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Comments: It is very important to continue the limited permit system that exists. Please, please, please do not start having campsites reserved. I have been doing BWCA trips since the 1980s. Even though I plan a trip and have favorite campsites, the conditions once I am on the water, often spontaneously alter those plans due to weather and campsite use. The limited permit system guarantees that, statistically, there are campsites available.

I have been in groups that do not plan their days wisely and wait until the end of the day to find a campsite. That is poor wilderness planning. Then, they are upset when they have to move to the next lake to get a site.

What is critical is that folks are educated that they are going into the wilderness and should use a guide if they have had little or no experience. And, bears are not our friends so we should be following the guidelines about food and waste.

I still do the entry videos and almost wish they could be more formally presented especially for the inexperienced.

Our society feels pretty privileged and wants everything easy and cushy. Those folks need to be educated about our wilderness.

Bottom line: No internet reservations of campsites. Keep the permit limits tight. The wilderness is not there to make money. It is there for its pristine beauty and the sense of being out there with only Nature controlling that world. NO campsite or portage signs!

I LOVE the BWCAW.