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Comments: Wanted to share with you a few comments and observations regarding my 25 years of Chittenden

Reservoir.

In the last 10 years in summer it has become so busy there is often no available parking.

The camp sites are often trashed, live trees being cut down, grass turning to bare dirt, lawn furniture left behind, shoreline being cleared for larger boat access, some sites being occupied for weeks.

Many motorboats do not observe the 5 mph sped limit racing g from one fishing spot to the next. They also create large wakes and are a threat to canoers. They should be restricted to lakes that already have milfoil.

Would like to see Chittenden treated as the same as Glen Lake while still allowing quite camping.

When the boat ramp is crowded people get hot under the collar. A friend of mine how apparently upset a fellow with a motor boat trailer had that person show a pistol in a heated discussions. This is a different crowd then we are used to at Chittenden.

Years ago I voted with the Town of Chittenden to give the Reservoir to the Forest Service. At that meeting the phrase "we have Yellowstone in our own back yard" was used repeatedly. We wanted to save it and still do.

Can we please have one quite place to paddle and camp. Electric motors, sails and paddles are respectful of this special environment.

Regarding lumbering, think some old grown forest should be allowed to develop. While Mt To Resort is a little high on the hog for us, would be a pity to ruin the beautiful views from up there and hurt our one business in town.

Every time I paddle the reservoir, I collect a bag of garbage. I welcome you doing something to save this special place. Keep it natural and quite and place to see eagles and loons. Used to see Moose.

Thanks for reading this, know my views are shared by many.