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	Comment Text	Response Date
 Find	1. Employment - please try to hire locally. Schedule a festival weekend where special events are held at all parks. Expand to include communities' existing festivals.	Wed, 1/2/08 5:37 AM
 Find	2. Local residents would benefit from maintaining the natural aspect of this land. The infrastructure required of a state park is less than that of developing the land. Local residents would be able to keep more of the existing "flavor" of the area with a state park than with increased development.	Tue, 1/1/08 11:05 PM
 Find	3. They don't have to worry about a bunch of rich outsiders destroying the shore line with more mcmansions .	Tue, 1/1/08 10:43 PM
 Find	4. historical significance for public respect 3,000 of ecologically giving land and water	Tue, 1/1/08 6:14 PM
 Find	5. A kiosk with local attractions. Have a local annual craft event.	Tue, 1/1/08 1:01 PM
 Find	6. Knowing that a highrise building, condo, townhome, etc..development will not be built. Keeping what they moved up there for in place and for everyone to enjoy in a great natural setting that it was meant to be enjoyed.	Tue, 1/1/08 12:54 PM
 Find	7. Visitor that will come will buy and stay	Tue, 1/1/08 10:55 AM
 Find	8. As a day site for family parties, weddings, to perform community or volunteer services, youth core opportunities and nature education for kids.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:42 AM
 Find	9. Obviously local residents and businesses will benefit the additional number of visitors that will come to the area to visit the park. This will probably represent significant economic benefits for them.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:14 AM
 Find	10. Connect the trails/bike paths/etc to Tower so you can get to town w/o having to have to drive	Tue, 1/1/08 10:07 AM
 Find	11. It will definitely increase tourism and provide many economic opportunities for the local residents. Other important opportunities for local residents include ensuring that they will always have access to the lake, just by purchasing a park sticker. At this time, many locals are being "bought off" the lake. Their family lands have been purchased by people from the Twin Cities, Chicago & other areas. The locals are enticed off the lake by the market value of their land. The sad thing is that once they have sold their lakeshore, they cannot afford to return to the lake. We think the most important benefit this park will provide the locals is that it will ensure them access to the lake in an ecologically responsible way, despite the fact that they cannot afford to buy a piece of lakeshore. Our family is fortunate enough to have lakeshore on Vermilion, but would definitely go to the park because of the unique perspective that we have found state parks to offer. We love the good family fun and opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of our state that MN state parks offer & cannot wait to have a state park on Lake Vermilion.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:15 PM
 Find	12. This northwoods park site and center would be the attraction [a reasonable goal would be 300,000 to 400,000 annual day visitors]; local residents would work in touist businesses or provide typical services required by outdoor recreation and nature seeking visitors.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:43 PM
 Find	13. It will provide new ways to view and appreciate our area. Something to bring famly to see.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:04 PM
 Find	14. For current local residents who have kin that move on to other areas or due to cyclical nature of full time employment in this area who are forced to move on or cannot afford to live in the area due to mass development that is currently taking place pushing taxes/costs up; that might eventually loose family connection to area, will for ever have a	Mon, 12/31/07 7:12 PM

	preserved piece of the area to visit in the future with preserved beauty.	
 Find	15. The site could easily serve local school-aged children as part of their school's environmental and outdoor education programs. Secondary benefits of tourism will no doubt be part of the resulting economic inputs of a new state park in the area.	Mon, 12/31/07 6:50 PM
 Find	16. A park in their backyard where they can go to appreciate the nature around them.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:58 PM
 Find	17. The economic benefits of food and lodging outside the proposed park area.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:15 PM
 Find	18. Fishing guides, tourist shop, bait store, visitor center.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:00 PM
 Find	19. Additional tourist visits with purchases. Employment at park. Positive image state wide, chance to advertise area.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:35 PM
 Find	20. Nearby access to forestland and lakeshore.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:21 PM
 Find	21. Daytime facilities.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:17 PM
 Find	22. The public should have a place to go but since state money is being used, this is not a park just for the locals.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:13 PM
 Find	23. Local residents might have job opportunities associated with the park. Local businesses could see additional business from visitors to the park. Local residents could visit the park.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:01 PM
 Find	24. Picnicing shelters, group areas, naturalist programs.	Mon, 12/31/07 2:47 PM
 Find	25. business owners would make more money. the average guys will complain about less walleyes for the table so watch out	Mon, 12/31/07 2:17 PM
 Find	26. We are not from this area.	Mon, 12/31/07 12:35 PM
 Find	27. locals will benefit from the visitors that will be drawn to the area. These people will needs services from the surrounding area that will help support the local communities and some may even come back and buy a home after they fall in love with the place. Remember too, that any improvement in the lake or land will also benefit the local people and their offspring for many years to come. Allowing it to be sold severely limits the opportunities to locals.	Mon, 12/31/07 12:29 PM
 Find	28. They don't have to drive hundreds of miles to use the park like most people will.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:58 AM
 Find	29. Day use facilities	Mon, 12/31/07 11:50 AM
 Find	30. Residents can use Lake Vermilion for recreation even if they aren't wealthy. Land and cabin costs on this lake are becoming out of reach for the working person.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:50 AM
 Find	31. Public access to lake and beautiful forest. Outdoor recreation. Reduced additional congestion or water pollution that could result from additional development.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:31 AM
 Find	32. Job creation from park maintenance and administration, tourism dollars, etc.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:15 AM
 Find	33. entrepreneurship generation and education opportunities	Mon, 12/31/07 9:44 AM
 Find	34. The park would be less of an impact to residents and wildlife as opposed selling individual lots. The park would give everyone a chance to enjoy the lake experience.	Mon, 12/31/07 6:24 AM
 Find	35. Some new employment in the park; food, beverage, lodging, guiding, and other spin off business. Work with local campgrounds to direct non-compatible users (large RV's possibly) to adjoining camping opportunities. Set up a citizens park advisory committee, and possibly a business advisory committee and/or work directly with the local tourism group.	Mon, 12/31/07 5:46 AM
 Find	36. Access to a nearby state park	Sun, 12/30/07 9:52 PM

 Find	37. employment ^ enjoyment	Sun, 12/30/07 9:28 PM
 Find	38. -Exercise -Family activities that reduce stress -Education about the need to conserve	Sun, 12/30/07 12:23 PM
 Find	39. Lake shore property is becoming the domain of the wealthy. A state park on Lake Vermillion will allow access to everyone.	Sun, 12/30/07 10:34 AM
 Find	40. increased tourism which means more money spent in local economies	Sat, 12/29/07 10:53 PM
 Find	41. Make sure the trails come into town so residents in Soudan can walk directly to the park.	Sat, 12/29/07 10:45 PM
 Find	42. I think their would be considerable traffic to the park that would provide business opportunities for the local residents. It would also be a great location for their own use and access to Lake Vermilion.	Sat, 12/29/07 8:11 PM
 Find	43. The public would benefit by use of the park which right now other than private resorts there is very limited campgrounds facilities on the lake. A state park would allow all citizens the opportunity to truly experience and enjoy the sterling beauty of this area.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:26 PM
 Find	44. If the land were developed into private homes/cabins, thecurrent trend is to extremely large and expensive homes. This prices the local residents off the lake. Keeping the land public allows more local people to stay on teh lake or at least have an opportunity to continue to have access to the lake.	Sat, 12/29/07 3:45 PM
 Find	45. Increased tourism dollars. Also, if this land is developed into a park, it won't drive local property taxes "through the roof" like developing it into prime lake shore that only the wealthy can afford.	Sat, 12/29/07 1:46 PM
 Find	46. Jobs and badly needed road repairs/upgrades	Sat, 12/29/07 12:53 PM
 Find	47. Their will be jobs for locals, all businesses will benefit, and the area will not be closed of as it is now.	Sat, 12/29/07 11:10 AM
 Find	48. Employment at park during and after development of site and to assist in new business opening	Sat, 12/29/07 10:40 AM
 Find	49. None of your questions address my concern of the financing of the park. It would be a nice addition to the area, but with all the statewide budget cuts (including existing parks), I don't feel this is the time to purchase another playground for a few! With the Voyaguers and BWCA communities struggling, will adding another park bring in more dollars to the community? We have businesses struggling to make it and pay taxes, will this help them? Is the goal to have the northern half of MN turned into a park, while the southern half pays for it? If it is turned into a park, please make it multi-use.	Sat, 12/29/07 10:31 AM
 Find	50. direct use by local residents and economic benefits from increased tourism	Sat, 12/29/07 10:06 AM
 Find	51. A park would provide more jobs for the local area.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:28 AM
 Find	52. We need to recognize that community is most important. Engage the community in the plans.. they understand the lay of the land!	Sat, 12/29/07 7:20 AM
 Find	53. More access by people to enjoy the lake. Whereas a residential area serves a select few who can afford it, a park would allow more people access to the lake. The only concern is that it isn't abused by those who are using it. Preserving the beauty and quality of the lake and land should be priority.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:14 AM
 Find	54. job opportunities	Fri, 12/28/07 9:05 PM
 Find	55. Bring tourism into the area.	Fri, 12/28/07 8:34 PM
 Find	56. increased tourism	Fri, 12/28/07 7:36 PM
 Find	57. Employment & also increased visitors patronize local establishments.	Fri, 12/28/07 2:49 PM

 Find	58. Having a state park close to your home for hiking and other outdoor activities, summer and winter. What would be better.	Fri, 12/28/07 2:16 PM
 Find	59. Access to recreational opportunities on one of the largest lakes in MN without having to own property on the lake. Economic benefits from all the visitors. I feel this park would pay for itself and be an income generating park after the initial investments are paid for.	Fri, 12/28/07 1:57 PM
 Find	60. Obviously, increased access to the lake along with the land that had been in private holding. Traffic flow into and exiting the park should be designed to have minimal impact to existing traffic lanes, i.e., place the entry booth(es) far enough into the park to prevent backups out onto the main roads.	Fri, 12/28/07 11:06 AM
 Find	61. Access to the lake, if residents don't have lakeshore. This is equal opportunity for all. The area in which they live will maintain its beauty.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:47 AM
 Find	62. Increased tourism opportunities from a new recreational playground.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:31 AM
 Find	63. It would benefit local users as they would also be able to use the trails.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:21 AM
 Find	64. Locals will benefit for generations to come. If this parcel is developed by private interests the accessibility of this parcel is gone for good. Those of us that don't own lakeshore (& never will) will have a place to call our own.	Fri, 12/28/07 9:33 AM
 Find	65. Visitors will need places to stay and eat and buy stuff.	Fri, 12/28/07 9:19 AM
 Find	66. The campground will be full most weekends providing a tourist base. The tourist base would be much less if the land was subdivided.	Fri, 12/28/07 8:27 AM
 Find	67. The same as other people. The opportunity to have an area to	Fri, 12/28/07 8:17 AM
 Find	68. If there were a nice campground and day use area it would give local residents who cannot afford to own a place on the lake more opportunities to enjoy the lake.	Fri, 12/28/07 7:27 AM
 Find	69. If the park were to have campgrounds and a boat launch area residents would use it heavily as so much of the area is privately owned	Fri, 12/28/07 7:19 AM
 Find	70. Visitors to the park would increase economic activity in the neighboring cities. Local residents would also have the beauty of the area's natural resources preserved.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:46 PM
 Find	71. The greatest benefit would be having another beautiful state park nearby, never to be developed. Economically, this park could generate more tourism dollars for the area. It could also help "spread out" summer camping crowds.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:19 PM
 Find	72. Lakeshore will not be private property and covered with homes	Thu, 12/27/07 8:51 PM
 Find	73. They can enjoy the park with their family and friends.	Thu, 12/27/07 8:09 PM
 Find	74. It would improve their access to the lake and provide a place for them to socialize with their friends.	Thu, 12/27/07 5:49 PM
 Find	75. Restaurants, outfitting supplies, shopping and other goods for sale.	Thu, 12/27/07 5:05 PM
 Find	76. \$\$\$!	Thu, 12/27/07 4:40 PM
 Find	77. Access to Vermilion, ski and hiking trails.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:32 PM
 Find	78. It will allow local schools to benefit from the learning experience a state park can offer. Local residents will also enjoy the area and trail system, if one is included.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:29 PM
 Find	79. Economical impact - Campers, hunters, fishermen, ATV and Snowmobile trails users	Thu, 12/27/07 12:21 PM
 Find	80. The park office can have pamphlets about attractions in nearby communities, also lists of businesses in nearby towns and the services they provide.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:15 PM
 Find	81. Swimming beaches, hiking trails, snowmobile trails	Thu, 12/27/07 11:23 AM

 Find	82. I will be buying groceries and touristy type of stuff for the kids to buy and restaurants and cabins to rent nearby and motels to stay at.	Thu, 12/27/07 10:23 AM
 Find	83. economy and jobs	Thu, 12/27/07 10:19 AM
 Find	84. Tourist dollars as well as personal use of the beautiful area to camp and hike close to home.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:11 AM
 Find	85. Increased tourism / spending.	Thu, 12/27/07 8:51 AM
 Find	86. tourism dollars spent in those communities	Thu, 12/27/07 8:05 AM
 Find	87. A place to ride your horse.. walk trails.. enjoy nature	Thu, 12/27/07 2:29 AM
 Find	88. Yes provided that the DNR doesn't build all of the facilities rather than uses vendors with performance standards. This park while nice is not likely to be part of a single purpose trip. Since over all park visitation in the system with the exception of the metro parks is on the decline I would not try to make it a cookie cutter of the other parks.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:10 PM
 Find	89. Tourism, gas and grocery, outfitters, Locals would have the same ability to utilize the land as would visitors.	Wed, 12/26/07 7:11 PM
 Find	90. It will bring tourists into the community	Wed, 12/26/07 6:39 PM
 Find	91. Local residents already have an abundance of recreational opportunities in the area. For those who don't live on the lake it would assure them access to public recreation on one of the major lakes in the area.	Wed, 12/26/07 6:16 PM
 Find	92. Same as non local.	Wed, 12/26/07 4:37 PM
 Find	93. Recreational activities	Wed, 12/26/07 4:20 PM
 Find	94. services, supplies come to mind, but so does many forms of tourism. If you build it, they will come	Wed, 12/26/07 4:04 PM
 Find	95. Local residents will benefit by having some measure of water quality preserved.	Wed, 12/26/07 2:21 PM
 Find	96. I don't know.	Wed, 12/26/07 12:23 PM
 Find	97. Increased tourism \$ for local businesses	Wed, 12/26/07 11:42 AM
 Find	98. allow swimming and bikes	Wed, 12/26/07 11:32 AM
 Find	99. Increased tourism and business.	Wed, 12/26/07 11:03 AM
 Find	100. Additional business benefits from park users, and avoid traffic and over use of park resources	Wed, 12/26/07 10:42 AM
 Find	101. Locals can use the park without feeling that riding their ATV or Snowmobile in the Park is not welcome.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:28 AM
 Find	102. As a local island resident as I have said, a safe landing for stormy days is a big benefit.	Wed, 12/26/07 9:54 AM
 Find	103. Free boat launch, park to camp, picnic, fish, and swim (minimize shoreline useage), snowmobile, skiing trails should also be added	Wed, 12/26/07 9:04 AM
 Find	104. Business needs to prosper. Firewood, supplies for camping an activities, guiding through trails	Wed, 12/26/07 8:58 AM
 Find	105. More tourists in the area. Opportunity to work at the park and related resources. More recreational activities to enjoy in their back yard.	Wed, 12/26/07 8:23 AM
 Find	106. hopefully jobs- a place to convene- a place to hike-just a place in nature to escape to-it is a beautiful area	Tue, 12/25/07 10:18 PM

 Find	107. Promote fish guiding, allow free boat launching by local residents. Snowmobile trails and trail center.	Tue, 12/25/07 8:43 PM
 Find	108. Restaurants, grocery stores	Tue, 12/25/07 5:25 PM
 Find	109. It adds tourism - bike/canoe/boat rentals, bait, food. Why must it create opportunities? How does building a few overpriced lake homes benefit the community any more?	Tue, 12/25/07 1:53 PM
 Find	110. I'm not sure, quite honestly all I know is that there aren't many places up there that offer gainful employment, and I know that places of residence are a choice. I DO know, that it certainly couldn't be a negative thing for them, considering mine & others' hard earned tax money certainly pays a larger part of their way already, when you consider that recreational property - cabin owners, who use the roads in the area less than 20 percent of the time that residents do, have been paying their way very unfairly for a very very long time, and are not allowed to vote in the ditricks up north yet pay pay pay pay pay. I guess what I'm flatly saying is when are the rest of us going to wise up & put their feet down on this?	Tue, 12/25/07 11:08 AM
 Find	111. camping, fishing, birding, relaxing	Tue, 12/25/07 9:48 AM
 Find	112. Less development of the land for single family lake places will benfit the local residents. More visitors will increse the demand for other services (retail, food, and recreation) so the local residents will benefit from those demands.	Tue, 12/25/07 6:35 AM
 Find	113. PRESERVATION OF NATURE INSTEAD OF DESTRUCTION. WE POISON ALL OTHER LAND WITH SPRAYS AND NONNATIVE PLANTS, ETC.	Mon, 12/24/07 7:50 PM
 Find	114. nearby town/local business's benefit from people. More people than could possibly buy each private lot and will bring their own food etc. to their home.	Mon, 12/24/07 3:09 PM
 Find	115. Jobs.	Mon, 12/24/07 1:10 PM
 Find	116. develop a local friends for the park modled after Tamarac National Wildlife Refugee would be great...	Mon, 12/24/07 12:19 PM
 Find	117. Tourism traffic from summer hikers, campers, fishers, etc. Winter snowmobile traffic should be available. All these should bring some business to the communities.	Mon, 12/24/07 12:17 PM
 Find	118. They will have a great spot to visit as the rest of the areas continues to be developed. Other than that, I don't think local residents are "owed" any other benefits.	Mon, 12/24/07 10:11 AM
 Find	119. Employment, tourism \$,	Mon, 12/24/07 9:11 AM
 Find	120. Selloing supplies and providing B and Bs. Provide guide services	Mon, 12/24/07 7:44 AM
 Find	121. Go to another park, we don't need another park that the state "can't pay for"	Sun, 12/23/07 9:35 PM
 Find	122. Guided canoe/kiyak tours of the lake and surrounding islands. Marathon/triathalon events during the summer and autumn seasons. Also, camp sites established around the park would give a great place for families, friends, church groups, etc, to spend time together in a beautiful, natural environment.	Sun, 12/23/07 7:26 PM
 Find	123. People will be spending their money, eating, lodging, camping, fuel, etc.	Sun, 12/23/07 7:01 PM
 Find	124. To get jobs with in the park and use it.	Sun, 12/23/07 3:44 PM
 Find	125. Monies spent in the area by park visitors should help reduce the tax burden for local residents.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:54 AM
 Find	126. Increase revenue from visitors, perserved land (not developed)	Sun, 12/23/07 10:52 AM
 Find	127. Make it accessible with areas for public use without making it crowded. If the park becomes overrun with people then it would have done nothing to preserve the lake. The design of the park needs to be low impact to nature type of design.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:30 AM

 Find	128. Close access to open space. Additional recreational facilities, area revenue generation.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:29 AM
 Find	129. access to the area. Better roads, improved infrastructure	Sun, 12/23/07 9:53 AM
 Find	130. tourism. use of the park same as any one else. creates jobs	Sun, 12/23/07 9:31 AM
 Find	131. Local residents, make it a place they can hike or fish from a kayak, explore the islands.	Sun, 12/23/07 1:01 AM
 Find	132. Create day use picnic areas. The locals will have new boat landings from which to launch for day trip fishing outings.	Sat, 12/22/07 11:17 PM
 Find	133. There will be recreation and commercial opportunities for locals.	Sat, 12/22/07 9:42 PM
 Find	134. This park will attract tourists to help the local economy if it is unique enough.	Sat, 12/22/07 4:42 PM
 Find	135. Employment Recreation	Sat, 12/22/07 2:03 PM
 Find	136. The very unique cultural and mining heritage can be highlighted in Tower Sudan. Tower Sudan businesses will flourish. Jobs will be available. The park will be attractive from a National Perspective with its unique combination of natural resources, wildlife, mining heritage and Native American Culture	Sat, 12/22/07 12:18 PM
 Find	137. more people visiting the area equals more money spent in the area.	Sat, 12/22/07 11:10 AM
 Find	138. Jobs	Sat, 12/22/07 10:55 AM
 Find	139. It will help their economy. We've been up there many times, and we spend plenty of money on gas, food, lodging, bait, entertainment, etc. Establishing the park will be better for the lake, the land, and local's feeling about living there, as opposed to the alternative of having it sold to a developer who "rapes the land", builds large expensive homes, that no Iron Ranger can afford. That would be a shame!	Sat, 12/22/07 10:44 AM
 Find	140. Economic revenue, Jobs and business, such as more buyers for the goods available.	Sat, 12/22/07 6:01 AM
 Find	141. The opportunities for the local residents are to have the lake shore prices stabilize at a premium because this shore won't be clear cut for cabins. Lake shore prices will stay strong. Lake resorts and off lake resorts will enjoy improved patronage and valuation as will shops and restraints	Fri, 12/21/07 11:17 PM
 Find	142. Local businesses and residents will benefit from increased visitation and tourism associated with the park.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:02 PM
 Find	143. clean employment, purchases from local shops and vendors	Fri, 12/21/07 8:40 PM
 Find	144. NEW VISITORS SPENDING MONEY IN TOWN	Fri, 12/21/07 7:14 PM
 Find	145. better fishing, use of land without ownership, less taxes	Fri, 12/21/07 6:34 PM
 Find	146. Preservation and the value of not living with housing developments in close proximity.	Fri, 12/21/07 6:18 PM
 Find	147. a better tax base from development outside of the park. + use of the park themselves.	Fri, 12/21/07 5:52 PM
 Find	148. Tourist and their support of the local economy	Fri, 12/21/07 4:59 PM
 Find	149. money	Fri, 12/21/07 4:55 PM
 Find	150. this is a state resource so I'm not too concerned about the locals, many of whom seem to want their own piece of serenity but not share with the rest	Fri, 12/21/07 4:50 PM
 Find	151. Local residents will benefit by having the same access to the park as everyone else. Not every local owns lakeshore property, and they will surely appreciate the access to recreational opportunities. And as long as people are made aware of the park boundaries, and the park is kept in a mostly natural state, adjacent land owners should not have a problem sharing a border with the park.	Fri, 12/21/07 3:45 PM

 Find	152. increased revenue from tourists/vacation	Fri, 12/21/07 3:42 PM
 Find	153. Can have a place to take relatives and company to see a that will be unique to the area that they will not be able see any where else.	Fri, 12/21/07 3:16 PM
 Find	154. More tourists coming to visit the Lake Vermillion area. Along with more tourists comes more services.	Fri, 12/21/07 2:17 PM
 Find	155. Local communities could provide additional opportunities to explore the area and history	Fri, 12/21/07 1:50 PM
 Find	156. Most area residence can't aford a lake lot on Lake Vermilion, a state park will insure a place to go so all can share this beautiful resource.	Fri, 12/21/07 1:05 PM
 Find	157. Access to Lake Vermilion without paying a resort owner enormous amounts of money for sub-par facilities. The new park would be sure to have great facilities and sites for both tents and trailers, that would surpass those of the resorts in the area. I believe the cost of a trip to the park would be far more affordable for an ordinary family than it would be to go to a resort in the area.	Fri, 12/21/07 12:55 PM
 Find	158. Fishing, hiking, photography, tourist revenue, school educational programs, research, relaxation and more are all benefits. For the park to prosper it must be accessible to local populations. There should be opportunities for local communities to tie into the park as both a local resource AND a regional draw to bring people and revenue to the communities.	Fri, 12/21/07 12:55 PM
 Find	159. beauty and serenity of nature.	Fri, 12/21/07 11:27 AM
 Find	160. A more beautiful and wild backyard!	Fri, 12/21/07 9:57 AM
 Find	161. Build the park closer to the center away from residents. Give them the privacy that they got when they first moved there. Local residents and retirees could help with volunteering or even certain ft/pt jobs.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:51 AM
 Find	162. hiking and biking trails, job and economic opportunities	Fri, 12/21/07 9:25 AM
 Find	163. They can enjoy the public resource. Should be some new business opportunities with the additional people coming into the community and the park will need to employ some.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:06 AM
 Find	164. Selling firewood, groceries and many other services.	Fri, 12/21/07 8:08 AM
 Find	165. Residents will benefit from the Park by not having 1.8 million dollar homes on that end of the lake. They can save their Lake and keep their homes without increased property taxes.	Fri, 12/21/07 7:37 AM
 Find	166. Access to lake and nature areas will benefit all residents.	Thu, 12/20/07 11:54 PM
 Find	167. Open green space in "backyard" Recreational opportunities Job opportunities	Thu, 12/20/07 3:11 PM
 Find	168. Another park in anyones backyard is a benefit. It will also leave their communities as is and not have an inflow of seasonal homes being built.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:40 PM
 Find	169. Hosting visitors and providing opportunity for them to become acquainted with a natural resource.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:33 PM
 Find	170. Local residents could use the park for their own enjoyment, after all not everybody that lives in the region has a place on the lake to afford enjoymnet opportunities. Additionally the region would benefit from increased visitirs which would help the struggling economy	Thu, 12/20/07 1:24 PM
 Find	171. Increased tourism, without turning the park itself into a touist trap full of commercial businesses. Keep the park 100% natural.	Thu, 12/20/07 1:23 PM
 Find	172. Jobs taking care of the park. Maybe add some rental services at the park. The locals will be able to use the facility.	Thu, 12/20/07 12:00 PM

 Find	173. Local residents have much to learn about the historical aspects of the area. Geologic information would be interesting. Local residents would be the ones to most benefit from hiking trails, biking, cross country etc. as it is literally out their back door.	Thu, 12/20/07 10:05 AM
 Find	174. Increased tourism industry	Thu, 12/20/07 8:18 AM
 Find	175. Creating park and open spaces that slow or stop development adds to the value of any community. Having access to a park in this area for residents that is becoming inaccessible to many people because of recent tax burdens would be one way to ensure that people are able to enjoy this unique watershed in our state.	Thu, 12/20/07 8:12 AM
 Find	176. Increased traffic means increased revenue for the local populace.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:34 PM
 Find	177. to preven more depradation of the land, water, local control of our back yard	Wed, 12/19/07 8:13 PM
 Find	178. IF CAMPING IS ALLOWED THEN LIKE ANY TOWN BY A STATE PARK THE WILL SEE AN IN CREASE IN THERE REVENUE. CAMPERS NEVER REMEMBER EVERYTHING THEY NEED.	Wed, 12/19/07 7:16 PM
 Find	179. we will still be able to use the lake as we have in the past	Wed, 12/19/07 6:49 PM
 Find	180. It is too near the BWCA plus other state and county parks. The land should be sold for private development and remain on the tax rolls.	Wed, 12/19/07 5:48 PM
 Find	181. Local residents can operate stores, restaurants, and lodging but there must be STRICT building codes in keeping with the wilderness and historic nature of the area--no big golden arches or neon lights. Instead of emphasizing car travel, paved, curving trails for biking and walking could be built--using as an example the very forested landscape with bike trails everywhere of Hilton Head Island in SC, where restaurants and lodgings are muted, behind trees and bushes and natural vegetation.or	Wed, 12/19/07 4:59 PM
 Find	182. A huge economic opportunity for the area.	Wed, 12/19/07 4:23 PM
 Find	183. Hiking, swimming are	Wed, 12/19/07 3:19 PM
 Find	184. whenever i go on a trip i always spend \$\$ locally. groceries, souvenirs, if i make it a longer trip we'll generally go into town & Have a meal or two.	Wed, 12/19/07 2:45 PM
 Find	185. Hiking on a maintained trail. The trails of yeateryear in the area went through pine forests which have been logged and overgrown by an impenitrable bramble of bushes and small trees.	Wed, 12/19/07 2:17 PM
 Find	186. Not great, but some job creation	Wed, 12/19/07 1:52 PM
 Find	187. tourism dollars to the local economy.	Wed, 12/19/07 1:32 PM
 Find	188. All the talks that some of the state parks put on are wonderful additions to the local residents.	Wed, 12/19/07 1:04 PM
 Find	189. Local guide services for fishing and hiking. Local businesses could provide boat, canoe, bike, snowshoe, and crosscountry ski rentals.	Wed, 12/19/07 12:34 PM
 Find	190. increased tourism and people shopping, staying and eating in their towns	Wed, 12/19/07 12:06 PM
 Find	191. increased tourist traffic to communities will be noticable-not providing too many items for sale that can be purchased locally	Wed, 12/19/07 11:51 AM
 Find	192. Give local access to the lake and a place to picnic.	Wed, 12/19/07 11:08 AM
 Find	193. Increased economic activity.	Wed, 12/19/07 11:05 AM
 Find	194. Hire them! List the stores, accommodations and recreational opportunities in the surrounding communities.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:26 AM

 Find	195. Increase in visitors and tourism. Need to leverage and extend existing natural resources and outdoor recreation infrastructure. Limits additional high end expensive condo based development. Maintains a pristine tract of land in a more natural setting than a private development. Public access to previously private land. Create new forms of outdoor recreation that are sustainable and minimal impact on the resource and minimal negative impact on the local community.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:13 AM
 Find	196. I believe one of the roles that natural resource agencies play is to provide educational and mentoring opportunities in the local communities. Working with area schools and community organizations can promote better understanding of natural resources, stewardship concepts, and healthy living! This benefits the community and the park! We need to get students reconnected with the outdoors--and what better way than to tie in with a State Park in your backyard.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:01 AM
 Find	197. Tourism, landowners could offer hunting opportunities near the park.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:56 AM
 Find	198. tourism is a benefit or loss depending on what side of the dollar bill a resident is on.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:44 AM
 Find	199. The addition of another public boat launch site would help the overcrowded Stuntz Bay, and McKinley Park camp site is also overcrowded.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:35 AM
 Find	200. From the non-motorized trail system and the recreationists (hikers to bird watchers) that it brings.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:20 AM
 Find	201. Make it a nice place where expansion cannot encroach. Too much of the lake is already overgrown with cabins and all sorts of resorts. Local or lake living citizens should get a discount to get into the park, or possibly even free to visit cause otherwise why would they go since they already live up there.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:18 AM
 Find	202. Increased tourism, increased land values, preserve quality of life issues.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:39 AM
 Find	203. Local residents benefit by having this land reserved for the park.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:34 AM
 Find	204. Employment opportunities for senior citizens and youth.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:16 AM
 Find	205. Tourist based business opportunities, recreational opportunities.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:14 AM
 Find	206. Employment opportunites.	Wed, 12/19/07 7:43 AM
 Find	207. Hiking, skiing, snowshoing, responsible lake access, jobs (park maintenance), responsible camping.	Wed, 12/19/07 7:07 AM
 Find	208. Employment, tourism and to open new businesses	Tue, 12/18/07 11:20 PM
 Find	209. Employment, commercial services, oat tour trips, winter soports - XC skiing, dog sleds, ice fishing, bait dealers	Tue, 12/18/07 9:54 PM
 Find	210. Added revenue for the towns people and their places of business from all of those who are traveling to see the park. Not to mention the value of the park itself with it's beauty.Buy having that much of an area in a natural state they will also benefit from cleaner air and water which will in turn increase their property values.	Tue, 12/18/07 9:43 PM
 Find	211. Access to fantastic resource...just like non-locals.	Tue, 12/18/07 8:52 PM
 Find	212. Tourism dollars? More poeple to livee in that comunity if there is land set aside for new city limits! The property should be left to the people not the rich that can only afford lakeside proprety.	Tue, 12/18/07 7:34 PM
 Find	213. Parks bring in business locally. Tourists have to buy stuff	Tue, 12/18/07 7:23 PM
 Find	214. Local Bussness should be able to benifit. Hotels, Reasurants ect.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:54 PM
 Find	215. If they dont own land now they can feel like they do with a huge park they can wonder through.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:08 PM

 Find	216. Possible employment at the park, money spent by visitors in local coffers.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:04 PM
 Find	217. Tourism	Tue, 12/18/07 5:44 PM
 Find	218. retail, restaurants, fishing guides, motels, bait shops	Tue, 12/18/07 5:23 PM
 Find	219. I went all the way through your comments page. All I see is the "tell us why we should" and no why we shouldn't create a new State Park.	Tue, 12/18/07 3:50 PM
 Find	220. IF NOBODY CAN AFFORD TO GO THERE- NONE	Mon, 12/17/07 8:48 PM
 Find	221. Increased income from ATV trail riders	Mon, 12/17/07 7:45 PM
 Find	222. The local residents want to use Lake Vermillion for daily trips but also for longer periods of time, say for a month or seasonal.	Mon, 12/17/07 4:39 PM
 Find	223. Increased tourism opportunities, fishing guides, bed and breakfast, restaurants, etc.	Mon, 12/17/07 4:34 PM
 Find	224. Increased tax base due to increased tourism dollars	Mon, 12/17/07 1:08 PM
 Find	225. There are none. By taking the property off the tax rolls they will suffer even more financial burden for the greedy DNR.	Mon, 12/17/07 12:13 PM
 Find	226. Preserve the natural beauty of the lake and shoreline!!!! Bring their kids to visit the park, nature trails, hiking trails, camping, etc. There are many, many benefits for the state and residents.	Mon, 12/17/07 12:11 PM
 Find	227. employment. Cleaner environment vs. a housing development	Mon, 12/17/07 11:27 AM
 Find	228. Keep the park open to the residents by allowing free launch services, fish house cleaning stations and the like.	Mon, 12/17/07 8:48 AM
 Find	229. I am sure it will generate some jobs for locals.	Sun, 12/16/07 8:14 PM
 Find	230. No gift shop, stores, rental shops in the park. Let the communities have those. Do not pay to ride tour boats.	Sun, 12/16/07 5:57 PM
 Find	231. There are no benefits for local residents to have hundreds of thousands of additional people show up each year. Just makes for a crowded lake, streets, and stores. With that many people, there will undoubtedly be additional crime that will come to the local town and residents. Leaving this only a negative benefit to the local residents.	Sun, 12/16/07 5:53 PM
 Find	232. dollars for restaurants, gift shops, the idea that it won't be developed into an eyesore should be good enough alone! Lodging	Sun, 12/16/07 4:21 PM
 Find	233. Construction and maintenance jobs. Even if a developer divides up the land I would think that the same types of jobs would be available.	Sun, 12/16/07 2:53 PM
 Find	234. Public access to Lake Vermillion, increasing property values.	Sun, 12/16/07 11:48 AM
 Find	235. supplies purchases such as firewood, ice, food & beverages.	Sun, 12/16/07 11:20 AM
 Find	236. Most local residents do have boat access with one of the many boat ramps, or they do in my case have a boathouse or cabin on the lake.	Sun, 12/16/07 10:02 AM
 Find	237. Money spent by guests, More money for their economy,	Sun, 12/16/07 1:04 AM
 Find	238. It would open up the doors for all outdoor users to visit a beautiful part of the state. This would bring money from people visiting there.	Sat, 12/15/07 4:46 PM
 Find	239. Local residents will continue to have a shoreline that is pretty much undisturbed.	Sat, 12/15/07 12:03 PM
 Find	240. A "regional" park, like the one proposed, should bring new visitors to the area, and would add dollars to the local economies.	Sat, 12/15/07 11:42 AM
 Find	241. more local jobs, more visitors in the area so this will increase employment opportunities.	Sat, 12/15/07 10:21 AM

 Find	242. None. More unwanted traffic.	Sat, 12/15/07 8:19 AM
 Find	243. Gas bait groceries restaurants outboard motor repairs hotels bars liquor stores churches clothing guide services etc.	Fri, 12/14/07 10:04 PM
 Find	244. The obvious tourist dollars that could be generated creatively by a few hundred thousand people coming through the communities, looking for a remote experience, but also seeking entertainment, food, supplies, etc. It must be low impact so as not to destroy the remote feel of the locals who enjoy the lake.	Fri, 12/14/07 3:56 PM
 Find	245. An area that was not developed by the DNR.	Fri, 12/14/07 11:21 AM
 Find	246. Tourtist dollar is the only bendfit, but that is substantial	Fri, 12/14/07 9:45 AM
 Find	247. 1. Additional tourism dollars from visitors. 2. Easy access to one really nice park. 3. If I lived there, I would appreciate not seeing all remaining natural lands dug up for development. A quality of life thing.	Fri, 12/14/07 8:16 AM
 Find	248. Historical significance, job opportunities, new revenue for local businesses.	Thu, 12/13/07 8:07 PM
 Find	249. Increased employment opportunities from park and increased business in the area. Opportunity to enjoy park resources	Thu, 12/13/07 5:16 PM
 Find	250. added visitors and knowing that they pay the park sticker fee and care enough about the resource to support it are all good; people may think that the added traffic is bad, though, and disrupts their summer cabins and relaxing atmosphere	Thu, 12/13/07 3:01 PM

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 Find	251. Both jobs, and a nice place to visit in their back yard	Thu, 12/13/07 11:44 AM
 Find	252. Same as for anyone else in Minnesota -- no more, no less. We don't build state parks for the convenience of local residents. They are for all Minnesotans and the wishes of locals should count no more than those of other Minnesotans. I'm sorry but this park is far more important than local communities; they will wax and wane, come and go. But this park will be forever.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:44 AM
 Find	253. Fishing, hunting, boating, camping, historic value.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:44 AM
 Find	254. The are is currently dominated by private resort business. The campingopportunities at a new state park would bring in new visitors throughout the year.	Thu, 12/13/07 8:49 AM
 Find	255. Just having a state park present will draw visitors. Creating a state park destination to "benefit" local businesses is a delicate balance that should highlight the natural resources, without commercializing or otherwise detracting from the natural context - since the park will be a STATE, and not a local park.	Wed, 12/12/07 9:01 PM
 Find	256. Increased business for local areas. access for all the surrounding communities to one of minnesotas most beautiful lake areas.preserving one of minnesotas unique recreation areas for the future.	Wed, 12/12/07 8:49 PM
 Find	257. Residents will have a large local park with recreational amenities to use on a day to day basis. Some of these will include new activates that they didn't have access to before. Communities can create celebrations that will draw in tourists to partake in local festivities.	Wed, 12/12/07 8:08 PM
 Find	258. The businesses would see an influx of people shopping in local stores, staying at local hotels, eating at restaurents.	Wed, 12/12/07 6:09 PM
 Find	259. Tourist dollars! They will not end up with a bunch of million dollar weekend homes on the lake.	Wed, 12/12/07 5:18 PM
 Find	260. Provide quality hiking and XC skiing trails that are lacking in the area. Also provide group gathering places and public access to the lake.	Wed, 12/12/07 4:49 PM
 Find	261. possible employment, economic impact on local economy. Oppurtunity to enjoy Park's resources, that may otherwise be off limits	Wed, 12/12/07 3:05 PM
 Find	262. one more area to enjoy nature and its bounty without the annoyance of motorized traffic	Wed, 12/12/07 2:58 PM
 Find	263. Local residents will benefit from the park resources such as trails, nearby campgrounds, and water access.	Wed, 12/12/07 2:17 PM
 Find	264. added economic development in the region from people coming to visit the par, plus some jobs in the local area for people to run and manage the park.	Wed, 12/12/07 1:34 PM
 Find	265. Additional tourist dollars.	Wed, 12/12/07 1:29 PM
 Find	266. The proximity to the metro area provides an opportunity for more people to visit the park.	Wed, 12/12/07 8:32 AM
 Find	267. Tourists bring business to local communities. They spend money on fuel, food, lodging, tackle, etc. This created jobs. Local people also enjoy parks, and with so much lakeshore being bought and developed by people from outside the area, a large park on Lake Vermilion would provide an easily accessible place for locals to enjoy the traditional "Minnesota Lake Experience".	Tue, 12/11/07 9:56 PM
 Find	268. The park should offer a picnic area and an array of hiking trails so that it could be used by locals as a place to excercise and have cookouts.	Tue, 12/11/07 8:09 PM

 Find	269. Tourism \$\$\$, boat sales, development in other areas from visitors that now may want to buy up there because they like it so much and have a huge state park for their backyard.	Tue, 12/11/07 3:48 PM
 Find	270. Family outings such as picnics, swim days and just old fashioned camping. The cost of ownership on the lake and restricted access opportunities to the BWCA have made these activities a hardship to the local "average Joe".	Tue, 12/11/07 11:49 AM
 Find	271. Quick and easy access to hiking, canoeing, boating, and various recreation without the process of a BWCA permit.	Tue, 12/11/07 11:42 AM
 Find	272. Local residents would not benefit from the park. The lake is enjoyed by thousands of people already.	Sat, 12/8/07 7:04 AM
 Find	273. FULLY FUND **ALL OTHER** MINNESOTA STATE PARKS FIRST. THEN ACQUIRE THIS LAND AS AN UNDEVELOPED FOREST. DEVELOP INTO A STATE PARK AT A LATER DATE WHEN THE REPUBLICAN RECESSION AND REPUBLICAN BUDGET DEFICIT IS CORRECTED. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES.	Wed, 12/5/07 12:11 PM
 Find	274. Tourism brings in paying customers for local businesses.	Tue, 12/4/07 2:40 PM
 Find	275. Park usage and limited park employment.	Thu, 11/29/07 10:25 AM
 Find	276. A State Park is a wonderful opportunity for local educational experiences for a local community.	Mon, 11/26/07 12:35 PM
 Find	277. a place where we can go to enjoy lake with a family gathering with a view and it will hopefully bring in new business. like outdoor rental, help the business with tourism. Again if done right.	Wed, 11/14/07 2:20 PM
 Find	278. As an out-of-town visitor, we usually try to patronize local businesses near the park. Picnic grounds would be a big plus for locals.	Wed, 11/14/07 12:36 AM
 Find	279. Increased tourism should assist all aspects of those living in Northern MN.	Thu, 11/8/07 6:35 PM
 Find	280. Every single Tower/Soudan resident will be given an opportunity to supply some of the demand. I live here and this area has been in an economic decline for years. Opportunity is a rare occurrence here and a state park will guarantee a very long period of it. Our kids are leaving in droves as soon as they graduate high school. We need to build a society that can support new families with opportunities and don't have to leave the area they love.	Wed, 11/7/07 11:25 PM
 Find	281. I THINK IT WILL HELP THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.	Wed, 11/7/07 7:27 PM
 Find	282. Hire and train local people whenever possible, especially young people.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:43 PM
 Find	283. Fishing, hiking, biking?, boating, bird counts, animal sightings.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:42 PM

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 Find	1. Unless a person owns shoreland on Lake Vermilion, know someone who does or boats - those are the only ways to currently enjoy this great lake. With a "public" State Park others citizens in the area and outside the area can also enjoy the shoreline and the lake. Why should this great lake of the north only be allowed enjoyment of a few landowners, when the stakeholders are all the citizens? The other key piece for locals is the increase of "good" employment opportunities this park would offer - be year round or on a summer basis. Some could have a job with future opportunities within a very good department to work for. This is not to mention the "spin-off" employment opportunities that can occur in the private sector.	Sun, 1/27/08 10:38 AM
 Find	2. First of all, I'm sure the park itself will provide employment and enjoyment. Seasonal needs I know will provide students with work in the summer, not to mention what it would do for the local economy. If I was a small business owner in the area, I'd be thrilled. I can't nail down any numbers but many more people would be coming and going to and from a park than a small handful of homes. In today's housing market, I'd put my money in the park. Local residents will benefit with jobs but, I'm sure will also benefit with the park's recreational opportunities. They could have lake access to the State's premier fishing waters or be able to bring their kids to a beach on a hot day or reserve a picnic site for a family reunion. I could go on.	Sat, 1/26/08 7:25 AM
 Find	3. I think this is a tremendous opportunity and the state should do everything possible to acquire this property for present and future generations.	Fri, 1/25/08 5:09 PM
 Find	4. Local folks and others who live in Minnesota who do not have current access to the lake will benefit from this park. Access will be provided and the lake and shoreland can be enjoyed by many.	Thu, 1/24/08 6:50 PM
 Find	5. More opportunities to appreciate the beauty of the area. Preserved quality of life, air, water, etc... Area will not be ruined by an influx of McMansions.	Thu, 1/24/08 11:17 AM
 Find	6. Sales of goods and services which also helps their local tax coffers.	Mon, 1/21/08 4:55 PM
 Find	7. Many local residents, like most residents of the State of Minnesota, can't afford lake property. Having a State Park that allows the average person access to this lake would be great.	Sun, 1/20/08 9:59 PM
 Find	8. THE LOCAL PEOPLE WILL HAVE JOBS, AND GROWING OPPORTUNITIES AS BUSINESSES WILL BE NEEDED FOR TOURISTS	Sun, 1/20/08 5:23 AM
 Find	9. none, we do not think that this park is a wise use of state monies or manpower. there is an under used park right next door, and of course the bwca is a couple of miles away.	Sat, 1/19/08 11:27 AM
 Find	10. Keeping a pristine piece of land from being residentially developed while still bringing revenue to the area in the form of visitor dollars for meals, lodging, and expendable income.	Sat, 1/19/08 1:26 AM
 Find	11. My favorite thing about state parks is that everybody has a lake home! Just throw your tent up at a different lake every weekend! Also you can go for a hike in the woods every day before or after work - great exercise in a beautiful setting! I love my local parks as well as those across the state	Wed, 1/16/08 8:17 PM
 Find	12. A developer would add more to the local economy.	Wed, 1/16/08 3:05 PM
 Find	13. Restricting ATV usage and communication with these communities about proposed advances in the park.	Wed, 1/16/08 12:21 PM
 Find	14. I am a summer resident of Lake Vermilion. We have a cabin less than a mile away from McKinley Park and have been for 19 years. I know my children will never be able to afford a place on the lake so I would really enjoy seeing people from the area being able to enjoy this wonderful lake as much as me and my family do. I am 100% for this project. I know it	Wed, 1/16/08 11:26 AM

	will be increased traffic on the lake. However, I feel that it would be wonderful for thousands of people to enjoy this Majestic lake as opposed to a few dozen residents if the land were turned into residential lots. which will probalbythe	
 Find	15. any and all residents can have access to the lake for fishing, boating and other recreational activities	Tue, 1/15/08 10:38 PM
 Find	16. very limited; there are enough existing public lands and parks	Tue, 1/15/08 6:36 PM
 Find	17. Much more revenue to the area, such as bait, food, beverage, and people to know about lake vermillion and stay at different resorts.	Mon, 1/14/08 9:09 PM
 Find	18. It would be a place to go hiking, fishing, and biking	Mon, 1/14/08 2:01 PM
 Find	19. public hunting areas, interpretive centers for school activities, potential internship opportunities for high school students	Sat, 1/12/08 9:11 PM
 Find	20. Lake Shore Preservation Watershed Protection Asthetic Values Additional Recreation areas	Fri, 1/11/08 11:38 AM
 Find	21. The cities of Tower and Cook are small, very small. As often fits the stereo type of small towns, they are also struggling financially. A large, very much needed, state park would do unmeasurable good for these towns, not to mention the towns visitors would have to travel through to get there, such as Virginia, Cotton, and even Cloquet.	Thu, 1/10/08 4:12 PM
 Find	22. Another SP in the region would surely benefit the Tower/Soudan community. Ely would benefit as well. They'd have another public resource area for recreation and enjoyment of nature...as well as some employment opportunities as it relates to the MN State Parks.	Thu, 1/10/08 2:32 PM
 Find	23. increased revenue from visitors buying supplies bait etc	Thu, 1/10/08 12:51 PM
 Find	24. jobs and an additional park for them to use.	Thu, 1/10/08 12:32 PM
 Find	25. near by towns will see a boost in economy; from convenience stores, to motels, to campgrounds, to outdoors outfitters. This will also include an increase in available jobs, both at the locations mentioned above, and at the park itself.	Wed, 1/9/08 12:37 PM
 Find	26. Tourism, jobs, affordable access to Lake Vermilion.	Tue, 1/8/08 6:50 PM
 Find	27. would preserve more shoreline and natural areas for all to enjoy and minimize crowding of homes right up to the shorelines.	Mon, 1/7/08 9:14 PM
 Find	28. While I'm not a resident local to the park, I enjoy meeting others while I'm visiting Mn state parks.	Mon, 1/7/08 7:03 PM
 Find	29. Creation of a state park will ensure that the land stays near its current state for generations to come and prevents destruction of the land through development.	Sun, 1/6/08 11:09 AM
 Find	30. Enormous. As the surrounding land is gobbled up by developers and millionaires there is little left for the local people to enjoy and access. This is not criminal but sure seems close to it. We need the park so that the best of MN is not for sale to the highest bidder	Sun, 1/6/08 10:24 AM
 Find	31. more visitors to the area means more money spent in the area.also creating more jobs.	Sat, 1/5/08 10:33 AM
 Find	32. They will have a prestine, unmolested place to enjoy in their free time. Some could sell certified firewood for the campsites (those near the park). Assuming that they work in the area, they will benefit from the flow of visitors who will spend money in the nearby community businesses. 1) Send out a one-day free pass to the Lake Vermilion park to local residents so they can see the new attraction without having to pay. 2)Have a one-day workshop/event that anybody can attend (geared toward local community) that explains the history of the park area and the benefits will park will have on the local community. 3) Jobs may be created from this park that local residents can apply for.	Sat, 1/5/08 8:23 AM
 Find	33. None. More people will only create more jobs by State officials on the public payroll.	Fri, 1/4/08 8:43 PM

 Find	34. An opportunity to experience quiet, peaceful nature. To provide a place away from the all too common heavy development along MN shores.	Fri, 1/4/08 3:40 PM
 Find	35. Recreation just like the rest of us.	Fri, 1/4/08 1:39 PM
 Find	36. Jobs!!!	Fri, 1/4/08 11:37 AM
 Find	37. being close to the park would be beneficial to all in both economic value and geographic value	Fri, 1/4/08 9:50 AM
 Find	38. They can utilize the park like most others will utilize it. Since the local residents are so close, I see them coming and experiencing it for a short period of time. More like a day or to.	Fri, 1/4/08 9:36 AM
 Find	39. place for friends and relative to come and visit	Fri, 1/4/08 8:04 AM
 Find	40. would keep land open for public use and slow down the sprawl of "vacation homes" In this land of 10,000 lakes fewer and fewer of us are able to enjoy lakeshore except for the 100' at the public access.	Fri, 1/4/08 7:23 AM
 Find	41. Providing an extensive trail system that connects Soudan Mine, Lake Vermillion, and Bear's Head Lake State Parks would create the opportunity for locals to utilize the park system via snowmobiling, horseback riding, cycling, and hiking. The parks can also provide opportunities for community events. The largest benefit to the local communities is that if the state does not purchase the land, private developers and LHB Architects are planning to turn the same area into a series of lake homes and condominiums. Similar developments around the state have led to seasonal residents who provide little to no economic benefits to the communities. Such development also creates a significantly more pronounced environmental impact on the region than would a state park, regardless of how "green" the architects believe they have planned their development.	Thu, 1/3/08 9:29 PM
 Find	42. Become interpreters at the park or bring in how to demonstrations for the park visitors. Possibly they can charge small fees to supplement their incomes.	Thu, 1/3/08 5:49 PM
 Find	43. Accomplish: Local opportunities should be limited to those established outside the park boundaries Avoid: Commercialization	Thu, 1/3/08 3:25 PM
 Find	44. A permanent place of park and preservation for today and the future	Thu, 1/3/08 3:25 PM
 Find	45. They will benefit by the area not being developed.	Thu, 1/3/08 3:08 PM
 Find	46. Added tourist dollars.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:49 PM
 Find	47. Significant economic benefits. I travel to many communities in rural Mn just because they are near a state park. A new park will be very popular. also opportunities for more visibility for local artists.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:47 PM
 Find	48. Many, many tourists to visit the area and spend \$.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:40 PM
 Find	49. Tourism and patronage to local business. I have never been in the area before and would be very interested if the park was there.	Thu, 1/3/08 12:02 PM
 Find	50. Fishing, hiking, for preserving nature	Thu, 1/3/08 11:51 AM
 Find	51. I would say the biggest and best is tourism. Many of the old cities you have listed above are tourist areas, and with a large state park it would draw more good people to the area.	Thu, 1/3/08 7:52 AM
 Find	52. A place for locals to gather and to enjoy the lake. Jobs. A chance to participate in a large community based project for the greater good.	Wed, 1/2/08 9:39 PM
 Find	53. some jobs. Quality of life.	Wed, 1/2/08 7:13 PM
 Find	54. Free (or extremely cheap) access to a beautiful lake that is otherwise largely privately owned.	Wed, 1/2/08 4:02 PM

 Find	55. I am not a local resident, but I feel that anyone who visits the lake or lives near it should have the opportunity to enjoy the natural state of the lake and shoreline. Building an development would prevent that.	Wed, 1/2/08 2:58 PM
 Find	56. Another area to enjoy from the lake or to just drive over and enjoy the park. Alot of the forest lands are behind the privately owned lakeshore, which makes it pretty hard in areas to just get out of the boat and walk around and enjoy the forests.	Wed, 1/2/08 1:11 PM
 Find	57. The are closer to the site so they'll actually benifit more then most as we have to figure in the long hours of driving to get there.	Wed, 1/2/08 11:58 AM
 Find	58. jobs that run the park trail grooming brings tourism to northern minnestoa, and possibly to local resorts	Wed, 1/2/08 11:33 AM
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