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Comments: Afternoon,

My comment is specifically about towboat usage and "need to consider the context of motorized use in general within the BWCA". As the third generation to be caretaker of the family property located on the Canadian side of Saganaga Lake and someone who has taken many canoe trips in the BWCA I find this deeply troubling.

I have been traveling to northern MN since I was in diapers. I'd live there if finding full time employment hadn't taken me to WI. I travel to Saganaga six to eight times per year and consider it a second home. As I watched my father and members of the community grow old the towboats become instrumental in aided them access the areas they frequented in their youth. I'm concerned cutting the towboats would hurt access to the elderly and disabled.

In regards to the context of motorized use, I can only imagine this would mean stopping all motorized craft. Doing so would make maintaining the property my family has owned since the 1950s a monumental task. As I stated before this is no vacation property, it is a second home. I have a deep love for the lake, as my father before me. With that love comes the upmost respect. I was able to bring my father up into his 70s. I can't imagine asking a 70-year-old man to sit in a canoe for a three-day paddle. For me and my family this is a threat to having meaningful access.