strictly Midwestern phenomenon, meaning districts and properties similar to Tobin Harbor could exist anywhere with the requisite sense of isolation and wilderness. Although settlement and recreational developments in New England predate the period of comparable growth in the Midwest, Maine's early logging economy, miles of coastline, and reputation as a haven for outdoor recreation mirror the geography and tourist opportunities seen in the upper Midwest.

After searching for National Register properties related to recreation or with historic names including "cabin," "camp," or "shack" within Midwest Region states, I used the same search query on National Register properties in the Northeast Region, the Intermountain Region, and the Pacific West Region. Northeast Region properties included seasonal retreats in the White Mountains, along the Atlantic coast, and in the Thousand Islands district of New York.

Isle Royale's geography and location contributed to the feel of Tobin Harbor

One of the compelling aspects of Tobin Harbor's history has been the interplay of federal government policies and Isle Royale residents and property owners since Isle Royale National Park's 1904 establishment. State and national parks have experienced similar debates and issues when dealing with individuals long associated with property and buildings that have become part of public lands. The U.S. Forest Service administers the Recreational Residences Program, which allows individuals to lease lots in organized summer home tracts and build private homes that adhered to Forest Service standards in areas similar to Isle Royale. Other national parks, such as Cape Cod National Seashore, Biscayne Bay National Park, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, have dealt with similar issues when expanding boundaries to include districts composed of historic residences. Adirondack State Preserve juggled the requirements of a historic property located on "wild forest" land. Case studies of these properties have also been included in this document to act as comparisons from a management standpoint.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

Tobin Harbor Historical Context

Isle Royale, a 45-mile long island situated between Ontario, Canada, and Minnesota in Lake Superior, originally attracted attention of Native groups that used the island as a seasonal residence while utilizing Isle Royale's natural resources.

It was not until 1837 that the American Fur Company began the first commercial fishing mining operation on the island. Commercial copper mining and fishing continued throughout the nineteenth century as the island's only industries. During the 1880s, improved transportation routes linking Lake Superior and the rest of northern Minnesota to the greater Midwest gave birth to a successful tourism industry on the once-inaccessible Isle Royale. Vacationers eager to temporarily escape from Midwestern urban centers began visiting the island, attracted to the location's isolation, recreational opportunities, and the touted health benefits of clean,

northern Minnesota air. At first, local fishermen offered simple lodging within their own homes, but in 1892 Isle Royale's first official resort appeared on Washington Harbor. Between 1900 and 1920, resorts and privately-owned summer cabins appeared clustered along the island's protected harbors including Rock Harbor and Tobin Harbor.

In 1900, Gus Mattson, a local fisherman, created the first resort property on Tobin Harbor, a nine-mile long inlet along Isle Royale's southeast shore. Mattson's rustic accommodations, first known as the Tobin Harbor Summer Resort and later called the Minong Lodge, started recreational development in the area, with middle-class, Midwestern families visiting the site and subsequently purchasing their own lot or island and building lakeside summer cottages. Nineteen families from places including St. Paul and Duluth, Minnesota, St. Louis, Missouri, Rockford, Illinois, Leavenworth, Kansas summered at Tobin Harbor, attending community events hosted by the Tobin Harbor Summer Resort such as the annual Boat Day and also enjoying the seclusion offered by their private camps. Each camp consists of a main cabin and several outbuildings that were constructed by local labor whenever the need for a new structure arose.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, a decline in recreational tourists to northern Minnesota and Isle Royale's four resorts fueled talk of transforming Isle Royale into a state or national park. Access issues created by the sharp decrease of passenger and freight activity on Lake Superior made it increasingly difficult to visit the island, a problem those in the Isle Royale tourist industry hoped would be solved with park designation. Congress authorized the creation of Isle Royale National Park in 1931 and in 1936 the government began purchasing private land holdings. Most of the Tobin Harbor camp owners opted for life leases in exchange for donating their property to the National Park Service, with the owners often naming a child as the lease holder to assure the family the longest possible term of use. Limited improvements and additions have occurred since 1940, with notable exceptions being the rebuilding of the Kemmer Camp main cabin after a 1956 fire, continued construction at the Snell and Gale Camps, and the relocation of a guest cabin from its original location at the Minong Lodge to the Merritt Camp.

Soon after the park's 1940 establishment, the NPS began converting the existing resorts and buildings not held in private life-leases to better suit park needs. While the Tobin Harbor camps still in use and covered under life-leases were spared, many of Isle Royale's structures were destroyed through "a policy of 'erasure' or 'moldering ruins'" employed in the Great Lakes historical wilderness areas as an effort to restore the park's natural resources. The Minong Lodge, once the heart of the Tobin Harbor summer community, was removed in 1953 after being closed once the park was established and altogether ignored by park management.

Today, Isle Royale National Park remains a historical wilderness with emphasis placed on protecting and fostering the park's natural resources, but management plans published during the 1990s recognize the summer camps as "an important part of the wilderness experience,"

and cited neglect and attrition as the largest threats to Tobin Harbor's cultural resources. Tobin Harbor's camps currently fall under Management Category B: Should be Preserved and Maintained. However, in recent years, the Mattson fish house and dock have suffered from neglect and the Savage Camp boathouse and storage cabin have been reduced to ruins and removed from Isle Royale's List of Classified Structures. Most damage to Tobin Harbor's cultural resources and integrity comes from vegetation cover, and harsh weather conditions, and neglected maintenance. After decades of adversarial park management policies, fourteen Tobin Harbor sites still exist and the majority maintain a high levels of historic and architectural integrity, which was recognized in the National Park Service's 2011 Tobin Harbor Cultural Landscape Inventory.

Tobin Harbor Defining Characteristics

Tobin Harbor, Isle Royale's largest recreational community before the land was acquired by the U.S. government for Isle Royale National Park, showcases characteristics of early twentieth century private resort communities unique to Lake Superior and the upper Midwest. It consists of privately-owned camps developed by families during the first decades of the twentieth century and passed to subsequent generations through life leases negotiated with the National Park Service or more recently through Volunteer-In-Parks agreements. Each camp includes single-story, vernacular-style cabins made of locally-sources or reused materials. The seasonal residences have unfinished interiors and most sport large porches with lakefront views. Some of the properties are located on private islands and all the Tobin Harbor camps remain accessible only by boat, adding to the isolated and rustic feeling of the camps. Camps consist of a main cottage, outbuildings such as guest houses, privies, sheds, boathouses, and docks, and landscaping features including flag poles, paths, stairs, and retaining walls. Another defining characteristic of Tobin Harbor is its high level of integrity. Of the remaining 14 sites, eight have a high level of integrity (Snell Camp, Siefert Camp, Connolly Camp, Kemmer Camp, Beard Camp, Edwards Camp, Merritt Camp, and the Stack/Wolbrink Camp), four have medium integrity (Gale Camp, How Camp, Dassler Camp, Mattson Fishery), and two are ruins (Savage Camp and Minong Lodge).

The Tobin Harbor properties share both physical characteristics and issues related to setting with the Cape Cod National Seashore dune shacks. Buildings in both locations are simple, seasonal residences used by families over the course of generations. Their remote locations create in guests a sense of independence and self-reliance while they enjoy seemingly unspoiled, natural, waterfront settings. While larger summer resort and personal estates appeared along Lake Superior and Cape Cod, simpler summer dwellings allowed those of more modest means looking for a place to escape the drawbacks of city life to relax, reconnect with nature, and create communities of their own. The summer residences' construction consists of local, relatively cheap materials sometimes scavenged from the surrounding environment. Tobin

Harbor's and the dune shack district's inclusion in national park units has preserved their natural settings but has also led to similar questions over continued use, preservation, and management of cultural resources related to summer cabins and shacks.

Tobin Harbor and the Peaked Hill Bars dune shacks are quite similar but diverge in terms of associative value and building types. The Peaked Hill Bars Dune Shacks have additional associated value from their connections with the Bohemian art community of New York City and Provincetown, Massachusetts, which dating back their development during the 1920s. Tobin Harbor's cabins predate the dune shacks and have a stronger sense of permanence than the Cape Cod shacks. The dune shacks are best categorized as "basic human shelters and intended for limited occupancy," but the Tobin Harbor cottages act as summer homes. Lakeside cabins are larger and offer more comforts to their residents since families traditionally stayed on Isle Royale for the entire summer season. Dune shacks were specifically designed to be moved to accommodate the shifting dune sands and repaired or rebuilt after particularly destructive weather. This constant adapting to the environment led to the creation of traditions regarding dune shack maintenance and a belief system influenced by Cape Cod's unique ecology that has become part of the dune shack culture. Tobin Harbor's more substantive cabins have survived the harsh Lake Superior winters with significantly less maintenance and upkeep, although owners have their own traditions and rituals connected to opening the house for the summer and when disembarking in the fall. These differences may be minor, but both are cited within the dune shack district's National Register nomination as important aspects of the community that contribute to the district's significance.

Another key difference is the potential for either the Cape Cod National Seashore Dune Shacks or Tobin Harbor to be considered Traditional Cultural Properties. After extensive ethnographic research, Wolfe and Ferguson found enough evidence to consider the dune shack residents a traditionally associated group with identifiable customs related to shack maintenance, shared language relating to place names, and an enduring sense of community. This conclusion was echoed by Provincetown locals and Cape Cod National Seashore employees even though the Keeper of the National Register deemed the group of dune shack users too fluid to recognized as a community. The Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA), a group dedicated to preserving the history of families who inhabited the islands before the National Park Service assumed ownership, requested similar research to determine if the original Isle Royale and Tobin harbor families constituted a traditional associated group. An analysis undertaken by the National Park Service found that Isle Royale's Scandinavian fishermen could be considered a traditional group and call sections of Isle Royale National Park traditional cultural properties, but the summer residents who lived along Tobin Harbor constituted a "collective" since they lacked the social interaction and social control component required for a community or group. This determination does not necessarily affect Tobin Harbor's National Register eligibility, as seen by

the successful Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars nomination, accepted in the register five years after the property was denied Traditional Cultural Property recognition.

Tobin Harbor National Register Potential

After considering similar buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Maine, it is evident that Tobin Harbor is an outstanding representation of a seasonal community composed of single-family, privately-owned cottages and linked to water-related recreation. While other National Register properties relating to recreation and summering in the wilderness exist, Tobin Harbor's modest homes and outbuildings created with local, and often reused, materials represent a unique aspect of early twentieth-century recreation in the Midwest. Elaborate summer cottages, expansive resorts, and commercial and religious camps are well represented in the Midwest Region and across the country within the National Register of Historic Places, Tobin Harbor's simpler structures also deserve recognition and preservation as part of Isle Royale National Park's significant cultural resources. Recent cultural landscape inventory and historic context studies determined Tobin Harbor eligible for the National Register on the merit of its historic and architectural integrity and its role as a representative, modest, upper Midwest summer recreation community in the rustic vernacular style. The wealth of structures, 55 spread over 14 sites, makes the Tobin Harbor area ideal for a historic district or multiple property listing. The community's period of significance spans from 1900 to 1939, starting with the development of private camps, encompassing the heyday of Tobin Harbor as a recreation destination during the early twentieth century, and ending with the creation of Isle Royale National Park and the transfer of Tobin Harbor lands to the National Park Service.

Tobin Harbor National Historic Landmark Potential

According to the National Historic Landmark nomination bulletin, potential NHLs must exhibit national significance and high levels of integrity while meeting one of six criteria. The whole of the Tobin Harbor district, defined as the existing buildings associated with the twelve independent camps, Mattson Fishery, and the surviving Minong Cabin, meets National Historic Landmarks Criterion 5.

Criterion 5: Properties that are composed of integral parts of the environment not sufficiently significant by reason of historical association or artistic merit to warrant individual recognition but collectively compose an entity of exceptional historical or artistic significance, or outstanding commemorative or illustrate a way of life or culture.

Similar to other landmark districts including Williamsburg, Virginia, Deadwood, South Dakota, and New Bedford, Massachusetts, Tobin Harbor's national significance comes not from the importance of one structure but what the wealth of surviving properties represents about a broader theme in the country's past. The collection of private camps in Tobin Harbor

characterizes recreational development and the emergence of Lake Superior and the upper Midwest as tourist destinations on the strength of the location's scenery and outdoor leisure opportunities. Unlike the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island (NHL June 29, 1989), the simple, vernacular buildings of Tobin Harbor show how individuals of more modest means vacationed at the turn of the twentieth century and built social bonds outside resorts and association-planned summer cottage communities. Tobin Harbor was the largest summer community on Isle Royale and the tradition of summering continues to this day with nine life lease-holders still summering in their families' rustic cottages. While many private, single-family lakeside cottages have evolved over time to include modern amenities and expanded floor plans, the Tobin Harbor cabins have remained relatively unchanged since the first decades of the twentieth century thanks to National Park Service policies and the park's goal of preserving Isle Royale's natural resources. The 2011 Cultural Landscape Inventory considers the site "one of the best remaining examples of private 'resort' camps on Isle Royale."

Judged on the same seven criteria as used for National Register designations, integrity is even more crucial when considering National Historic Landmark status. The Tobin Harbor district possesses location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association necessary for a National Historic Landmark. Only the Snell Camp, Gale Camp, and Kemmer Camp have experienced minor changes within the past fifty years. While some of the Merritt Camp buildings were not added to the property until after 1939, the additional buildings were created during the period of significance and then relocated to the Merritt Camp from other Tobin Harbor camp sites. Instead of negatively impacting the camp's integrity, this type of reuse enforces the idea of locally-sourced materials being incorporated into existing landscapes, a common theme found throughout the Tobin Harbor properties. Landscape elements such as circulation and private docks stay true to the camps' original vernacular landscape design. Tobin Harbor's wilderness setting has preserved the feeling and setting of the camps while land-leases offered to camp owners when the National Park Service assumed control of Isle Royale in the 1930s created an unbroken chain of association with the camp's original owners and their direct descendants.

Tobin Harbor is a unique place with no directly comparative properties listed within the National Register of Historic Places. Star Island, Minnesota shares defining characteristics with Tobin Harbor, but continued use and development has modernized cottages built in the 1910s and 1920s. The addition of indoor plumbing and electricity ushered Star Island into the modern era. Tobin Harbor camps still rely on privies, primitive forms of refrigeration ("California coolers," which circulate the cool air found under cottages to keep food cold), and generators to meet camp needs. Star Island's popularity and location in the center of Minnesota's inland lake district also detracts from the feeling of isolation experienced in Tobin Harbor. While Tobin Harbor's 14 sites are spread over 10 islands, the three Star Island summer residential groups,

spanning 57 lots total, are all located on the same two-mile wide island. Privately-owned lakeside camps are common in the upper Midwest, but today most either do not represent the same period of recreational development or a high level of historic and architectural integrity as seen in Tobin Harbor's twelve surviving private camps.

FUTURE RESEARCH

Research into the National Register of Historic Places properties in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Maine did not reveal any properties that shared many of Tobin Harbor's defining characteristics. State preservation offices in the four states did not suggest any comparable sites besides Star Island's three summer residential groups, which were the focus of a 2004 National Register Evaluation. Future research into locally significant summer communities with modest roots and small, vernacular cottages could produce more properties similar to Tobin Harbor. However, as technology has advanced, many summer cottages still in use have been outfitted with modern amenities and have lost their feeling of isolation within the larger wilderness. Individual hunting or fishing cabins within the upper Midwest's North Woods may compare to Tobin Harbor's lakeside summer cottages, but no historic district composed of this type of buildings currently exists. Since Star Island is part of the Chippewa National Forest and its summer cottages were the result of the "recreational residence" program, other U.S. Forest Service properties could have similar seasonal cabins. Privately owned seasonal homes on land now controlled by the National Park Service, like the Cape Cod dune shacks, Biscayne Bay's Stiltsville, and buildings in Sequoia National Park, can also offer comparative properties and insight into how other seasonal residences that predate the government's acquisition of national park land have been managed.

2013 – RM41- Procedures for Completing Legal Descriptions and Boundary Maps

A. Statutory Requirement.

In 1970 Congress established the first wilderness within a national park system area. That law required that the National Park Service prepare legal descriptions and maps of the wilderness. In virtually all wilderness designations since, Congress imposed the same duty upon the National Park Service.

Most national park system wilderness acts require that legal descriptions and maps be filed with Congress "as soon as practicable after" the establishment of wilderness. Some parks have discharged this responsibility. Other parks have not. This section of Reference Manual 41 guides parks in preparing legal descriptions and maps.

B. Legal Description Defined.

A legal description of a boundary is a written, narrative recital of the external border of a tract of land and/or water. That recital begins at a fixed point on the boundary. Proceeding in a

counterclockwise direction, the recital describes the boundary -segment by segment. Each segment must begin at the exact point where the preceding segment ended. The last segment ends at that same fixed point where the boundary description began.

Legal descriptions must employ standard methods and terminology used by Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Survey personnel. However, a legal description of land is not the same as a “survey,” nor does a legal description require that a boundary line be surveyed first. A

survey is conducted to physically establish and mark the boundaries between abutting landowners, more particularly between the wilderness or park boundaries and non-wilderness and non-park lands.

C. Reason for Legal Description.

Congress invariably requires that the National Park Service prepare both a legal description and a map for wilderness areas. A final map without a legal description does not meet statutory requirements.

Converting a legislative wilderness map into a written legal description of the lands serves two purposes. First, a legal description represents the precise delineation of a boundary in a written format; a description able to replicate a boundary line in the same place on maps of any scale. Consistent replication is not possible by simply transposing a visual impression of a boundary line directly from a legislative map onto another map. Second, a written legal description creates an intermediate step between the legislative and final maps; an additional step that assists in clarifying and refining a boundary. A written description acts as a check that prevents or detects errors when drawing the boundary on a final map.

D. Source for Legal Description.

The primary and fundamental source for writing a legal description is the “legislative map” (or maps). The legislative map of wilderness is the map that is cited in, or accompanies, the law that designates the wilderness and was prepared by the National Park Service (submitted with the President’s Recommendation). For most National Park Service wilderness, the law designating wilderness cites a legislative map by name, number and date. However, for other National Park Service wilderness (for example the parks of the California Desert), Congress appends maps of its own to the designating statute.

The legislative maps are not the “final” wilderness maps. If they were, Congress would not mandate that the National Park Service produce a subsequent wilderness map. Only after the National Park Service has written a legal description and drawn a map from that description can the final wilderness map be produced.

Each park must conform as strictly as possible to the legislative map when translating the wilderness boundary into a legal description and final map. The process of describing or

drawing a final boundary is not to be used to adjust or modify wilderness boundaries. Neither the National Park Service nor the Secretary has the power to change boundaries from the legislative maps to accommodate uses that would otherwise be prohibited or to ease restrictions or eliminate friction.

Parks may describe wilderness boundaries that make slight corrections to the legislative maps, if the legislative maps contain an obvious error, such as inclusion of a visitor center or automobile campground that Congress never intended to be within wilderness. Such latitude does not, for example, permit the park to draw a dirt road out of wilderness because the NPS or users wish it to remain open.

Parks have some latitude to interpret the exact location on the ground of the legislative map wilderness boundaries. Legislative map boundaries are usually marked by a line whose thickness on the map may correspond to a hundred or more feet on the ground. The park may place the boundary, in the legal description and final map, at the inner or the outer edge of that line. In doing so, parks should act conservatively, deferring to maximum wilderness protection.

F. Drawing Final Wilderness Maps.

For parks that have not yet drawn final wilderness maps, the legal description of wilderness will be depicted on a map or maps of no less than 1:100,000 scale. Parks may use a scale of less than 1:100,000, at their discretion. The maps will be drawn only from a written legal description that has been thoroughly checked for accuracy and marked and dated as "Final."

Park and regional office staff will review the draft of the wilderness maps and check them against the final legal description to detect any errors. After this step, the park will prepare final wilderness maps. The park will stamp that map as "Final" after approval by the superintendent.

The park will then arrange to have printed at least ten sets of the final maps and as many additional sets as the park superintendent deems desirable for park staff or public use.

The writing of the wilderness legal descriptions and preparation of wilderness maps are categorically excluded from review and public comment under the National Environmental Policy Act (516 Departmental Manual 6, Appendix 7.4(A)(2)). However, if prior to release of the final maps, the park consults with any interested public parties or individuals to resolve questions of wilderness boundaries, the park must do so openly and give due notice to all interested groups.

G. Recording and Filing the Maps.

The park will send four sets of maps, electronic GIS files, and legal descriptions to the appropriate regional office. The regional office will retain two sets (one each in the regional land resources and wilderness coordinator's office). The regional office will send two sets, with a transmittal letter from the Regional Director, to the Chief, Office of Legislative Affairs, if the law

requires that the NPS file the final legal description and map with Congress. The Office of Legislative Affairs will submit the final legal description, electronic GIS file, and physical maps to the Congress under signature of the Director.

The submission of maps to congressional committees, when such is prescribed by law, completes the process. Upon filing the documents, the legal description and maps have the same force and effect as if they were contained in the law designating wilderness itself.

The National Park Service does not need an affirmative congressional endorsement of the legal description and maps before they become final. The legal description and maps are final upon submittal. Congress' recourse, in cases where Congress disapproves of the final legal description and maps, is to amend the wilderness boundary by further legislation.

The park will also send a set of legal description, electronic GIS file, and maps to Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection for transmittal to the WASO Wilderness Stewardship Division Chief. The park will send a set to the Technical Information Center of the Denver Service Center. The park will retain at least four sets of the legal description, electronic GIS file, and wilderness maps in park offices. One of those sets must be archived in the park's curatorial collection.

H. Correcting Errors.

NPS staff or the public may detect typographical or clerical errors in the final legal description and/or in the final wilderness maps. The laws that establish NPS wilderness often provide a mechanism for the National Park Service to correct errors after the legal description and maps are made final.

Errors come in many shapes and sizes. A legal description could inaccurately describe the map, or a map line may conflict with the description. A number or direction could be a typographical mistake. Errors may be uncovered shortly after filing the maps, or decades later. It is never too late to correct errors.

The National Park Service will correct errors by writing a memorandum from the park superintendent. The memorandum will explain the error in the existing legal description and/or map(s). If the correction results in a change of wilderness acreage, the memo will so state. The memo of correction will be sent to the regional lands office, the WASO Wilderness Stewardship Division Chief, and the Technical Information Center of the Denver Service Center. Each office will append the memo of correction to the existing final legal description and wilderness maps.

Correcting typographical or clerical errors cannot be used to adjust or modify wilderness boundaries to eliminate management problems or concerns. Adjusting or modifying existing wilderness boundaries may be made only by a recommendation to Congress that Congress enacts into law.

2014 – 2018 Consulting Party Meeting Personal Notes

This section includes personal notes taken during the consulting party process from 2014 to 2018. The primary focus for these selected notes are important statements from the MI SHPO, ACHP, and NPS regarding the Section 106 process and regulatory expectations for the CRMP and WSP documents.

2014 – Consulting Party telcon

- ACHP states that NPS can't just put some alternatives together and say here is our draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- NPS has started a Tobin's Harbor Historic District study last summer. It aims to bring Tobin's from local significance to national significance.
- MI SHPO agreed with broadening the impact on the structures to include the TAP. He would like to be part of the TAP discussion because people living in historic structures affect the impact on preservation. The TAP discussion is important because without living people you have potential for an adverse impact.

2015 – Facilitation process call & 1st webinar with facilitator

- MI SHPO said that artifacts are important to preserve. They are associated with the lifeways and the ownership of the cabins. There are many artifacts, like boats, inside the cabins that are personal property but relate to the historical importance of the cultural resources. This issue should be addressed, but can you do this in the 106 process? All the intangibles, lifeways, views, pathways are not written into the NHP Act but should be considered.
- ACHP said that NPS will have to take historic districts into account in the process. It has to be more than a math exercise. NPS will not be able to eliminate one historic district simply because they have preserved another historic district.
- NPS said that it believes that we have made the case that supports preserving history in wilderness.
- ACHP: NPS has to avoid or minimize adverse effects on cultural resources before mitigation is allowed to proceed.
- ACHP: There needs to be agreement that the preferred alternative is the BEST it can be. Has the agency avoided, to the best of their ability, any adverse effects? There must be agreement that this is the Best it can be. This cannot be underestimated.

2016 – August 8 core team webinar

- ACHP recommended putting draft MOA into the draft EIS. Do not submit draft EIS without draft MOA. NPS said this is something we could shoot for and will take under advisement. MI SHPO said that it would expect draft MOA as well.
- ACHP emphasized the requirement for inviting public comment on approaches to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts on cultural resources, and noted that if the Draft Section 106 Agreement is not completed prior to the release of the Draft EIS, then the Draft Agreement will need a separate comment period.

2016 – November 26 Cultural Landscape email

- Email confirmed that most of the supporting documentation (CLRs, FMSS building data, historic object inventory, wilderness geographic zone assessment, decision matrix) requested during the November 21 Webinar for cultural landscapes doesn't exist.

2016 – November 28-30 in-person meeting

- MI SHPO reiterated that developing the MOA is part of the consultation process, whether or not consulting parties are signing the agreement.
- MI SHPO explained that people's sense of being is incorporated as a part of integrity. NPS added that a resource that brings a sense of being of what a time was like does count towards the feeling of integrity.
- MI SHPO shared that if something is one of a kind and does not exist anywhere else, NPS and this consultation group must be very careful.
- The MI SHPO stated that by federal law, NPS is required to seek to avoid adverse effects, and that he is hopeful that the Tobin Historic District would be kept intact to avoid this.
- IRFFA expressed that human habitation of the structures is associated with maintaining the historical and cultural value of the district. They also noted that IRFFA does not expect exclusive right to occupancy.
- MI SHPO reiterated their concern with skipping the step of whether the preferred alternative items can be avoided.
- NTHP shared that a historic district is greater than the sum of its parts. As such, if the CRMP plans to remove structures, character is lost in the story the historic district is intended to represent.
- During discussion about Dassler Camp, Both the Sierra Club and Wilderness Watch shared that they would be open to discuss overnight use for the artist-in-residence program, depending on the purpose and time period.

2017 – March 6-8 in-person meeting

- MI SHPO said that the group needs to look at an entire Historic District, an entire collection. There can be an adverse effect on the Historic District, not just individual buildings, and camps. NPS suggested that the group start with individual buildings, then come back to the adverse effects on the districts, cultural landscapes etc. Note: this exercise was not completed.

2017 – August 14-16 in-person meeting

- MI SHPO reminded the group that national significance is a different level of consideration. MI SHPO also stated that if you are walking away from private resources available on the table that you cannot say that you have avoided adverse effect.
- MI SHPO and ACHP noted that these partnership parameters need to be identified and included in the Programmatic Agreement (and MOA?), and that this also informs the NEPA process. This partnership relationship is a mechanism to avoid adverse effects.
- NTHP noted that there is an adverse effect that goes beyond buildings in terms of cultural practices on Isle Royale. There shouldn't be an ethnographic paper done later, it needs to be now to inform the process.
- IRFFA said that the essence of this place is the connection passed from one generation to the next of living cultural practices, a sense of connection of people who lived there. It is not just maintaining a building. How do you start a fire, how do you use the California coolers? This is consistent with the wilderness character of Isle Royale.
- The facilitator noted that it would be difficult to use the historic structure spreadsheet to do a district review at this moment given the format of the document. The SHPO stated that it will be looking for an [Historic District] analysis from the park, which should include counts of structures and maps.

2018 – May webinar

- MI SHPO: mothballing [stabilization] – can be viewed as the potential to be demolition by neglect. Not pure avoidance of affect. I don't see mothball as a positive. Will have to study. SHPO stated a concern with 6-year window to inspect mothballed properties, when partners are available now to avoid deterioration within that period. "This is a big concern." We will scrutinize the potential to maintain. We will be looking heavily at the use of partnerships to preserve.

The next step in the consulting party process was to review and discuss the cultural landscapes and historic district(s). This did not happen.

2019 – Tobin Harbor Historic District National Register Nomination (Anderson)

In 2019, the National Register approved and listed the Tobin Harbor Historic District with national significance. The importance of this listing with national significance cannot be overstated. It shifted the understanding of Isle Royale's non-tribal cultural resources from individual structures with local or state significance to a rare collection of north woods camps with national significance, frozen in time, and maintained through continuous traditional use by original families. According to the nomination:

- Tobin Harbor's buildings are characterized by their vernacular architecture. The buildings feature simple designs and construction methods necessitated by the remote location of Isle Royale and its rugged landscape. Cottage interiors also reflect the lifestyle associated with seasonal recreational properties built during the first half of the 20th century.
- The Tobin Harbor Historic District also represents a vernacular landscape. The topography and vegetation of the sheltered harbor influenced the selection of building sites and sometimes provided building materials. The landscape was also shaped by the evolving uses of the camp's inhabitants. A distinctive landscape characteristic is the unique water-borne circulation system as transportation to and from the harbor is exclusively by boat. In addition, the narrow width of Tobin Harbor, and the many islands within the harbor, place the properties in close proximity to each other, creating complex spatial and visual relationships not found in lakeshore districts of a more linear arrangement. Another characteristic is the placement of buildings on high cliffs or hillsides in order to take advantage of dramatic views and vistas. Finally, the buildings reside within the natural wilderness landscape, with minimal manipulation of the land and without formal landscape features that are more typical of an urban setting.
- Very few of the buildings have been altered since the time of their construction. Once Isle Royale National Park was established, changes to the camps were limited. Moreover, electrical service and modern plumbing were not available. As a result, the Tobin Harbor Historic District retains unusually high integrity to the historic period.
- A range of recreation activities were popular in Tobin Harbor historically and these activities continue to this day by the descendants of the original families. The activities include boating, fishing, hiking, and picnicking.
- The complex spatial and visual relationships between the camps in Tobin Harbor create an unusually strong sense of cohesiveness for a collection of lakeside properties, which are often organized in a linear arrangement along a shoreline. In spite of the removal of a number of camps, the connections between the remaining camps creates a network of properties that reinforces their historic association.

- Circulation systems at Tobin Harbor continue to reflect patterns of movement during the historic period, both within each camp and within the district as a whole. Transportation to and from Tobin Harbor is exclusively by boat. Historically, Tobin Harbor's residents arrived by commercial ships such as the *America*. Summer residents were deposited at the dock at Minong Lodge and were then transported by the resort, or their neighbors, to their respective camps, where they maintained their own boats. Today, the residents typically arrive by boat at Rock Harbor Lodge on the *Ranger III* and proceed to Tobin Harbor on smaller watercraft...Docks are an essential component of the transportation system.
- Circulation within each camp is pedestrian. Systems of trails connect a number of the camps located along the south shore of Tobin Harbor. The Dassler, Connolly, and Seifert Camps are all connected to each other by a series of trails. Historically, other camps along the south shore may have been connected with trails but these trails are most likely obscured by vegetation.
- It is also important to acknowledge the water routes between Tobin Harbor's camps and other destinations at Isle Royale as Tobin Harbor residents visited one another and attended social events. Boats traveled logical and similar routes guided by knowledge of reefs and weather conditions, while the location of docks at the origin and destination suggest the route.
- In addition to their simplicity, the buildings and structures are distinguished by their lack of modern amenities. There was no modern plumbing nor electrical service, except for the occasional use of a generator.
 - Buildings constructed or repaired with salvaged materials from other buildings in Tobin Harbor, or from found materials such as shipping crates, or buildings moved from one camp to another, reflecting the ingenuity necessary in a remote Northwoods setting
 - Wooden docks supported by rock-filled log cribs
 - Boat houses in order to protect watercraft from the rough waters or hazardous weather on Lake Superior
 - Furnishings, fixtures, floor coverings, and decorative objects, sometimes handmade, reflect highly original interior spaces dating from the first half of the 20th Century
- Small scale features are found throughout Tobin Harbor's camps. These features provide information about the treatment of the landscape and often reflect activities that took place at a camp. They also enhance the integrity of feeling and association. Rocks figure

prominently in the landscape. They are used to build steps, line paths, construct retaining walls, border garden areas, and define fire rings. Rustic chairs or benches may be found throughout a camp and are sometimes positioned to take advantage of a view. Wood piles for firewood are a ubiquitous feature. Spare lumber that is not required for immediate use is stacked up and stored for future needs. Old boats, tanks, and tools also populate the landscape.

- The Tobin Harbor Historic District has experienced a loss of integrity because of the removal of the buildings within the boundary of the historic district described above. However, the loss of buildings in Tobin Harbor also serves to increase the importance of the remaining resources. In addition, the loss of integrity is offset by the exceptional level of integrity of the surviving resources and by the almost complete absence of non-contributing resources.
- Because few comparative properties have been identified anywhere in the North Woods/Great Lakes region, Tobin Harbor is considered a rare property type, which also compensates for losses in integrity and elevates the significance of the entire historic district.
- Variations in massing, materials, and fenestration patterns result in a wide range of architectural expressions. Some buildings may have few counterparts anywhere in the region, such as the “outdoor kitchen” and open-sided dining pavilion on Edwards Island.
- Another distinctive aspect to the vernacular architecture of Tobin Harbor involves how each of the camps grew to encompass a collection of buildings. Guest cabins, tool sheds, or boat houses were often added. Sometimes a building might be disassembled at a camp that had been vacated and moved to a new location and repurposed. Or salvaged materials might be used to construct a new building, or stored for possible repairs that might not be made until decades later. Not only does the use of salvaged materials and the movement of buildings speak to the ingenuity required in a remote wilderness setting, but the buildings in question are important and meaningful reminders of properties that may no longer exist in their original location.
- Tobin Harbor’s vernacular landscape is also characterized by its water-borne transportation system. Not only is transportation to and from Tobin Harbor exclusively by boat, but movement between the majority of the properties is also by boat. This contrasts with the more typical lakeside community where buildings are arranged along the shore in a linear fashion or when buildings are located on a single island and the circulation between properties is on land. Tobin Harbor’s many islands not only shaped the circulation system, but their close proximity to one another, and to the shore, results in a district with complex spatial and visual relationships between properties, which also

creates an unusual sense of cohesiveness within the Tobin Harbor community and further defines the vernacular landscape.

- The Tobin Harbor Historic District is also very important as a rare surviving example of a recreational enclave in the North Woods region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Efforts to locate comparative properties have identified few similar recreational districts. The majority of the properties considered similar to Tobin Harbor continued to experience incremental changes into the modern era, which resulted in a gradual loss of integrity. What distinguishes Tobin Harbor is its high level of historic authenticity. With the establishment of Isle Royale National Park, not only were the wilderness qualities protected, but change was arrested in Tobin Harbor, and arrested during the historic period, a very unusual occurrence. Not only was change arrested, but considering that electrical service and modern plumbing were never introduced, Tobin Harbor is a virtual time capsule from the first decades of the 20th century. As a result, the Tobin Harbor Historic District is not only an important representation of the emergence and evolution of tourism in the North Woods region, but its vernacular landscape and architecture, and remarkably original interior spaces, provide exceptional insight into life in a seasonal community in a remote, wilderness setting.
- The period of significance for the Tobin Harbor Historic District begins in 1902, the construction date of the oldest surviving building. The period of significance ends in 1962. The end date for the period of significance encompasses a number of significant events including the construction of the final buildings in the district in the 1950s with salvaged materials, the closure of the Mattson Fishery in 1960, and the repositioning of the last two buildings in 1962, achieving the final character of the district. The period of significance represents a continuum of historic activity in Tobin Harbor for six decades.
- While many of the life lease arrangements have ended, members of the Edwards, Connolly, Mattson, Snell, Merritt, and Gale families continue to use and maintain their former camps on Isle Royale, living a simple life style just as previous generations had done, and representing a continuum of use that began in the early years of the 20th century.
- Docks were an essential structure at all Tobin Harbor camps. While the Isle Royale's waterways served as the highway system, docks became the driveway, and were necessary for safe and convenient arrivals and departures by boats and other watercraft. Boathouses served as the garage.
- After Isle Royale National Park was established, there were limitations placed on changes that could be made to Tobin Harbor's camps. It was also challenging for the families that became lease holders to simply maintain their properties. The result was that

considerable ingenuity was required to make repairs or find the materials for a new building. The solution was to utilize salvaged materials or move a vacated building from one location to another.

- The importance of obtaining salvaged materials and storing them for future repairs was perhaps best summed up by Lou Mattson who recalled that the collapsed “Savage boat house became our Home Depot.
- Over time, each Tobin Harbor camp became a collection of buildings, which is one of the unique architectural characteristics of the historic district. A camp might grow to include a cottage, guest cabin, storage building, boat house, wood shed, and a privy. While some additions were made to existing buildings, it seemed more practical to build and maintain a small additional building, rather than construct a major addition. The final period of expansion to Tobin Harbor’s camps occurred once the opportunity arose to construct a building with salvaged materials or move an existing building from one camp to another.
- There was minimal impact on the wilderness setting. Historic photographs confirm that cottages were usually sited within the wilderness landscape within rather dense trees and vegetation, or upon rocky outcroppings. Paths were typically narrow and formed by packed earth. Overall, there was little effort to manipulate the land. Other than at Minong Lodge, there were no efforts to create lawns or formal gardens that might be found in an urban setting.
- Yet, there are unique complexities that characterize Tobin Harbor’s vernacular landscape. All circulation to the camps and between the camps is over the water. And unlike properties arranged in a linear fashion, the harbor’s many islands result in strong spatial and visual relationship between the properties that create an unusual sense of cohesiveness in spite of the rugged wilderness setting.
- There are few surviving historic recreation districts in the remote “Northwoods/Great Lakes” region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan that are comparable to Tobin Harbor. Because so few examples exist, all the properties in this report may be considered significant.
- Expectations about a seasonal cabin have changed dramatically since the early twentieth century. Early cabins differed both architecturally and functionally from urban homes. The simple lifestyle afforded by a remote cabin was often desired. Today’s cabins or seasonal homes are often indistinguishable from a suburban home.
- All the properties in the study, except Tobin Harbor and Washington and Barnum Islands, have experienced or will continue to experience incremental changes. The changes,

while often minor, accumulate and continue to impact the historic integrity of the properties.

- While exterior changes are often the most obvious, interior changes are often overlooked, but they can be very impactful and have a significant effect on historic integrity... Tobin Harbor's cabins contain features such as wood stoves, hand pumps, California Coolers, and galvanized tanks for gravity flow water systems, features that greatly increase our understanding of the era. Such original features are rarely retained when interiors are updated.
- What truly distinguishes Tobin Harbor, as well as Washington and Barnum Islands, is that when the National Park Service purchased the properties in 1930s change was essentially arrested. It was not simply arrested, but arrested during the historic period, which is clearly a rare occurrence. Thus, Tobin Harbor effectively represents the historic period with an exceptional level of integrity and authenticity. It also represents a rare surviving example of the property type. This is particularly evident when the highly original interior spaces of Tobin Harbor's cabins are considered.
- Additionally, the vernacular designs of Tobin Harbor's buildings are both diverse and distinctive. For these reasons, Tobin Harbor is not merely significant within the context of Isle Royale. Tobin Harbor is a highly effective representation of the regional themes of tourism and recreation, along with their corresponding vernacular architectural expressions and landscape.
- While the concept of a seasonal cabin existed in other parts of the country such as the West Coast, it was largely a phenomenon in the North Woods region of the Great Lakes. Thus, the Tobin Harbor Historic District is an outstanding example of an important regional context within the national theme of tourism and recreation and should be considered significant at the national level.

2019- Tobin Harbor Historic District Nomination Findings of Significance (Anderson)

The author of the Tobin Harbor Historic District nomination summarized the significance of the district as follows:

- Very few of the buildings have been altered since the time of their construction. Once Isle Royale National Park was established, changes to the camps were limited. Moreover, electrical service and modern plumbing were not available. As a result, the Tobin Harbor Historic District retains unusually high integrity to the historic period.
- A range of recreation activities were popular in Tobin Harbor historically and these activities continue to this day by the descendants of the original families. The activities include boating, fishing, hiking, and picnicking.

- Circulation systems at Tobin Harbor continue to reflect patterns of movement during the historic period, both within each camp and within the district as a whole. Transportation to and from Tobin Harbor is exclusively by boat...Docks are an essential component of the transportation system.
- Circulation within each camp is pedestrian. Systems of trails connect a number of the camps located along the south shore of Tobin Harbor. The Dassler, Connolly, and Seifert Camps are all connected to each other by a series of trails.
- It is important to acknowledge the water routes between Tobin Harbor's camps and other destinations at Isle Royale as Tobin Harbor residents visited one another and attended social events. Boats traveled logical and similar routes guided by knowledge of reefs and weather conditions, while the location of docks at the origin and destination suggest the route.
- In addition to their simplicity, the buildings and structures are distinguished by their lack of modern amenities. There was no modern plumbing nor electrical service, except for the occasional use of a generator. [Exterior and interior features include:]
 - Buildings constructed or repaired with salvaged materials from other buildings in Tobin Harbor, or from found materials such as shipping crates, or buildings moved from one camp to another, reflecting the ingenuity necessary in a remote Northwoods setting
 - Wooden docks supported by rock-filled log cribs
 - Boat houses in order to protect watercraft from the rough waters or hazardous weather on Lake Superior
 - Furnishings, fixtures, floor coverings, and decorative objects, sometimes handmade, reflect highly original interior spaces dating from the first half of the 20th Century
- Small scale features are found throughout Tobin Harbor's camps. These features provide information about the treatment of the landscape and often reflect activities that took place at a camp. They also enhance the integrity of feeling and association. Rocks figure prominently in the landscape. They are used to build steps, line paths, construct retaining walls, border garden areas, and define fire rings. Rustic chairs or benches may be found throughout a camp and are sometimes positioned to take advantage of a view. Wood piles for firewood are a ubiquitous feature. Spare lumber that is not required for immediate use is stacked up and stored for future needs. Old boats, tanks, and tools also populate the landscape.

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2019 – Non-Wilderness Cultural Resource Management Plan

As NPS shared during the consulting party webinar, the WSP can do a better job incorporating the cultural resource recommendations from the Non-Wilderness Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) into the WSP. Following are highlights from the CRMP regarding non-tribal cultural resources.

Summary

- This document is part of Isle Royale National Park's planning portfolio. It addresses some elements of the park's required management plans; additional elements will be addressed in future planning documents. Other elements required for the management of cultural resources specifically will be found in the park's future wilderness stewardship plan—including the treatment and use of historic structures, historic districts, and cultural landscapes in wilderness and potential wilderness at Isle Royale. Together, Nonwilderness Cultural Resource Management Plan / Environmental Assessment (CRMP/EA) and the future Wilderness Stewardship Plan / Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (WSP/SEIS) describe the actions to be taken in the management of the park's cultural resources planning portfolio and describe the vision for the park's future to meet National Park Service (NPS) policy requirements.
- Proposed elements in the WSP/SEIS include the actions that will require further analysis because of the potential for significant impact.
- Once final decisions on actions described in the CRMP/EA and the WSP/SEIS have been made, a single summary document, with prioritizations and proposed timing of activities, will be produced that will help guide the implementation of the actions proposed in the two environmental compliance documents.

Chapter 1. Purpose and Need

- Evidence of human use, activity, and habitation can be found throughout Isle Royale and in the surrounding waters. As a rich source of fish, wildlife, plants, and minerals, Isle Royale has attracted human visitors and residents for millennia. Cultural resources ranging from lithic scatters of chipped stone to lighthouses reveal a rich history of human use spanning from Archaic times (ca. 3000 BC) to the present day and reflect a rich, freshwater maritime history.
- The long human history of Isle Royale has been tempered by the wildness of the place. For more than 4,000 years, people risked the lake crossing for copper, the rich fishery, and the spiritual beauty of what the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) came to call Minong, "the good place."
- Cultural sites are an important part of Isle Royale National Park. These sites document the diverse human uses of the island over thousands of years. They give perspective to the power of Lake Superior and the isolation of this wilderness island and its natural environment.
- A cultural resources management plan is needed to prioritize the limited staff time and resources available for documentation and maintenance of the wide scope and variety

of cultural resources at Isle Royale. There are gaps in knowledge about cultural resources and the contextual history of the human experience at Isle Royale. A need exists to assess and determine these gaps in knowledge, their extent, and the appropriate method to resolve them.

- Where structures remain, the camps typically feature main cabins, auxiliary cabins, sheds, privies, and docks.
- Vernacular boats (handmade wooden boats using traditional design and techniques) were once common on Isle Royale... Many vernacular boats have been removed from Isle Royale and are in the hands of fishermen or their descendants on the mainland. The few that remain on Isle Royale are either pulled ashore or have been sunk or scuttled in island waters.
- Two disparate groups associated with ethnographic use and resources are: (1) Ojibwe from the nearby mainland shores, and (2) Scandinavian-Americans who became commercial or folk fishers at Isle Royale.
- Ethnographic resources may be landscapes, plants, animals, and places of great significance to groups who came to Isle Royale. Examples of ethnographic resources identified at Isle Royale include lake trout, which were of particular importance to Scandinavian-American fishers. Select plants and animals, such as moose, also are of great importance to Grand Portage tribal members.
- More than 60 ethnographic interviews have been completed and are curated at collection at Isle Royale, Northeast Minnesota Historical Center in Duluth, and the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul.
- Expired life leases authorizing private residential use of publicly owned summer cabins and commercial fishery bases will not be renewed or extended.
- The final disposition and uses of these recreational cabins and fisheries outside of wilderness will be addressed in this document. Those located in wilderness or potential wilderness will be addressed in the future WSP/SEIS and are beyond the scope of this CRMP/EA.
- This CRMP/EA prioritizes limited resources for stabilization treatment to maximize cultural resources preservation upon implementation of the CRMP/EA. This document also develops long-term priorities for treatment of cultural resources.

Chapter 2: Alternatives

- Many of the actions proposed in this CRMP/EA involve prioritizations of historic property inventories (including archeological survey), evaluations and National Register of Historic Places nominations, documentation, and research studies. These activities represent

best management practices and although on occasion they can result in impacts to other resources, they are generally considered to provide only positive impacts to historic properties and cultural resources.

- The park will continue to meet the requirements of section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act to identify national register eligible properties and pursue formal nominations, with a focus on underrepresented cultural resources on the island.

Actions Common to All Alternatives

- Numerous interpretive opportunities were identified during the development of the CRMP/EA. These activities may be incorporated into the current interpretive programming to supplement visitor opportunities or may be considered as part of a broader interpretive planning effort (appendix D). These interpretive activities are not park actions that need to be analyzed through a NEPA document and may be implemented at the park's discretion if staffing and funding is available.
- Many historic properties within the park associated with post-European settlement include functional docks. In the process of completing National Register of Historic Places documentation, docks would be considered as contributing features and preserved if their current design and structural elements date to the periods of significance of their associated properties. In the interim, all current docks (which are not located in wilderness) will be maintained.
- For cabins in nonwilderness areas, such as the Farmer cabins at Rock Harbor and those at Washington and Barnum Islands, the National Park Service would pursue a number of different options for adaptive reuse. These include administrative, Artist-in-Residence programs, and interpretive and educational programs.
- Upon expiration, the existing agreements for private use of folk and commercial fisheries (special use permits of 1977) would not be renewed, although the National Park Service would seek a variety of partnerships and opportunities for cooperation with local communities, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other entities that may have an interest in helping to achieve management and treatment actions.
- Vernacular boats island-wide would be evaluated for opportunities for preservation and National Register of Historic Places eligibility. If a vessel is determined to have lost integrity, it would be documented (field measurement and boat biographical research) and allowed to deteriorate. Vernacular boats that are left behind by owners upon the expiration of special use permits would be similarly evaluated for National Register of Historic Places eligibility and preserved or documented in place and allowed to deteriorate, based upon their level of integrity.

- The National Park Service would engage in ongoing consultation with traditionally associated tribes and traditionally associated Scandinavian-American fishers to identify traditional cultural sites, traditional water routes, archeological sites, ethnographic sites, ethnographic landscapes, ethnographic resources, cultural practices, and other culturally significant elements. Access would be granted to ensure the continuation of cultural practice and lifeways and to accommodate Ojibwe traditional use of the island to the extent possible per law and policy. However, any designation or future designation of a traditionally associated people does not confer the right to occupy any particular historical structure as a private residence. Occupancy and use of historic structures will be based upon the objectives of the management of the property (i.e., for cultural demonstrations, education, interpretation, discovery, or overnight visitor use) as guided by NPS policy.
- Partnership opportunities with organizations associated with members of former life lessee families who have helped to maintain historic buildings and structures would be expected. Official partnerships would be created and administered under NPS agreement policies that would specify roles and park priorities and guidelines for historic preservation.
- The resort and recreational structures and landscapes at Barnum Island would be rehabilitated. These rehabilitations would include converting six cabins to interpretive exhibit space, workshops, overnight lodging for educational program participants, a storm shelter, and housing for caretakers, educational program staff, or maintenance crews. The rehabilitated structures would then be used by the park to support day use educational opportunities focused on sailing or traditional boatbuilding and native youth programming.
- The historic Johns Hotel and Johns Cabin would be restored and used for interpretive exhibits. Historic Structure Reports would be prepared for buildings rehabilitated for adaptive use.
- The Rock Harbor Guesthouse would change from administrative use to public use and would be restored to its historic function as a public lodging facility. The restored structure would operate as a hostel, offering mid-range overnight accommodations, serving the backpacker market, and offering park visitors reduced cost alternatives and variety in overnight accommodations in the park. Restoration work would be guided by a historic structure reports.
- Day use visitor opportunities, such as the development of interpretive walking trails and installation of picnic and pit toilet facilities, would be provided on Barnum Island. Some form of public transportation between Barnum and Washington Islands, such as

rowboats kayaks and canoes, would be provided as part of a guided interpretive experience. The historic Barnum dock and boathouse dock would be stabilized and interpreted. Non-historic temporary docks would be removed. A permanent accessible dock would be constructed near the east end of Barnum Island and may incorporate a reconstructed boat house once present here to facilitate interpretive exhibits. The installation of new features on Barnum Island would be guided by a cultural landscape report. Nonhistoric buildings would be removed from the landscape. Historic privies would be stabilized and preserved, but their functionality would be discontinued.

- Assessment fishery permits would be sought from the State of Michigan. Assessment fisheries would operate from Washington Island and the Edisen Fishery and would have a scientific assessment, recreational, and/or cultural emphasis. The fishing operation under the assessment permit would serve as a demonstration fishery to interpret the new fishing operation and activities associated with the fisheries that historically operated in the park to the public.
- **Washington Island.** The National Park Service would establish a small-scale assessment fishing operation, provide overnight visitor cabin rentals, and provide day use visitor opportunities on Washington Island.
- To support fishing operations, the Sivertson fish house, net house, and cabin would be rehabilitated, the Eckel fish house and the Eckmark net house would be preserved, and net drying reels would be reconstructed. The three other cabins on Washington Island would be rehabilitated. Historic Structure Reports would be prepared for buildings rehabilitated for adaptive use.
- **Edisen Fishery at Rock Harbor.** Under alternative B, the Edisen Fishery would be preserved and used as a place to interpret subsistence and historic commercial fishing culture to the public. A variety of uses would be available, including use and occupancy, educational support facilities, and assessment demonstration fisheries. A cultural landscape report would be completed and the existing draft historic structures report updated prior to any changes in preservation treatment. The park would apply to the state to renew an assessment fishing permit for the location.
- Isle Royale fisher or descendants of fishers, having first-hand knowledge of the folk culture and traditional environment of Isle Royale, would be located, recruited, and hired as cultural demonstrators. The cultural demonstrators would work and live at Edisen Fishery to catch, clean, and provide fish to Rock Harbor Lodge, maintain gear and boats, and interpret the site to visitors on tours. Fish could be smoked and the catch brought to Rock Harbor Lodge for consumption.

- The park would significantly increase staff efforts to document and understand Ojibwe culture. It would further document the use and importance of Ojibwe fishing at Isle Royale in Ojibwe lifeways. It would complete extensive documentation and monitoring efforts with elders and important knowledge bearers. An Ojibwe culture camp program would be developed that focuses on cultural resources, language, and/or ceremonial practices and subsistence skills.
- **Chapter 3: Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences**
- During Isle Royale's golden era of tourism and recreational development, the island witnessed the rise of modest, rustic resorts operated by commercial fishermen; full service resorts built by steamship owners and other developers; a private sporting club developed by a group of wealthy Duluth businessmen; and a number of private cabins and houses, many clustered around the island's harbors creating summer cottage communities. Most of the resort and recreation accommodations in Isle Royale's history were of modest proportion when compared to the grand resorts on the mainland.
- Where life leases and special use permits have expired, maintenance has often waned and the structures are beginning to show wear and tear from the island's harsh environment. VIP agreements help the park manage the difficult task of maintaining this array of historic structures.
- Barnum Island contains historic structures and landscapes associated with resorts and recreational cottages. The Johns Hotel, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is being restored by Johns Family descendants with some assistance from the National Park Service. Four structures are associated with this side of the Johns' history on Barnum Island, which was then known as Johns Island. Three of these structures are composed of log. Many of the hotel's logs were replaced, and similar work is needed on remaining log structures.
- Barnum Island once featured 18 recreational cottage structures, 13 of which remain standing and are considered historic. Park volunteers, including descendants and family friends of original life lessees, maintain many of these structures.
- On Washington Island, many of the nine standing historic resort structures are associated with the historic Island House (Singer) Resort. Following closure of the lodge, the National Park Service permitted fishermen to occupy some of the structures, many of which were demolished in the 1950s and 1960s following abandonment. The remaining cabins are in fairly good shape, and their upkeep is supported by the fishermen and their descendants.
- In addition to the lodge structures, 45 recreational cottage structures dotted the Rock Harbor area during the heyday of the recreational era, including at Snug Harbor and on

Davidson and Tooker Islands and at the Manthey location across from West Caribou Island. Most of these structures were removed in the 1950s. Two buildings associated with the Farmer location are considered historic; both are in nonwilderness and are in good condition.

- Ethnographic resources have significance to native peoples or historic island communities and include precontact and historic sites, structures, landscapes, fauna, and objects and natural resources such as rivers, watersheds and plant and animal species.
- The only detailed ethnographic study completed thus far is that of the Scandinavian commercial fishing culture that was prevalent in the first half of the 20th century.
- Scandinavian folk and commercial fishermen actively engaged in fishing, and children of these fishermen who grew up at these active fisheries were determined to be a traditionally associated people in 2012. In this context, “traditionally associated people” is defined as “commercial fishermen actively engaged in fishing when the park was established and the children of these commercial fishermen who held commercial fishing licenses and permits and who were raised and participated in this lifestyle and livelihood.” A separate study of the vernacular boat-building traditions of Isle Royale fisherman documents related cultural traditions and their use of island resources.
- Isle Royale family histories have remained wedded to the story of fishing at Isle Royale and living on the island, and the island remains a fundamental place for their sense of community. Today, this is a fragile but viable community; only about 20 Isle Royale folk fishers remain who grew up in an island-anchored folk culture prior to the fishing closures brought about by the sea lamprey in Lake Superior.
- Enjoying the park and its cultural resources at a slow pace with mostly unfettered access to those resources is a fundamental part of the visitor experience at Isle Royale. This experience is heightened when it progresses from simple enjoyment to an understanding of the reasons for the park’s existence and the significance of its resources.
- Many visitors express an interest in the preservation of a wide range of cultural resources at Isle Royale. Visitors also have expressed interest in continued or increased educational or interpretive opportunities focused on themes of cultural resources or the interplay between people and nature on Isle Royale.
- Visitors currently can view and visit various cultural resources sites in the park, including commercial fisheries, summer resorts and cabins, lighthouses, and copper mines.

- Visitors can enjoy a representative sample of recreational cottages on Isle Royale and the rich history of these cottages as it relates to vacationing families at Isle Royale. Visitors can access recreational resorts and cabins by foot or watercraft. No access is allowed to the interiors of these buildings, except for those at the Rock Harbor Lodge, but visitors can walk around the sites and view the exteriors of the buildings. Ranger-led interpretive programs are occasionally presented, but no pamphlets or brochures interpreting the cabins are available.
- Proposed rehabilitation of resort and recreational structures and landscapes at Barnum Island would contribute long-term benefits to the preservation of key historic structures and the historic setting of the district. Ongoing adaptive reuse of buildings for a variety of support and educational purposes would assist with the preservation and structural integrity of historic buildings and protect historic building fabric and character-defining features of the associated cultural landscape. Restoration and use of the historic Johns Hotel and Johns Cabin in accordance with a historic structures report, an exhibits plan and design, and potentially a historic furnishings report would guide appropriate preservation treatments and use of the buildings. These efforts, undertaken under potential partnerships, would have long-term beneficial impacts on the buildings by ensuring their preservation is undertaken in a fashion that perpetuates their historic significance. Proposed development of trails, picnic facilities, and a permanent dock would represent adverse impacts to the historic landscape design, but could be carried out in a manner that minimizes intrusion on the historic landscape and is compatible with existing architecture.
- At Rock Harbor and Barnum Island, the potential for the addition of new or relocated structures into the historic landscapes for interpretation or to meet visitor needs could have adverse effects on their historic landscapes.
- While frequent overnight visitor use of the Rock Harbor Guesthouse may increase wear and tear on the structure's historic fabric, its restoration and the reestablishment of overnight accommodations would improve and preserve the structure's condition as well as restore its historic use, both beneficial to its historic integrity.
- At Washington Island, the rehabilitation and restoration of key historic structures and cultural landscape features would provide long-term benefits on preserving the historic integrity of structures contributing to the significance of the Washington Island fishery and community. Use of cabins for overnight lodging and other adaptive uses would further ongoing preservation and maintenance objectives by ensuring that the structures are maintained in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Development of interpretive walking trails, a picnic area, and an accessible dock

represent adverse impacts to the historic landscape design, but could be carried out in a manner that minimizes impacts to the historic character of the cultural landscape.

- Preservation and interpretation proposed for the Edisen Fishery would have long-term benefits on the historic buildings of the site. Adaptive use of selected buildings for occupancy and educational support would be carried out in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards and with the additional technical guidance provided by a cultural landscape report and historical structures reports. Preserved buildings and character-defining features of the cultural landscape such as the clustered spatial arrangement of buildings and patterns of circulation would continue to reinforce the historic character of the traditional fishery. Use of the structures, particularly use associated with the demonstration fishery that is compatible with their original intended design, imparts a beneficial impact by ensuring that the structures retain an active life and usefulness that bolsters their preservation.
- increased documentation and research of Ojibwe culture and lifeways, including fishing practices at Isle Royale, would benefit the park's understanding of associated ethnographic resources. Information provided in consultation with Ojibwe elders and knowledge bearers would assist park staff with efforts to identify significant resources and to manage them in a fashion that respects traditional access and uses while avoiding inadvertent disturbances and inappropriate visitor access.
- As part of the NPS preferred alternative, there would be increases in visitor access to the diversity of cultural resources in a wide range of settings throughout Isle Royale National Park when compared to current conditions and the other alternatives presented in this CRMP/EA. Under alternative B, visitors would have increased access to some cultural resources of the park through partnerships intended to protect resources that are important to the visitor experience. Some examples of increased access include new guided dive tours to shipwrecks, day and overnight access at Barnum and Washington Islands, public lodging at the Rock Harbor Guesthouse, access to new interpretive opportunities at the Johns Hotel and Johns Cabin.
- Visitor access is currently allowed on Barnum and Washington Islands but is not encouraged or accommodated by facilities, information, interpretation, or transportation options other than those provided by the individuals under volunteer agreements. Under alternative B, changes to visitor access on Barnum Island include the provision of overnight lodging for educational participants, interpretive walking trails, picnic and pit toilet facilities, and accessible docks.
- In addition to increased interpretation and education opportunities, alternative B also includes immersive and experiential opportunities that increase access and foster

important and direct connections to park resources. These include recreational opportunities through fishery permits at Washington Island, guided dive tours, and boat tours on historic vernacular boats.

- **Appendix A: NPS Policy and Best Practices for Cultural Resource Management at Isle Royale.**
- Research would be completed to determine National Register of Historic Places eligibility of park resources/sites.
- Historic preservation specialists would be engaged to help develop a protocol for the long-term maintenance and storage of select small boats owned by the National Park Service and indigenous to Lake Superior-Isle Royale waters (gas boats and herring skiffs).
- Partners would be established under official agreements. Agreement types could include General Agreements, Philanthropic Partnership Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, or other formats depending on the nature of the partnership activities. Partnerships would focus on preservation of historic structures in nonwilderness as well as enhanced public education and interpretation activities parkwide.
- Traditional cultural property multiple property nomination for fisheries
- • Traditional cultural property nomination for important spawning ground and fishing grounds for select species, including McCargoe Cove
- Ethnographic overview and assessment of the recreational cabin families
- (JS – no mention of Washington Harbor or North Shore historic districts)
- The following preservation treatments are recommended in this CRMP/EA and defined below: preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. The concept of “adaptive reuse” as a component of a rehabilitation is also defined. (JS – stabilization is mentioned 19 times in the document, but this isn’t listed as a preservation treatment and there’s no description of stabilization).

Appendix E: Isle Royale Partnership Guidelines

- Additional studies, including an Ethnographic Study on Families and Seasonal Camps on Isle Royale would also be completed. The agency expects to hire a university or independent scholar to conduct these studies. The Ethnographic Study on Families and Seasonal Camps on Isle Royale would provide a more thorough analysis of the families’ potential as ethnographic resources. In the event that the new study results in a TAP determination for the families and descendants of the Isle Royale seasonal camp residents, enhanced and directed consultation would occur with these traditionally associated people and groups whenever the NPS considers actions that could affect their traditionally associated properties or activities. TAP status does not extend any rights of occupancy within properties owned or administered by the NPS.

- The CRMP recommends the preparation of a NHL Multiple Property Documentation for Historic Fisheries. This analysis shall include Fisherman's Home Historic District as well as other fishery resources at Washington Island, the Edisen Fishery, the Anderson-Johnson Fishery, the Hay Bay Fisheries, resources at Long Point, and others. The fisheries are among the fundamental maritime character resources located in the Park.
- In order to successfully carry out the preservation treatments, studies, and documentation needs proposed in the CRMP, as well as those to ultimately be presented in the WSP, the park is dependent on the creation of new public/private partnerships. These partnerships, once created, are expected to assist the park with preservation work, with the interpretation of historic resources, and fundraising for preservation activities.
- Partnerships may be created with existing non-profit organizations, new non-profit organizations, and government or tribal entities. The park is unlikely to enter into agreements and partnerships with individuals or with individual families, as has been the past model for volunteer agreements following the expiration of life leases and special use permits for occupancy in historic structures. The NPS recognizes the commitment of individuals and descendent families with associations to specific structures and historic camps, and fully expects to continue relationships with these individuals as members of partner organizations. Exclusive occupancy or leasing of historic properties is unlikely to be a component of any future partnerships at Isle Royale. The park desires to increase access to historic resources by the general public; partnerships will support those efforts.
- Historic preservation projects to be completed under partnerships shall be prioritized for execution by the park, in consultation with established partner organizations and the SHPO. Preservation projects will support the uses and treatment proposals identified in the selected alternatives of the CRMP (in nonwilderness) and by the WSP (in areas of wilderness and potential wilderness).
- In order to aid in the creation of partner organizations and in the creation of effective partnership agreements, the NPS will offer partnership training opportunities in an effort to help interested parties understand the park's preservation needs, to listen to groups who are interested in different areas, and to support coordination between different potential partners. The NPS will also share other opportunities for partnership training available elsewhere in the country.
- **Non-Tribal Partnerships** - The NPS will enter into historic preservation partnerships based on the NPS mission to preserve cultural and natural resources for public benefit and enjoyment. These partnerships will be created to aid the NPS in carrying out the

historic property treatments identified in the CRMP and eventually within the WSP. The WSP will define preservation priorities in wilderness and potential wilderness and the CRMP defines preservation priorities in nonwilderness. All partnerships developed with the NPS with respect to historic properties in the Park will address these priorities in a manner consistent with law and NPS policy.

- The NPS will seek to enter into General Agreements, Philanthropic Partnership Agreements, or Cooperative Agreements with preservation partners depending on the nature of the activities to be undertaken in the partnerships... The NPS shall primarily seek to work with organized groups, most likely non-profits, with demonstrated capabilities to extend preservation efforts to multiple properties. The NPS does not intend to enter into structure-specific preservation partnerships except in rare situations or in the case of high-cost efforts such as lighthouse preservation. See below for an example template for an NPS General Agreement (note that other agreement formats could be considered – particularly when associated with fundraising efforts).
- Members of former life lessee families are viewed as an asset by the NPS in the maintenance of historic buildings and structures, due to their historic connection and experience in caring for the buildings and structures before, during, and after past lease agreements. Partnerships with organizations that include former life lessee family members and descendants are expected.
- Unless earlier terminated by operation of the terms of this Agreement, or by agreement of the parties in writing, this Agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date the last signature is affixed to this Agreement.
- [This term should not exceed five years, even if the partnership will continue beyond five years. This allows you to work with the partner or partner to update the agreement periodically.]
- **Prior Approval:** The [Partner or Partners] shall obtain prior written approval from the NPS before: Holding special events within the Park [if the partnership is with a park];
 - Entering into third-party agreements of a material nature;
 - Assigning or transferring this Agreement or any part thereof;
 - Constructing any structure or making any improvements within the Park's boundaries;
 - Releasing any public information that refers to the Department, the NPS, Isle Royale National Park, any NPS employee (by name or title), this Agreement or the projects contemplated hereunder.

2022 – Non-Wilderness CRMP Programmatic Agreement

Following are the terms of the Programmatic Agreement that NPS signed with MI SHPO and consulting parties:

- NPS has determined that the Undertaking has undetermined effects that may have an adverse effect on historic structures and cultural landscapes on Barnum and Washington Islands, and among those associated with the Rock Harbor Development
- NPS has notified the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the “ACHP”) that the NPS and the SHPO agree that effect determinations for specific projects envisioned in the CRMP/EA cannot be made yet as the projects themselves have to be designed and funded
- there is also a need to determine appropriate visitor use, interpretation, and partnership opportunities for managing the Park’s cultural resources, given that resource type, location, and preservation treatment options all have implications regarding appropriate visitor use and experience, interpretation, and cooperative partnerships.
- In anticipation of undertaking any modification of an historic structure and/or cultural landscape in the nonwilderness areas of the Park, the NPS shall abide by all requirements of the 2008 *Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service (US Department of Interior), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for Compliance of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act* (the “2008 PA”) including, but not limited to, timely consultation with the SHPO, affected Tribal Historic Preservation Officers as required, and other interested parties as deemed appropriate.
- All new construction, landscape development efforts, and historic property treatments will follow the guidance established in Cultural Landscape Reports, Historic Structure Reports, and other documentation when it exists and is applicable. NPS will assume regional or national significance for the Barnum and Washington Islands and Rock Harbor cultural landscapes until National Register applications have been completed.
- Because the specifics of many of these elements have yet to be designed and funded, it is not possible at this time to determine whether adverse effects on historic properties will occur. That is precisely why the NPS and the SHPO agreed that this PA was necessary to explicitly state that in all nonwilderness undertakings, the NPS will first attempt to avoid adverse effects on historic properties. If that is not possible, the NPS will attempt to minimize those effects. If adverse effects cannot be avoided, the NPS will mitigate those effects to the greatest extent possible. Specific treatment measures and, if necessary, mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with the SHPO, and other consulting parties as details of the projects are designed.

- This PA will expire if its terms are not initiated within five (5) years from the date all Required Signatories sign this PA (the “Execution Date”). Prior to such time, the NPS may consult with the SHPO to reconsider the terms of this PA, amend it, and renew it in 5-year intervals in accordance with Stipulation VI below.
- For each calendar year following the Execution Date of this PA, and until it either expires pursuant to Stipulation III, or is terminated pursuant to Stipulation VII, the NPS shall provide the Signatories a summary report detailing work undertaken pursuant to its terms during the previous field season (the “Summary Report”). The Summary Report shall include any proposed schedule changes, any problems encountered, and any disputes and objections to the NPS’s efforts to carry out the terms of this PA. The Summary Report shall also identify all actions taken pursuant to “streamlined” consultation pursuant to the 2008 PA during the previous year and those planned for upcoming field seasons.

2022- National Park Service Reference Manual 41: Cultural Resources in Wilderness Guidance (RM41)

Following are highlights from the recently released NPS guidance for managing cultural resources in designated wilderness.

Introduction

- Cultural resources in wilderness tell the human story of a place, illuminate the historical, cultural, social, and spiritual values embedded in wilderness landscapes, and impart important scientific information. They provide touchstones to a place’s history and culture, create opportunities for discovery and learning, and enhance connections to past generations.
- In wilderness, preserving and protecting cultural resources, including historic “structures¹” and “installations²” must be addressed within the context of preserving wilderness character and integrated into a park’s wilderness and cultural resources planning efforts. Historic structures and installations are common types of cultural resources³ in wilderness that can present management challenges requiring decisions which balance the value of the cultural resources with the value of an undeveloped wilderness.

¹ “Structure” – anything made by humans that is intended for human occupation, or their possessions, and is left behind when the builder leaves the wilderness (NPS Reference Manual 41: Wilderness Stewardship (RM41)).

² “Installation” – anything made by humans that is not intended for human occupation and is left unattended or left behind when the installer leaves the wilderness (RM41).

³ Note: The Wilderness Act prohibits structures and installations whose definitions cross-cut the categories of historic properties and cultural resource types, including “structures” - “buildings” - “objects” - “sites” - “districts” - and “cultural landscapes”. Practitioners should refer to the “National Register Bulletin: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation” and DO28 for more information.

- The purpose of this document is to outline a framework to assist parks in the interdisciplinary discussion and decision-making process when planning for and managing cultural resources in wilderness. The framework is not prescriptive because the nature and significance of cultural resources varies widely between park units, as does the wilderness character of each park. The primary intent of this guidance is to clarify when cultural resources are typically considered part of “other features of value” quality of wilderness character (e.g. “...features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value”), and how to balance decisions concerning the management of those resources with the mandate that parks manage for all qualities of wilderness character (including the undeveloped quality). Further, the document provides a general framework for guiding decisions on the appropriate types and levels of treatments for historic structures and installations.

I. Cultural Resources Can Contribute to Wilderness Character

- This section provides guidance for parks on how to integrate tangible cultural resources and intangible cultural values into their understanding of their park’s wilderness character.
- Cultural resources tell the human story of a place, representing the historical, cultural, social, and spiritual values embedded in our landscapes. The term “cultural resources” is more specifically defined by federal laws and agency management policies. The National Historic Preservation Act defines “historic properties” as “...any [precontact] or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places.” 54 USC 300308. NPS Management Policies (2006) Chapter 5 expands upon this definition to explain that cultural resources include “archeological resources, cultural landscapes, ethnographic resources [including sacred sites and traditional cultural properties], historic and [precontact] structures, and museum collections.” While most cultural resources easily fit within the National Register property types and meet one or more of the criteria for eligibility, some may not. Those that do not will typically include tangible precontact or historic-era resources that have social or traditional cultural importance to traditionally-associated people, local descendant families, communities or other groups; and places or features with intangible qualities.
- Managing to preserve wilderness character requires managers to holistically consider the five tangible qualities of wilderness character, all equally important, which are: (1) Natural, (2) Untrammeled, (3) Undeveloped, (4) Outstanding Opportunities for Solitude or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation, and (5) Other Features of Value.

- Cultural resources that contribute to wilderness character primarily fall under the other features of value quality of wilderness character, described in the Wilderness Act at Section 2(c) as “features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.” These resources are part of the larger transformative message of wilderness, which is that our society has set aside wild places as part of America’s enduring heritage, some of which contain landscapes that have been anthropogenically modified or historically developed. They provide touchstones to a place’s history and culture, create opportunities for discovery and learning, and enhance our connection to past generations and ancestors.

II. Identifying Cultural Resources that Contribute to Wilderness Character

- This section of the guidance provides contextual information for parks to identify the cultural resources that have historical value and contribute to the character of wilderness.
- Ethnographic resources may or may not be identified but should be generally expected where Traditionally Associated Peoples (including but not limited to Native American Indian tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian organizations, or other aboriginal groups) retain traditional ties to a wilderness area. Where known, these resources can and should be specifically documented (adhering to confidentiality considerations), and where presumed to occur, they should be generally or categorically described (DO28, Chapter 10, A.3.).
- Often landscapes, buildings, structures, sites, or objects may seem incompatible with the idea of wilderness because of materials, design, or construction that does not feel “primitive,” “primeval,” or “natural.” Often the human stories and associated historic resources represent the antithesis of wilderness; however, this does not necessarily render these resources non-contributing to wilderness character.
- Parks should be inclusive when identifying the important stories of the places that are now wilderness and determining which tangible resources convey significant history.
- Parks should use the agency definition of cultural resources, as found in DO28, as a starting point for this identification effort. National Register eligibility is a good frame of reference for identifying features with historical value but is not the only method.

III. Planning/Managing Cultural Resources to Preserve Wilderness Character

- This section of the guidance provides information and considerations to help parks formulate decisions on how the cultural resources that contribute to wilderness character will be managed... Key among these considerations is an informed, thoughtful, and balanced determination of whether specific structures and installations are

necessary to convey the historical values of a wilderness. This decision-making is an important precursor to Step 1 of an MRA process.

- Wilderness designation does not diminish the NPS's fundamental responsibility for affirmatively managing its cultural resources. The Wilderness Act's provisions do not lower the standards for the use or preservation of national parks under the various laws applicable to that national park.
- The NPS's responsibilities for protection and treatment of tangible cultural resources must be carried out in a manner that preserves the totality of wilderness character.
- Ongoing intervention, such as preservation maintenance, is not the primary management thrust. Rather, management emphasis shifts to one of understanding and documenting the historical and cultural values and addressing protection and treatment of tangible cultural resources in a balanced manner that preserves the totality of wilderness character. Doing so demonstrates that the benefits of the action or inaction to one or more of the five qualities of wilderness character outweigh the impacts. In particular, decisions to actively manage historic structures and installations must be justified using a "necessity determination"
- A park must consider the benefits and impacts of structures or installations located in wilderness to all five qualities of wilderness character:
- Undeveloped. Consider the visual prominence, congruence with natural surroundings, density, cumulative impact, and volume of structures and installations in wilderness.
 - Outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive/unconfined recreation
 - Natural (substantially free from the effects of modern civilization/ impact on surrounding environment)
 - Untrammeled (wilderness essentially unhindered and free from the intentional actions of modern human control or manipulation.) Rare for structures or installations except for something like dams.
 - Other features of historical value. Consider the historical value of the structures and installations, and their ability to convey the important stories of the wilderness in which they are located.

IV. Treatment Planning

- This section of the guidance provides information to help parks determine the most appropriate treatment strategy or approach for cultural resources in wilderness. These strategies include three types of approaches: active perpetuation, mouldering, and removal.

- While molder in place is a potential treatment for structures and installations in wilderness, it is not a treatment consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Properties. If molder in place is the selected wilderness treatment, this will generate an adverse effect on historic properties, requiring park managers to address 36 CFR 800.6.
- Resources identified by Traditionally Associated Peoples, have, by definition, an elevated status and should be prioritized for active perpetuation.
- The extent and magnitude of impacts to the undeveloped and other qualities of wilderness character required for active perpetuation should be balanced with the significance of the cultural resource and the contribution it makes to wilderness character.
- The decision to actively perpetuate a structure or installation should include an explanation as to why active perpetuation is necessary when compared to other courses of action not prohibited in Section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act. Specifically, it should explain why documentation alone, mouldering, removal or relocation outside of wilderness are insufficient to meet the park's preservation goals.
- Mouldering may be appropriate for historic structures and installations that are a minor feature of the wilderness area or are not causing systemic or otherwise unacceptable impacts to wilderness character. Removal may be appropriate when structures or installations, on the whole, damage wilderness character and removing them is feasible and will result in a net benefit to wilderness character.
- In addition to making the documented findings referenced above, parks should document their treatment decision-making, explaining the reasoning behind their decision, and how the above factors were balanced in order to arrive at the decision.

V. Determining the Appropriate Type of Treatment

- This section offers guidance for parks to use in determining which type of active treatment (preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or reconstruction) is most appropriate to ensure cultural resources continue to exist, usually through active preservation treatment. This decision-making is also an important component of Step 1 of an MRA process.
- A park must first make a determination that maintaining the structure is the minimum requirement for preserving the wilderness's historic values
- Rehabilitation allows for compatible alterations that retain character-defining features but allow for an adaptive use that would require less frequent interventions in the future. Reconstruction should rarely, if ever be considered.

- This part of the decision-making process represents the end of Step 1 of an MRA process.

VI. Determining the Minimum Activity in Wilderness to Accomplish the Treatment

- This section of the guidance provides specific direction for Step 2 of an MRA process, determining the minimum activity necessary to implement an administrative action in wilderness determined necessary during Step 1 of an MRA process.
- Once a park has selected an appropriate active treatment, the park must identify the minimum activity to accomplish that treatment. (JS Note: per ACHP in the case of 106 review, the minimum activity must be the BEST preservation alternative)
- When appropriate to the cultural resource, parks should prioritize using primitive tools and traditional construction methods and materials in implementing treatments for historic structures and installations. Doing so is not only a “best practice” when working with historic structures and cultural landscapes, but also provides an important opportunity to retain and pass along traditional knowledge and skills, including the traditional knowledge of Traditionally Associated People and traditional ecological knowledge.
- Parks should document their minimum activity decision-making, explaining the reasoning behind their decision, and why the “no action” alternative does not meet the park’s need to preserve the totality of wilderness character. This concludes Step 2 of an MRA process.

VII. Other Considerations

- This section of the guidance addresses other issues that may arise when planning for or managing structures and installations in wilderness or that should be considered when designating new wilderness.

Use of Historic Structures and Installations

- Providing for occupancy or use of a historic structure or installation is a well-accepted means of justifying a building’s or structure’s preservation and ensuring its perpetuation. Prioritizing continued use of a historic property is a requirement for federal agencies in Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. However, the decision to maintain a historic structure in wilderness must be based on a finding of the structure’s necessity, independent of how people might use it. Once the decision to retain the structure is made as discussed above, any uses of the structure must be appropriate and in keeping with wilderness character as well as compatible with the significance and integrity of the cultural resource. Because of potential effects on other aspects of wilderness character, parks should be especially careful in authorizing long-term occupancy.

Maintaining Structures for Administrative Necessity

- Structures retained in wilderness must be necessary either for historic preservation purposes, as discussed above, or for an administrative purpose. Structures and installations may be maintained in wilderness if they are necessary for the park's administration of the wilderness area. A structure should not be retained merely because it has some historic value and is convenient, but not necessary, for administration. The park should rely on current administrative needs, not speculative future needs. Like the analysis of historic structures in wilderness, the park must explain why retaining the structure is necessary, why alternative management options are not viable, and why the impacts on wilderness character are acceptable. In cases of documented administrative need, parks will prioritize retaining historic structures and installations over new construction.

New Wilderness

- When conducting eligibility assessments or wilderness studies, parks should consider explicitly referencing any historic structures or installations that the park has determined are necessary to retain and actively treat in order to preserve wilderness character. Parks should also consider requesting that any proposed legislation reference such structures or installations or consider requesting that any proposed legislation include language that would authorize the park to determine which structures to retain within wilderness in future management plans.

Appendix A. Applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Other Guidance in Wilderness

- This appendix provides guidance for documentation and treatment of cultural resources in wilderness. Its primary intent is to clarify how the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines: Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and the Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Federal Agency Historic Preservation Programs (collectively referred to as "Standards" throughout this document) should be applied when working with historic buildings and structures in wilderness. Where relevant, this appendix also addresses other cultural resource types, including historic and archeological sites and landscapes. It goes beyond the documentation and treatments identified in the Standards by including other wilderness-appropriate strategies that are not addressed in the Treatment Standards.
- Working with cultural resources in wilderness is a challenging endeavor, requiring understanding and careful consideration of statutes, regulations, and policies. Most management actions in wilderness require strong interdisciplinary collaboration to balance historic preservation goals with preservation of wilderness character in its

totality. This is especially important when planning and implementing any treatment of historic buildings and structures and/or when considering occupancy or adaptive use of a historic building or structure.

- *Parks are cautioned to avoid additional or ancillary prohibited uses that may accompany occupation or use unless they are the minimum necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness. These include, but are not limited to, motorized equipment, mechanized transport, electrical systems, and outdoor lighting.*
- Documentation should make the wilderness stories available to the public. This can be achieved by website posting, information in permit documents, interpretive brochures or site bulletins, information at visitor centers, wilderness centers, wayside exhibits and signs or exhibits outside wilderness at trailheads.
- As the treatment with the most minimalist approach, preservation is the preferred treatment in wilderness when a resource has been identified for retention. If it has been determined that a structure will remain in wilderness, an inspection schedule should be created and followed to ensure treatments necessary to sustain the structure are as minimally invasive as possible. This practice may increase the likelihood that the treatments can be performed using non-mechanized tools and without motorized or mechanized transport.
- A decision to maintain an administrative facility will be based primarily on whether or not the facility is necessary to preserve wilderness character or values, not on consideration of administrative convenience, economic effect, or convenience to the public or park staff.
- Any re-use of historic buildings or structures should be limited to valid administrative uses, and in situations where no net increase of structures in wilderness occurs. Parks should not initiate new uses for the primary purpose of maintaining and reusing a historic building or structure.
- Monitoring schedules should be established to recognize treatment needs early enough to use the least-invasive methods, such as epoxy for failing wood, or repointing for failing masonry. This minimizes the level of administrative action, avoids unnecessary “development,” and is in keeping with a “minimum requirements” approach.
- Use based on historical precedent must be justified as the minimum requirement necessary for the administration of an area as wilderness. New use should also be limited to the minimum requirement necessary and should be limited to situations where no net increase of buildings or structures in wilderness occurs. Parks should not initiate new uses for the primary purpose of maintaining and reusing a historic building or structure.

- In some instances, rehabilitation may be considered when a resource holds a high level of significance (such as a National Historic Landmark) and requires substantial preservation treatment in order to improve its condition to a status that is maintainable.
- Where historically appropriate for preservation purposes, use of traditional skills and tools will be emphasized as a means of using the minimum tool or method to minimize impacts to wilderness character and retaining and sharing knowledge and skills.
- Relocation outside of wilderness should be considered when a historic building's or structure's continued presence substantially impacts ecosystem processes.

Appendix B. Process for Managing Historic Structures/Installations in Wilderness

- Appendix B is a flow chart of the steps listed in Section VI.

[2022- National Register Bulletin 38: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Places Draft Text October 27, 2022](#)

NPS Bulletin 38 addresses important human connections to structures and places that warrant preservation under the National Register. The bulletin is undergoing a major review. Following are excerpts from the draft that was released for review in 2022. Numbers in the text are from the draft document and were too numerous to remove.

PREFACE

- Nominations for listing historic places come from State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Federal Preservation Officers (FPOs), for places owned or controlled by the United States Government, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), for places on Tribal lands. Places are also determined eligible for listing at the request of SHPOs, TPOs and Federal agencies. While SHPOs, FPOs, and TPOs nominate places for National Register listing, local government, and private individuals and organizations, typically initiate the process and prepare the necessary documentation.
- National Register Bulletin 38: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Places—addresses the very specific place type of “traditional cultural place.” It provides a framework for understanding how traditional cultural places—TCPs—may meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A “traditional cultural place” —“TCP,” for short—is a building, structure, object, site, 9 or district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register for its significance to a living community 10 because of its association with cultural beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community’s 11 history and that are important in maintaining the community’s cultural identity.

- The original TCP Bulletin was published in 1990 in response to the 1980 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act. These amendments directed the Secretary of the Interior to study ways of preserving and conserving the intangible elements of our cultural heritage such as arts, skills, folklife, and folkways, and to recommend ways of preserving, conserving, and encouraging the diverse traditional prehistoric (pre-colonial), historic, ethnic, and folk cultural traditions that inform and express our American heritage.
- the 1992 and 1998 issues of the TCP Bulletin gave special attention to places of traditional cultural significance to Indigenous Peoples, and to discussing the place of religion in the attribution of such significance. The emphasis on Indigenous Peoples in these versions of the TCP Bulletin was not intended to imply that only Indigenous Peoples ascribe traditional cultural value to historic places. Like people the world over, Americans of any cultural or ethnic background may have places to which they ascribe traditional cultural significance, and those places that meet the National Register criteria may be nominated for listing, or recognized as eligible for listing, in the National Register.
- People of any cultural or ethnic background may have buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts to which they ascribe traditional cultural significance. Places that meet the National Register criteria may be nominated for listing, or recognized as eligible for listing, in the National Register.

II. WHAT IS A TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACE?

- A traditional cultural place (TCP) is a building, structure, object, site, or district that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register for its significance to a living community because of its association with cultural beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community's history and that are important in maintaining the community's cultural identity.
- the National Register is the nation's official list of places significant in history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture—so places associated with a community's beliefs, customs, or practices may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register.
- One kind of cultural significance a place may have, and that may make it eligible for inclusion in the National Register, is traditional cultural significance. "Traditional" in the context of "traditional cultural place" refers to the shared beliefs, customs, and practices of a living community that have been passed down through several generations, whether through spoken or written word, images, or activities. Places eligible for inclusion in the National Register are typically 50 or more years old, and so a

traditional place 5 that has been valued by a community for at least 50 years—in other words, over multiple generations—6 may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

- The words “community” and “group” are used interchangeably throughout this Bulletin to refer to 2 people whose traditional cultural values are associated with one or more places. Some communities (for 3 example, Federally recognized Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations) are formally 4 defined, while others are not. In the context of a TCP, the community or group that values a place (1) 5 must have existed in the past and (2) must be comprised today of living people who share beliefs, 6 customs, or practices that have existed over generations.
- An area where culturally important economic 22 or artistic activities are carried out by a traditional community may look like any other wooden structure, 23 grassy field, or deep forest. As a result, such places may not readily come to light when routine 24 archeological, historical, or architectural surveys are done. The existence and significance of culturally 25 significant places can be understood first and foremost by learning from the people who live in, use, or 26 value the area. This traditional knowledge is an independent line of evidence provided by the people—27 the experts—who are the authorities in their culture and the connection that culture has to a place. The 28 subtlety with which the significance of these places may be expressed makes it easy for an outsider to 29 overlook or misinterpret them.
- To be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register, a traditional cultural place must have all 2 of the following characteristics: 3
 - 1) The place must be associated with and valued by a living community. 4
 - 2) The community that values the place must have existed historically, and continue to exist in the 5 present. 6
 - 3) The community must share beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in its history and held or 7 practiced in the present. 8
 - 4) These shared beliefs, customs, or practices must be important in continuing the cultural identity and 9 values of the community. 10
 - 5) The community must have transmitted or passed down the shared beliefs, customs, or practices, 11 including through spoken or written word, images, or practice. 12
 - 6) These shared beliefs, customs, or practices must be associated with a tangible place. 13

- 7) The place must meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places 14
- A place must have significance: it must be important in a community's history, architecture, 15 archeology, engineering, or culture 16
- A place must have integrity: it must retain the ability to convey its significance.
- A place does not have to have been in continual use by a community to be valued by that 22 community as a place important to their beliefs, customs, and practices, and to be potentially eligible for 23 inclusion in the National Register.
- The National Register of Historic Places, being by definition a list of *places*, is not the appropriate tool for 2 recognizing cultural resources that are *only* intangible, such as craft practices, dance forms, or 3 storytelling. Still, *places* where these intangible cultural practices take place may be eligible.
- The National Register's seven aspects of integrity—location, setting, design, materials, 16 workmanship, feeling, and association—may be applied with a good deal of flexibility
- This document encourages its users to address the intangible cultural values that may make a place 20 eligible for listing in the National Register in an evenhanded way that reflects responsible research and engagement, carefully avoiding ethnocentric preconceptions or personal biases. The traditional 1 knowledge of those who value a place is an independent line of evidence provided by the people—the 2 experts—who are the authorities in their culture and the connection that culture has to the place.
- A traditional cultural place (TCP) is a building, structure, object, site, or district that may be eligible for 6 inclusion in the National Register because (1) it is SIGNIFICANT to a living community because of its 7 association with beliefs, customs, or practices that are rooted in the community's history and that are 8 important in maintaining the community's cultural identity and (2) it retains its ability—its INTEGRITY—9 to convey its significance .

III. TERMINOLOGY

- **Ethnography** is the study of a culture of particular communities of people through sustained, 7 direct engagement with community members during which the researcher observes and, to the 8 extent appropriate, participates actively in cultural practices.
- **Ethnocentrism** means viewing the world and the people in it only from the point of view of one's 16 own culture and being unable to sympathize with the feelings, attitudes, and beliefs of someone 17 who is a member of a different culture.

- It is particularly important to understand, and seek to avoid, ethnocentrism in the evaluation of TCPs. 20 Most European American academic and scientific disciplines emphasize objective observation of the 21 physical world not only as possible but as desirable as a sound basis for making statements about a 22 culture. However, there may be nothing objectively observable to the outsider about a place regarded as 23 spiritually powerful by Indigenous Peoples. (Figure 10, Pahuk; Figure 11, Lawetlat'la (Mt. St. Helens).) 24 There is no way to objectively determine whether this power exists, but belief in it may be deeply 25 meaningful to the community.
- A place thought to have 2 traditional cultural value must be evaluated from the point of view of those who attribute significance to 3 them. This is not to say that a community's assertions about the significance of a place cannot be 4 subjected to critical analysis—and a National Register nomination must be adequately documented and 5 technically and professionally correct and sufficient—but they should not be rejected based on the 6 premise that the beliefs they reflect are inferior to or conflict with those of an outside evaluator.
- Places believed to have traditional cultural value must be evaluated from the point of view of those who 12 attribute significance to them. The traditional knowledge of those who value a place is an independent 13 line of evidence provided by the people—the experts—who are the authorities in their culture and the 14 connection that culture has to the place.

IV. IDENTIFYING and DOCUMENTING TCPs

- The work of identifying and evaluating potential National Register-eligible TCPs is not limited to 14 professional historians. A TCP may be readily identified by members of the community who value the 15 place. For those outside the community—for example, local jurisdictions have a responsibility to survey 16 their city, town, or county—the best way to identify a TCP is through thoughtful, collaborative discussion 17 and research with community members.
- Any effort to identify historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts in a geographic area—25 whether urban, suburban, or rural—should include a reasonable effort to identify potentially National 26 Register-eligible TCPs. What constitutes a "reasonable" effort depends in part on the likelihood that such 27 places may be present. Knowledge of an area's history, ethnography, and contemporary society is 28 important information. Another indicator is what people in and around the area say about it. Do people 29 talk about the area, or the places within it, in a way that suggests traditional cultural associations? If so, 30 this should be accepted and explored.

- Whether the work is being done by professional preservationist or a community member, an important 24 step in identifying any kind of historic place is to engage with experts on the area and on the types of 25 places under consideration. In the case of TCPs, this means those individuals and groups who may 26 attribute traditional cultural significance to the study area or places within it. The need for community 27 participation is critical.
- People who now live far from the area may ascribe cultural value to it. These groups may be difficult to 1 locate and confer with, but a reasonable effort should be made to do so.
- Multiple groups may attribute significance to a single place. In these cases, all of these 5 groups should be contacted.
- In some 13 communities, traditional information is regarded as powerful, even dangerous. It is often believed that 14 such information should be transmitted only under particular circumstances or to particular kinds of 15 people. In some cases, information is regarded as a valued community resource for which payment is in 16 order, while in other cases offering payment may be offensive. Sometimes information may be regarded 17 as a gift, whose acceptance obligates the receiver to reciprocate in some way.
- Identifying TCPs involves not only conferring with knowledgeable people, but also inspecting and 3 recording places identified as significant by such people. Whether the work is done by a professional 4 historian or community member, or an interdisciplinary team or community group, it is important to 5 work with traditional experts to inspect places they identify as significant.
- Sometimes, there is a difference between historical documentation and the information shared by 20 contemporary community members. The most common kind of discrepancy occurs when ethnographic 21 and ethnohistorical documents do not identify a place as playing an important role in a community's 22 traditions and culture, while contemporary community members say the place does play such a role.
- a traditional 27 community may view a place as significant—or insignificant—while outside authorities or individuals 28 hold different opinions. Why is this?
 - a) The historical record is inherently incomplete. Some communities, groups, areas, and 31 topics have received much more attention than others. 32
 - b) Ethnographic and ethnohistorical documents reflect the research interests of those who 2 produced them. The fact that a book or paper does not identify a place as culturally important 3 may mean only that the individual who prepared

the document had research interests that did not involve the identification of such places.

- Because TCPs are often known only within the community that values them, and even intentionally kept secret, it is not uncommon for them to be unearthed or revealed only when something threatens them, for example, when a change in land use is proposed in their vicinity. The sudden revelation by representatives of a community which may also have economic or political interests in a proposed change can lead to charges that the cultural significance of a place has been invented only to obstruct or otherwise influence those planning the change. This may sometimes be true, but it also may be that until the change was proposed, there simply was no reason for those who value the place to reveal its existence or the significance they ascribe to it.
- In general, the views of those who ascribe cultural value to a place should be prioritized; after all, it is they who value it, and therefore are the most authoritative about its significance.
- Identifying TCPs involves conducting background research, conferring with communities, conducting field inspections, and reconciling source information—exactly the sort of work that is done when identifying any historic place. There may be a difference between historical documentation and the information shared by contemporary community members. The traditional knowledge of those who value a place is an independent line of evidence provided by the people—the experts—who are the authorities in their culture and the connection that culture has to a place. In general, the knowledge of those who attribute cultural value to a place should be prioritized; after all, it is they who value it, and therefore are the most authoritative about its value.

V. EVALUATING TCP ELIGIBILITY

Step One: Ensure that the Property or Place Under Consideration is a Physical Thing or Location

Step Two: Evaluate the Significance According to the Criteria

- The significance of a place can be understood only when it is evaluated within its historic context. Historic contexts are those patterns or trends in history by which a place is understood and its meaning (and ultimately its significance) within history or prehistory is demonstrated. The historic context for a TCP is grounded in the importance of the place from the unique cultural perspective of a community.
- • Who or what is the traditional community?

- • How do its members define themselves and how have they been identified by others? What do 25 the community's members share in terms of beliefs, practices, or activities? 26
- • How long have they shared these cultural characteristics, and have these changed over time? 27
- • How do these cultural characteristics differentiate them from members of the wider public?
- What are the physical resource types associated with their traditional culture? How important 1 are the physical places to maintaining cultural identity?

Step Three: Determine Whether Any of the Criteria Considerations Make the Place Ineligible

- Where a property is naturally portable, moving it does not destroy its significance provided it remains 9 located in a historically appropriate setting. For example, a traditionally important canoe would continue 10 to be eligible as long as it remained in the water or in an appropriate dry land context, for example, in a 11 boathouse. However, if that canoe were placed in a museum, it would be out-of-context and would not 12 have integrity of setting.

Step Four: Consider the Place's Integrity

- Integrity is the ability of a place to convey its significance. To be included in the National Register, a place 8 must not only be shown to be significant but it also must have historic integrity. The evaluation of 9 integrity is a subjective judgment, but it must always be grounded in an understanding of a place's 10 physical features and how they relate to its historic significance.
- The National Register criteria for evaluation recognize seven aspects, or qualities, that in various 13 combinations define the overall integrity of a place: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, 14 feeling, and association.16 Historic places either retain integrity (that is, their ability to convey their 15 significance) or they do not. To retain historic integrity, a place will always possess several, and often 16 most, of the aspects. Determining which of these aspects are most important to a particular place 17 requires knowing why, where, and when the place is significant.
- Two aspects of integrity—feeling and association—are non-physical; that is, they are beyond what is 17 perceptible to the physical senses. 18
 - “Feeling” is a place's expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time. It 20 results from the presence of physical features that, taken together, convey the place's historic character. 21 Does the place evoke a sense

of Tribal spiritual life? Or is the place so changed that it feels spiritually dead to the community that once valued it?

- “Association” is the direct link between an important historic event, or person and a historic place. A place retains association if it is the place where the event or activity occurred and is sufficiently intact to convey that relationship. Is the place associated with important cultural beliefs, customs, or practices? Or might other places serve the same purpose?
- Only those who themselves value a set of cultural traditions can say what feelings a place evokes, or whether a place is associated with them as a community. Evaluating whether a place has integrity of feeling and association involves exploring two questions:
 - (1) Does the place have an essential relationship to traditional cultural beliefs or practices?
 - (2) Does the relationship with the place endure, despite any alterations, in the view of those who value it?
- Evaluating how essential the relationship is between a place and the beliefs or practices that may give it significance involves understanding how the community that holds the beliefs or carries out the practices views the place. If the place is known or likely to be regarded by a traditional cultural group as important in maintaining or passing on a belief, or to the performance of a practice, the place can be said to have an “essential relationship” with the belief or practice.
- For example, imagine two groups of people living along the shores of a lake: each group practices a form of water immersion to mark an individual's acceptance into the group and both carry out this practice in the lake. One group, however, holds that this ritual is appropriate in any body of water that is available; the lake happens to be available, so it is used, but another lake, a river or creek, or a swimming pool would be just as acceptable. The second group regards this ritual in this particular lake, as critical to its acceptance of an individual as a member. Clearly the lake is essential to the second group's practice, but not to that of the first.
- An assessment of a potentially National Register-eligible TCP must be based on an understanding of the significance of the place as well as the physical and non-physical aspects that characterize and convey the perspective of the traditional community that values the place.

VI. DOCUMENTING TCPs FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

- It is important to include the characteristics of a place that are viewed as important to the traditional 1 character or use of the area. If a place is important in traditional plant gathering, for instance, what 2 elements of its landscape and environment are especially valued? Is the location of a base camp 3 important? The presence of young plants? (Figure 50, Rice Bay.) The identification and description of 4 these character-defining features—the parts or pieces of the place that individually or collectively 5 represent the place—is important to ensure a complete National Register nomination.
- A nomination should identify both contributing and non-contributing resources.
- the period of significance is the length of time a place was associated with important events, 9 activities, or persons, or with a traditional community's beliefs, customs, and practices; or attained the 10 characteristics which qualify it for National Register listing.
- Since significance to a living community in the present is a key characteristic for recognition of a National 28 Register-eligible place as a TCP, the period of significance of a TCP extends to the present and may 29 continue into the future. However, determining the “starting point” of a period of significance for a TCP 30 may be challenging.
- A specific boundary description and justification for any nominated place, including those recognized as 15 TCPs, must be included in a National Register nomination.
- Some traditional communities find the very concepts of landholding and boundary setting to be 7 offensive. In such cases, it may be impossible to achieve agreement on a boundary, and the preparer of 8 the nomination will find it necessary to set the boundary using his or her best judgment and to provide a 9 clear justification for the boundary. The justification should also state if the boundary has not been 10 agreed to by the community that values the place.
- The physical integrity of the significant historical and archeological resources contained within that area 13 is an important consideration in drawing a boundary. Changes through time should be taken into 14 consideration. Even when boundaries are drawn somewhat narrowly, as in the Helkau District example, 15 the perceived significance of the setting—the surrounding environment—may be an aspect of the 16 place's integrity and should be included in the documentation. Information about aspects that are 17 important to an associated traditional community is critical to understanding the significance of the 18 place to those who value it. Intrusions, if severe enough, may compromise the place's integrity.
- Historic places possessing significance to communities as TCPs are documented in order to make it 28 possible to manage them, regulate impacts on them, and where desirable, interpret them for the public. 29 As with nominating any place to the National Register, there is a great deal of flexibility in how 30 information about that place may be

presented. Nomination authors should share just enough 31 information for nominating authorities and NPS to understand the place's significance and integrity.

VII. COMPLETING THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION FORM 10-900

- All National Register nominations must be adequately documented and technically and professionally 9 correct and sufficient. Special care should be taken to work with community leadership to ensure 10 information that should not be shared outside the community is properly identified as not-for-11 publication.

VIII. SUMMARY

- The National Historic Preservation Act, in its introductory section, establishes that "the historical and 3 cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life in order to 4 give a sense of orientation to the American people." The National Register of Historic Places is a list of 5 those places and things that connect individuals and communities to the complex history of the 6 American experience. Those places may be represented by buildings, structures, objects, sites, and 7 districts, and they may express their significance through their location, setting, design, materials, 8 workmanship, feeling, and association.
- The places valued by America's communities, be they Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific 14 Islanders, or other cultural or ethnic groups, merit recognition and preservation. Where these places 15 continue to be living parts of their communities, they may be considered traditional cultural places. 16 Many such places have already been included in the National Register; others have been formally 17 determined eligible for listing in the National Register. The intent of this bulletin is to provide guidance to 18 support the inclusion of many, many more.