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Comments: Greetings,

I feel that I need to respond and will make some bullet points below as I honestly feel that we are not currently meeting wilderness specs/parameters for the Boundary Waters . I too need to voice concerns on overcrowding, resource degradation (portages, campsites, water quality, etc) and the overall aesthetic "wilderness" experience.

- consider an overall quota reduction

- extend the "official" permit season, earlier than May 1st and way passed September 30th (paying permits, rather than sole self issuing)

- increase " restricted" permits to regulate traffic flow: overall, adding areas and also not only while going in but also coming out

- please NO staff reductions: we need folks in the field(talking to folks and working the resource) and we need folks issuing permits who do good education and engage the user

- no "exclusive" PMA use for particular organizations

- consider a slight permit \$ increase to help assist w/funds going into Wilderness maintenance and staffing

- fire management: let fires burn for natural resource management

- tow boats issue is sticky and tricky as it is now ingrained in the community, consider a reduction as more folks would be inclined to paddle Moose Lake for example making it part of the experience as opposed to "getting it over with" to avoid all the motor traffic

Thank you for allowing me to participate!