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Hi,

My name is Dan Thewis, I am a school teacher in Two Harbors. My wife and I have 3 young boys, with a 4th child on the way. We use the Superior National Forest for camping, fishing and hiking. We frequent state parks along the Northshore.

Given LMS published the positive economic impact to wow people, (60 million in revenue etc) my comment for this project is concern with long term impact on the lake and surrounding areas.

With the addition of 1,260 parking spaces, they are planning to have many visitors. Given Silver Bay and Split Rock are expanding or building campgrounds, how will the highways and other infrastructure handle the mighty increase in traffic? How long before there is a push for a 4-lane expressway to Grand Marais? (I'm embellishing of course) highways will need to be upgraded or redone, impacting the lake. The plan states a workforce of 2,000 --- that doubles the population of Silver Bay, can those areas handle that increase of people without negatively impacting the lake? Sewers and septic systems will need to be upgraded or redone, impacting the lake. Two reservoirs are going to be built, holding 13 million gallons that will impact the lake.

In summary, what are the long lasting ripple effects of this one project using "0.03%" of forest service land?

Thank you for listening.

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Dan Thewis

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