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 Find	1. not sure	Wed, 1/2/08 5:37 AM
 Find	2. No comment...	Tue, 1/1/08 11:05 PM
 Find	3. (to provide a quality visitor and local community experience) Leave the land as natural as you can.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:43 PM
 Find	4. see above.	Tue, 1/1/08 6:14 PM
 Find	5. dont the state already have enough parks and they are always wanting more money where is the money coming from ? I notice the parks are short staffed already and they should take better care of the ones they have. when I visit a park I hear is we dont have the money to do repairs or up keep on existing buildings so lets not expand but keep what we have and better staff and maintain them most parks dont have a full time naturalist like they did 20 years ago and they dont even keep the swimming facilities clean and free of garbage and employ young kids to help out in the summer and give them a opportunity to enjoy working in a park as I did	Tue, 1/1/08 1:52 PM
 Find	6. Statewide advertising for local businesses. State support naturalist talks/walks.	Tue, 1/1/08 1:01 PM
 Find	7. They could impliment solar power, as well as water power to heat, cool and beable to keep the park and area as it is. It could be a staple of what newer parks will be(more environmently safe and friendly) and what older parks could slowly implement to provide something great for everyone including the planet.	Tue, 1/1/08 12:54 PM
 Find	8. GET IT DONE WHAT EVER IT TAKES.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:55 AM
 Find	9. Their collaboration together to get the park established is a start and making a connection to the local community in the way the park is designed, located and within the visitor center.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:42 AM
 Find	10. no comment	Tue, 1/1/08 10:14 AM
 Find	11. Work together, do whatever it takes to get this project done. We want a state park on Lake Vermilion. We have visited numerous state parks in MN and surrounding states & have thought for so many years that Lake Vermilion is so unique and beautiful that it needs a state park. We're thrilled to finally see it happen. We would like to suggest Peninsula State Park in Door Cty WI as a possible model for the Lake Vermilion State Park. It has kayak & bicycle rentals, an outdoor theater, interpretive trails, scenic overlooks, private campsites and is near a town that has embraced the state park.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:15 PM
 Find	12. There are numerous resorts, campgrounds and lodging accomodations within a 30 mile radius of this location; the state and county can provide good access and an outstanding visitor center that will generate many enthusiastic and repeat visitors. The community should focus on the labor intensive services; the government should arrange bonding for the facilities as well as routine administrative, security and maintenance.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:43 PM
 Find	13. The Soudan park is an asset to the area and the new park should work as well if people work together. It's a win-win situation.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:04 PM
 Find	14. Great opportunity to develop an even better functioning system, that could essentially by a model for future state parks. More so, state and local should work closely to accomodate to the best of governments ability to ensure everyones concerns are addressed and considered in pursuing the over all "goal".	Mon, 12/31/07 7:12 PM
 Find	15. Numerous, including the potential for tourism-attraction festivals and local educational (and employment) opportunities.	Mon, 12/31/07 6:50 PM

 Find	16. The governments can work together to use existing taxpayer funds to build an educational interpretive center so others can learn more about the nature around them.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:58 PM
 Find	17. To finally refuse to serve the narrow special interests of motorized recreation, and actually work together in an honest, science-based planning process.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:15 PM
 Find	18. Funds will be needed for the park roads, buildings, restrooms, shower-house, etc. Employees will be needed for the visitor center, registration areas and park maintenance. More job openings for local people.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:00 PM
 Find	19. They would benefit moneywise by having more people sightseeing, stopping for food hotels, motels. Both State & Local would definitely benefit.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:17 PM
 Find	20. Keep it a healthy and safe experience. Offer rental equipment but try to help folks understand they don't have to spend a ton of money to enjoy nature.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:13 PM
 Find	21. The new park would be a new business and recreation opportunity for local community residents and businesses, a few new businesses might be started by local entrepreneurs, fostered and encouraged by state cooperation and letting of bids for vending services to business in the local communities; this new park would be a fabulous visitor opportunity, and my family would visit this state park several times a year, winter and summer, dependent upon facilities available.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:01 PM
 Find	22. Via input like this.	Mon, 12/31/07 2:47 PM
 Find	23. get some more state land added in some other spots if possible and have some remote campsites - maybe even put a 25hp limit on motors for the entire lake - that'll weed out the undesirables.	Mon, 12/31/07 2:17 PM
 Find	24. Survey the local community and find out how they would like to influence the park	Mon, 12/31/07 12:35 PM
 Find	25. The township and county will need to be made whole with the loss of tax revenue and then the local community support will be gained. The quality of the visitor experience (wether local or not) will be much improved by each level of government supporting each other in areas of maintenance, enforcement, and fire and first aid. A unique cooperative agreement can be done right from the start of this park to help each other.	Mon, 12/31/07 12:29 PM
 Find	26. hire knowlegable people from Minnesota instead of out of state employee's.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:50 AM
 Find	27. Coordinated park and outdoor recreation information.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:31 AM
 Find	28. The city of Tower is already working on a plan to revitalize their waterfront area, creating more opportunities for visitors. The park would only help this along with other surrounding areas.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:15 AM
 Find	29. Use other state parks as examples, Father Hennepin, Itaska Both these communitis have state and local gov. that co-exist - don't recreate the wheel!!!	Mon, 12/31/07 9:44 AM
 Find	30. Do not charge fees for 5 years. This will allow people to make the trip to the park without incurring extra costs during that period. It will allow the DNR to gain support and a user base for the somewhat-contentious park.	Mon, 12/31/07 8:53 AM
 Find	31. Road access and boat landing for the park area that is well marked for visitors also keeping it in a pristine condition.	Mon, 12/31/07 6:24 AM
 Find	32. Work to develop some outside vendor/contracted tasks that local businesses could provide. They may or may not be cheaper, this would allow and enhance local participation and acceptance of the park as their's. Ie: campground adjacent to the park boundary that could tie directly to the park, offers employment, a different experience while allowing direct park access and use.	Mon, 12/31/07 5:46 AM
 Find	33. State and local governments work together to provide public safety services	Sun, 12/30/07 9:52 PM

 Find	34. creating the park itself will achieve this goal	Sat, 12/29/07 10:53 PM
 Find	35. This area is so wonderful and right now the access to John Q. Public to really enjoy the lake by camping and recreating on Lake Vermillion is quite limited. The whole area has much to offer for sightseeing and enjoyment of the wilderness.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:26 PM
 Find	36. Providing some interprtive sites on local vegetation like tress, flowers,fish and birds. Poviding guided hiking trips and tours of the Lake. Also boat and canoe rentals, along with camp grounds	Sat, 12/29/07 3:45 PM
 Find	37. Enlarge joint powers board based in Ely	Sat, 12/29/07 12:53 PM
 Find	38. Some of the Township supervisors are against this plan from the get-go, because they own property on the lake or have friends that do. They feel the lake will be over used.	Sat, 12/29/07 11:10 AM
 Find	39. Need to assure local community that loss of real estate tax revenue will be remedied by subsidizing and replacing the lost revenue by the state	Sat, 12/29/07 10:40 AM
 Find	40. The state needs to take advantage of the opportunity to acquire land, including lakeshore, which may never be available again. The local government needs to support positive action by the state.	Sat, 12/29/07 10:06 AM
 Find	41. Work together to promote the park and local tourist attractions and also the proposed Tower harbor.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:28 AM
 Find	42. Provide EDUCATIONAL opprotunities to local schools. Include a space for early childhood education. Remember that Birth -3rd grade is when you are going to plant the foundation-!	Sat, 12/29/07 7:20 AM
 Find	43. simply by providing quality accomidations as they have at all other state parks	Fri, 12/28/07 7:36 PM
 Find	44. A prime example would be the many hiking trails that Mn has to offer. Most are maintained by the locals and others.	Fri, 12/28/07 2:16 PM
 Find	45. This park would be big enough for all governments to work together on multiple areas in the development of this park.	Fri, 12/28/07 1:57 PM
 Find	46. A "comprehensive plan" similar to the ones that municipalities draw up should be given consideration; one that is reviewed and updated at certain yearly intervals by a joint task force made up of municipal, county, and State Park representatives.	Fri, 12/28/07 11:06 AM
 Find	47. This must happen for the area. It's a win win. All governments must not let this chance of a lifetime escape. Some raw property on the lake must be set aside for all to enjoy.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:47 AM
 Find	48. To provide a new scenic park that strengthens and builds local governments relationship with the public.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:31 AM
 Find	49. by doing just that...work together...are you listening local politicians ?? this is a golden opportunity to keep this portion of Lk Vermillion pristine/yet accessable to all for generations to come. gather input from local businesses. the state could offer tax credits to those businesses willing to make improvements (storefront upgrades, etc.)	Fri, 12/28/07 9:33 AM
 Find	50. The state would be missing a huge opportunity if they don't build this park. There will never be another chance to build a park like this!	Fri, 12/28/07 9:19 AM
 Find	51. Minnesota has the best state park system that I have seen. The local community would have access to this land for recreational use.	Fri, 12/28/07 8:27 AM
 Find	52. People would be able to enjoy the natural beauty and scenery in the area, without being required to visit the BWCA, which may increase tourism to the area.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:46 PM
 Find	53. By working together at the state and local level to establish this park, the benefits for a "quality" experience are described above.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:19 PM
 Find	54. not my expertise	Thu, 12/27/07 8:51 PM

 Find	55. Combining efforts of state and local governments to enable an existing public and private resource to be more accessible and utilized by people from all over Minnesota and beyond will generate local business revenue and promote state tourism/travel. Perhaps more importantly, increasing the access to Lake Vermillion will enable many, many more citizens of this state to experience the scenic beauty and fishing/boating of the lake and surrounding area, than could occur if the land is sold to private homeowners.	Thu, 12/27/07 5:49 PM
 Find	56. I think all the communities should use this as a stepping stone to Bring the Iron Range back to being the destination stop for all Minnesotans, and others from outside the state.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:29 PM
 Find	57. Connect existing snowmobile trails to the communities; develop and connect ATV trails.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:21 PM
 Find	58. As mentioned above, provide visitors with information on all local goods and services. Perhaps provide a store for only locally made goods and crafts.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:15 PM
 Find	59. No paved trails that ban snowmobiles.	Thu, 12/27/07 11:23 AM
 Find	60. An interpretive type center would be awesome so I can look at brochures and maps of other attractions throughout the area. A website so I can research before I go.	Thu, 12/27/07 10:23 AM
 Find	61. law enforcement, health care and roads can all provide a good experience when governments work together	Thu, 12/27/07 10:19 AM
 Find	62. good resources for travelers	Thu, 12/27/07 8:05 AM
 Find	63. Just don't duplicate services and steal customers away from the private sector.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:10 PM
 Find	64. They need to support each other.	Wed, 12/26/07 6:39 PM
 Find	65. Not familiar with the agencies involved.	Wed, 12/26/07 6:16 PM
 Find	66. actual co-operation to make the area usable for many would be nice.	Wed, 12/26/07 4:37 PM
 Find	67. There many of opportunities to work together and it just takes the right collaborative efforts	Wed, 12/26/07 4:20 PM
 Find	68. We will need to work with St. Louis Cty planning and zoning to make sure that this park and the area around it are regulated to provide the best outdoor experience we can offer	Wed, 12/26/07 4:04 PM
 Find	69. A Vermillion park would bring more visitors to the state of Minnesota and also to northern Minnesota which has a depressed economy.	Wed, 12/26/07 2:21 PM
 Find	70. Promote existing parks.	Wed, 12/26/07 2:14 PM
 Find	71. ?	Wed, 12/26/07 12:23 PM
 Find	72. set rules that maintain the quality of life for the local communities	Wed, 12/26/07 10:42 AM
 Find	73. This would be one of the only parks that promote all users and demonstrate the exclusion of some types of users is not necessary for all visitors to have a very good experience.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:28 AM
 Find	74. Work together to keep the area open to all forms of recreation, motorized and non-motorized and linked to existing biking/hiking, ATV and snowmobile trails.	Wed, 12/26/07 9:54 AM
 Find	75. preserve lakeshore, improve roads in area, year round park for everyone to enjoy.	Wed, 12/26/07 9:04 AM
 Find	76. Locals with history touring, guiding at the park. also use of locals for historical overview of the developing area.	Wed, 12/26/07 8:58 AM
 Find	77. Try to be like a family that gets along.	Wed, 12/26/07 8:23 AM
 Find	78. they have to cater to the tourists to make their visit memorable, make people feel welcome in the communities, all work together for the good of the park & the people	Tue, 12/25/07 10:18 PM

 Find	79. They can work together to provide a place for tourists to see the beauty of Lake Vermillion. It can provide jobs to people to care for the park.	Tue, 12/25/07 1:53 PM
 Find	80. The park could hire some the area residents for grounds maintenance.	Tue, 12/25/07 11:08 AM
 Find	81. Not sure.	Tue, 12/25/07 6:35 AM
 Find	82. TAXES ARE ALREADY MORE THAN THEY SHOULD BE AT LEAST NOW THEY'LL PAY FOR SOME HISTORY AND PRESERVATION OF WHAT WAS HERE LONG BEFORE US	Mon, 12/24/07 7:50 PM
 Find	83. Ask the counties...	Mon, 12/24/07 12:19 PM
 Find	84. They can and should pool land resources (if available) to make the park as large as it can be and should work out the tax implications since the \$\$ the park tourists bring to the area will override any lost tax revenue.	Mon, 12/24/07 10:11 AM
 Find	85. Creating a fantastic new State Park is once in a lifetime opportunity. They will be securing (sp)a wonderful part of the state that will benefit many generations to come. The alternative is, this lake will benefit mostly private ownership denying access to most Minnessotan's unless this park is built.	Mon, 12/24/07 9:11 AM
 Find	86. There are many other opportunities for people to explore without having another park that the state can't maintain & pay for!!	Sun, 12/23/07 9:35 PM
 Find	87. Have a planning committee formed that consists of paid employees and volunteers who create events that draw people out to the park and hire naturalists to do interpretive walks. In addition, a limited hunting season could be established and regulated by local government, along with wildlife biologist groups funded by state and local government to research and protect park wildlife from damage and to monitor potential threats to human visitors as well, lyme-disease carrying ticks, unusually aggressive bears, and disease-carrying mosquitos to name a few.	Sun, 12/23/07 7:26 PM
 Find	88. Make sure all laws are followed to be a fun and safe expereince for all.	Sun, 12/23/07 3:44 PM
 Find	89. Again, consider the use of construction materials that are native to the area. The park should be managed and staffed by the DNR, with employment opportunities afforded to area locals.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:54 AM
 Find	90. Put in a high quality park to provide the best experience possible.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:30 AM
 Find	91. Now how would I know this? It will become obvious over time.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:29 AM
 Find	92. bringing in state funds to the local county and township level. The local people know the area.	Sun, 12/23/07 9:53 AM
 Find	93. ATV & snowmobile trails that lead to and from the park. access to the local community businesses	Sun, 12/23/07 9:31 AM
 Find	94. Clean park on a beautiful lake that is reasonably priced for camping and fishing by the residents of MN without having to be rich to stay at a resort.	Sun, 12/23/07 1:01 AM
 Find	95. Allow lodging companies NEAR (not in) park. This will bring jobs and taxes.	Sat, 12/22/07 9:42 PM
 Find	96. Increased tourism.	Sat, 12/22/07 4:42 PM
 Find	97. Be sure to solicit input from local governement and citizens group. They will benefit from an exapanded tourist trade from the entire state.	Sat, 12/22/07 12:18 PM
 Find	98. To keep the park as natural as possible, and offer some boating, canoeing, hiking, and other outdoors activities. There are many opportunities available. I think the north shore sate parks are an example of the benefits of state parks. Imagine no state parks on the northe shore, and instead a bunch of developments, and little public access to the north shore. All the local communities benefit economically, socially, and educationally from the	Sat, 12/22/07 10:44 AM

parks. I went to the shore as a kid every summer, and we've passed that on to our kids. We camp at state parks there, and stay at some hotels at times. I think the same can be said of the Lake Vermilion State Park proposal.

 Find	99. The DNR should use this park as a change of direction for the tourists in MN and therefore create even more tourism by using customer service strategies that work.	Sat, 12/22/07 6:01 AM
 Find	100. This is a great question... As a future visitor I'm very interested in the local view of the place. When I head out, I'll contact the DNR officer to get he lay of the land and always stop by the local sports shop. There relationship is important. Not only for commerce but safety. I like to get out in the cold parts of the year and often think it best to let the local DNR officer know my plans. I like to think the local sportsman will backup the DNR officer... just in case..	Fri, 12/21/07 11:17 PM
 Find	101. rv camping	Fri, 12/21/07 11:17 PM
 Find	102. Collaborate visitor center(s) in local communities.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:02 PM
 Find	103. give more authority to local governments in the operation of the park---they would be more familiar with what the area has to offer	Fri, 12/21/07 8:40 PM
 Find	104. KEEP ON HAVING HISTORICAL PEOPLE TELLING THE STORIES OF PAST HISTORIES OF THE AREA.	Fri, 12/21/07 7:14 PM
 Find	105. there is way to many state parks now. can we take care of more land as a state? keep the land the way it is right now.	Fri, 12/21/07 6:34 PM
 Find	106. A joint visitors bureau may be a good idea	Fri, 12/21/07 5:52 PM
 Find	107. Promotion of the park by combining the resources of the combined governments to promote the park.	Fri, 12/21/07 4:59 PM
 Find	108. you might get your credibility back if you pull it off like i said with the offroad community	Fri, 12/21/07 4:55 PM
 Find	109. All local communities should be envolved in the planning to best meet their needs for the visitor and the community.	Fri, 12/21/07 3:16 PM
 Find	110. Provide a campground with lots of campsites, boat ramp with ample parking, day use docks, hiking trails, bike trails, and swimming area.	Fri, 12/21/07 2:17 PM
 Find	111. You can work with local SWCD to create a proper way to manage developement along shoreline, forestry management and other ecosystems	Fri, 12/21/07 1:50 PM
 Find	112. That's a tough one	Fri, 12/21/07 1:05 PM
 Find	113. State parks generally speaking have a better security structure in place than most resorts, so this would be an attractive quality for vacationing families. I feel a park of this size and eventually popularity, however, would require some type of outside community policing.	Fri, 12/21/07 12:55 PM
 Find	114. Opportunities for communication need to be created, only though communication will the true opportunities arise.	Fri, 12/21/07 12:55 PM
 Find	115. i suppose they exist, but nobody knows how state and local governments work together as it is unless you work there. isnt this question out of scope?	Fri, 12/21/07 11:27 AM
 Find	116. Endless. Try and go for all solar, reuseable energy. Use recycled materials. Make the experience as natural as possible, but keep in mind the relaxation of family camping.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:51 AM
 Find	117. build it and they will come. The park will get heavy use...	Fri, 12/21/07 9:25 AM
 Find	118. I don't know if this is the right place to make this comment, but if the state can mandate an increase in the sales tax to pay for millionaires to play baseball for a billionarie owner, the state can come up with funds for this park. Most of us are a lot more willing to pay for a new state park than a ball stadium.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:06 AM

 Find	119. Seek input from a diverse section of RESIDENTS.	Fri, 12/21/07 7:37 AM
 Find	120. Trails/roads from local towns connecting to park system	Thu, 12/20/07 3:11 PM
 Find	121. Both the state and local governments need to have the beleif that this will benfit everyone. if they are both on the same page then they will be sucessful at whatever goals they set for themselves.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:40 PM
 Find	122. Self evident for an opportunity to share common concerns about the environment.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:33 PM
 Find	123. Working together is the best and highest form of good government. I am certain there are lots of opportunities for cooperation that benefits the greater good and equals more than the sum of the parts.	Thu, 12/20/07 1:24 PM
 Find	124. There are many business opportunities that compliment state parks. State parks attract people to their communities. We have discovered many interesting communities while visiting state parks and patronized their shops and food establishments.	Thu, 12/20/07 1:23 PM
 Find	125. Access and safety in the park would be an area where local and state governments would need to work together to ensure a quality experience.	Thu, 12/20/07 8:12 AM
 Find	126. State and local government should be able to work together to improve the quality of life for every citizen in Minnesota	Wed, 12/19/07 8:34 PM
 Find	127. The opportunities are their if both the state, St. Louis County, Tower, Soudan, Breuning Township work together instead of promoting their own agenda	Wed, 12/19/07 8:13 PM
 Find	128. make this park a show place of mn	Wed, 12/19/07 6:49 PM
 Find	129. 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	130. The Sportsmans club, MSRPO etc. have been extremly active. Work with them to produce a true jewel. Having developed a major project with the Illinois Department of Conservation, I can well attest to what will transpire if the Government and the local community works together.	Wed, 12/19/07 4:23 PM
 Find	131. Since this is now a depressed economic area, it can provide little financial support. But, involving the local government in planning for/providing interesting historical and service facilities and accommodations would be constructive.	Wed, 12/19/07 2:17 PM
 Find	132. Maintain the natural low impact activities--canoeing, hiking, bike riding etc to minimize the impact on the local community--those people chose to live there for those reasons--don't turn it into an amusement park--people go to Brainerd for that--continue to give people a choice of atmosphere	Wed, 12/19/07 1:52 PM
 Find	133. partner with other state and federal agenceis to offer full range of recreation opportunities	Wed, 12/19/07 1:32 PM
 Find	134. Try to minimize the changes in the area for the local residents eg hunting, fishing, snowmobiles, and large boat, restrictions.	Wed, 12/19/07 12:34 PM
 Find	135. limitless.	Wed, 12/19/07 12:06 PM
 Find	136. locate parking and drives in areas that do not imepad on existing traffic flow areas-provide free advertising and information for the area for several years to promote the area and park-	Wed, 12/19/07 11:51 AM
 Find	137. Create a township park committee.	Wed, 12/19/07 11:05 AM
 Find	138. Tie this park into Minnesota's park system, which I think is excellent!	Wed, 12/19/07 10:26 AM
 Find	139. I think the key is communication and planning and creating a shared vision, mission and core set of values. It is critical to balance the local economic needs, local cultural heritage	Wed, 12/19/07 10:13 AM

and local needs, desires and wants, to the larger public's needs, wants and desires for the state park. I am concerned about adjacent, high end condo like development on land just outside of the proposed park boundaries. It is important to anticipate this and to develop a comprehensive plan to balance the local needs and the outsider's, let's just make money and leave interests.

 Find	140. The proposed park is located in an excellent area to develop partnerships to state, local and federal agencies. US Forest Service, Tower-Sudan and Bearhead State Park, communities of Ely, Tower-Soudan, etc and even Voyageurs National Park. It is to everyone's benefit to work together, as we face threats such as invasive species, loss of undeveloped space, climate change and the need to reconnect people to the environment.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:01 AM
 Find	141. Have "community brochures and attractions" as part of the main entrance station.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:56 AM
 Find	142. Should include local govt in planning to some degree, understanding that this is owned by the state for the benefit of all State residents into the future. Want to avoid communitiies feeling excluded, and traditional users of the area being looked at to find future compatable uses. Offering uses compatible with local desires and uses of the same area would be a long range plus to any development.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:44 AM
 Find	143. Putting clear rules in place regarding parking, trash removal, map of the local businesses, and boundaries of where the state park ends and the private properties begin would be helpful. Outsiders to the area bring a bad name if they don't follow expected rules.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:35 AM
 Find	144. The land surrounding the park should be protected from obscene development by the governments working together.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:20 AM
 Find	145. I would think some sort of aquatic museum or large aquarium of wildlife from the lake would be an excellent draw to bring people from all around to visit the park.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:18 AM
 Find	146. High quality/low cost camp sites and lodging, environmental education, promote values of consumptive (Fishing, hunting) and non-consumptive (cross country skiing, hiking, biking).	Wed, 12/19/07 8:39 AM
 Find	147. State parks and Forests are always a win/win situation. This land needs to be set aside for the general public. If the state and local goverments work together this park could be designed to its full potential with minimal impact.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:34 AM
 Find	148. Provide incentives for local and Minnesota Residents to become involved in Park Activities and Planning. Utilize some of the same type of programs found at Iron World, cultural, historical, demonstrations of the area's ethnic heritage.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:16 AM
 Find	149. Broad spectrum of task force participants working together to accomplish the goals as stated by the Minnesota DNR as they apply to Minnesota State Parks i.e., "to preserve, perpetuate, and interpret natural features that existed in the area of the park prior to settlement and other significant natural, scenic, or historic features that are present." (M.S., Ch.86A)	Wed, 12/19/07 7:07 AM
 Find	150. Have the state and local communities get together and brainstorm on what things work in other communities that border state parks.	Tue, 12/18/07 11:20 PM
 Find	151. Joint visitor centers, area attractions,	Tue, 12/18/07 9:54 PM
 Find	152. Endless, let's take the latest and greatest information that we know today about the enviroment and how to protect it and enjoy it at the same time and make this park a model for the whole nation to look at and follow as the leader in enviromental protection and its importance in our everyday lives as not only Americans but as role models for the rest of the world to follow.	Tue, 12/18/07 9:43 PM

 Find	153. A nice tourist info center and gift shop, to help with operations, and comunity help with care and clean up, and enforcement of local and offical laws.	Tue, 12/18/07 7:34 PM
 Find	154. You are talking about a community in ST LOUIS COUNTY. There is no opportunity to work together unless you're handing out money to the local community.	Tue, 12/18/07 7:23 PM
 Find	155. Keep the camping spots to a small #. Lets keep it wild and not over crowd it!	Tue, 12/18/07 6:54 PM
 Find	156. Keep it resonable to visit price wise. Would be great if we could hunt it.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:08 PM
 Find	157. To provide infrastructure and share in the revenue from the park area.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:04 PM
 Find	158. Check other parks and private ventures to see what works best. Don't send to government "committees" or managers as it will bog down and be on workable.	Tue, 12/18/07 5:44 PM
 Find	159. a lot	Tue, 12/18/07 5:23 PM
 Find	160. Let USS develop the land. Increase the local tax base, and economy. People who build year round or seasonal homes can be stewards of the land also! We've got way to many other priorities in this State rather than put more land under state ownership. Gee whiz....look at a map and just see how much land this State "owns".	Tue, 12/18/07 3:50 PM
 Find	161. N/A NOBODY WILL USE IT	Mon, 12/17/07 8:48 PM
 Find	162. Work with ATVAM here in Minnesota to do the ATV trail syatem right so the local business people will see big gains from the riders that will visit those communities.	Mon, 12/17/07 7:45 PM
 Find	163. construction of trails that can lead to other places within the community. Maintainance of the raods to ensure year round use.	Mon, 12/17/07 4:34 PM
 Find	164. The fool that said there will be 300,000 people visiting this park a year is not in tune about what's really going to happen. Someone should actually go out into the MN world and see who has a need to see this 100 million park.	Mon, 12/17/07 12:13 PM
 Find	165. Opportunities will complement exisiting opportunities in Ely, the Soudan mine, area fishing lakes, etc. It will take pressure off areas such as the BWCA, and provide for a wilderness type experience for those unable to - or unwilling to - travel the BWCA or Voyageur's Park.	Mon, 12/17/07 11:27 AM
 Find	166. related water rec opportunities...	Mon, 12/17/07 8:48 AM
 Find	167. Maybe an exhibit of history of logging, mining, Indian relations of the area. I personally find local history fascinating.	Sun, 12/16/07 8:14 PM
 Find	168. Make the park only hold the same number of houses that would be developed, which were 130 per year.	Sun, 12/16/07 5:53 PM
 Find	169. with the beauty of the land, less traveled roads and the Sudan mine, Wolf Center and the BWCA...another way to pull people up there	Sun, 12/16/07 4:21 PM
 Find	170. DNR and US Forest Service and county owned lands can be managed under regional planning model.	Sun, 12/16/07 11:48 AM
 Find	171. Development of park access through the gateway towns to route business in those directions	Sun, 12/16/07 11:20 AM
 Find	172. I think the state needs to realize most locals aren't for this, they've seen property values escalate to the point where many long time resident families have had to sell due to tax increases.	Sun, 12/16/07 10:02 AM
 Find	173. This will pay for itself and is a win win propisition	Sun, 12/16/07 1:04 AM
 Find	174. It helps showcase these wonderful towns that a lot of people may not know about.	Sat, 12/15/07 4:46 PM

 Find	175. I think if the park is developed like heard the director talk about on Mn. Public Radio, and make it something different. The opportunities is there to make this park, one of best in the country not just the state.	Sat, 12/15/07 12:03 PM
 Find	176. getting the word out to tourists this is the place to visit.	Sat, 12/15/07 10:21 AM
 Find	177. There is the obvious increased numbers of people, dollars, and business opportunities for the locals. Could the State Park help to increase the local artistic and cultural experience by helping to sponsor some of these events? Could the state supply a building to the area that would attract the locals for plays, weddings, meetings, art fairs, entertainment, small bands, cateres?	Fri, 12/14/07 3:56 PM
 Find	178. A light touch, development should strive to keep the northern lake look, which will require trail hardening or asphalt I suppose for the volume of people.	Fri, 12/14/07 9:45 AM
 Find	179. 1. Marketing Minnesota. This kind of land parcel is exactly what we in Minnesota claim to be about. So here's another opportunity to live up to that claim. 2. The governments need to be sure to include the community in planning discussions. 3. Provide opportunities like this for potential "visitor" to comment on what uses they might like for the park. BUT, protecting the natural resource health of the park has to come first.	Fri, 12/14/07 8:16 AM
 Find	180. Think Nisswa	Thu, 12/13/07 8:07 PM
 Find	181. Improve road access.	Thu, 12/13/07 11:44 AM
 Find	182. Please limit the role of local government, locally based advisory boards, or other local governmental jurisdictions or entities. As state in my other comments, this is too important to worry overmuch about local feelings. Doing so has severely compromised some other parks, e.g. Voyageurs and, at times, the BWCA.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:44 AM
 Find	183. Get the information form those that will use the park. Local communities and Minnesotans.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:44 AM
 Find	184. I would appreciate a "official vendor" certification by the state and allow private busiesses to operate within the park for the convenience of park users as long as the buildings and operations meet park standards for appearance and quality.	Thu, 12/13/07 8:49 AM
 Find	185. Would suggest state tax funding methods for local government entities, versus more direct "relationships" with local businesses.	Wed, 12/12/07 9:01 PM
 Find	186. to attract worldwide tourism and bring revenue to our state.	Wed, 12/12/07 8:49 PM
 Find	187. Having a forum like this for input from local, and not so local people, to provide more information is a great thing. I believe local involvement is important so nobody get "left out".	Wed, 12/12/07 6:09 PM
 Find	188. Tourist dollars, park fees and tax dollars.	Wed, 12/12/07 5:18 PM
 Find	189. locals must have a sense of "ownership", so that the park is not percieved as the DNR "outsiders" who don't care about the locals. Need to be a good neighbor. However that might be encouraged, I don't know.	Wed, 12/12/07 3:05 PM
 Find	190. If local interests want to wreck the opportunity to create a refuge from the explotation of "our" limited natural resources, cut them out of the process, local governments are run by local populations that pursue the mighty dollar without regard for the larger population of users	Wed, 12/12/07 2:58 PM
 Find	191. Advertise programs in the park to near-by communities for residents and vacartioners alike.	Wed, 12/12/07 1:34 PM
 Find	192. Keep the communication lines open. If government agencies (Local and State) can't communicate how would one expect businesses to communicate with government agencies.	Wed, 12/12/07 1:29 PM

 Find	193. Use local folks to physically develop the park. Build access road, develop trails, campground, picnic area, etcetera. DNR uses its resources to manage and protect the park.	Tue, 12/11/07 9:56 PM
 Find	194. Improving roads, buildings, businesses.	Tue, 12/11/07 3:48 PM
 Find	195. Enhanced tax base with the jobs this park will provide	Tue, 12/11/07 11:49 AM
 Find	196. To work with Vermillion Community College and the Outdoor Rereation or Natural Resource Majors. To increase the ideas of Interpretation/Naturalists for the park, and to work together for ease of access.	Tue, 12/11/07 11:42 AM
 Find	197. Do not create this park.	Sat, 12/8/07 7:04 AM
 Find	198. 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	199. makeing sure it done right to bennifit everyone. You have the land and the beauty, don't ruin it, by adding thing that aren't our area. Leave as naural as can so they can experiance that type of life.	Wed, 11/14/07 2:20 PM
 Find	200. I would really like to see some of the larger parks begin to do night time ampitheater discussions about wildlife, history, etc. that I used to see when I was a kid. I know that budget cuts have caused many of these talks to be cut, but I think that local authorities could work with the park to tie the park into the local attractions, etc through these shows.	Wed, 11/14/07 12:36 AM
 Find	201. The opp. would be boundless, if they both work together.	Fri, 11/9/07 9:16 AM
 Find	202. This is a time when all governments can prove to the voters that they really can agree to make for a better Northern MN	Thu, 11/8/07 6:35 PM
 Find	203. Provide things that the local residents want such as ATV trails or a ATV/Snowmobile combinations and help growing new and exsisting business's.	Wed, 11/7/07 11:25 PM
 Find	204. THEY WILL WORK TOGETHER WHEN THEY SEE WHAT BENEFIT IT IS TO THE COMMUNITY.	Wed, 11/7/07 7:27 PM
 Find	205. State and local govts may need to recruit skilled people, like a doctor, to be available to help tourists who will fall, get stung, etc etc. Virginia and Ely are too far away.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:43 PM
 Find	206. Many; especially cooperating with each other.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:42 PM

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 Find	1. The promotion of each others attributes would greatly increase a positive experience for visitors to the area. Working in a "win-win" situation creates a welcoming affect that can be returned in multiple ways and increased or returning guests.	Sun, 1/27/08 10:38 AM
 Find	2. x	Fri, 1/25/08 5:09 PM
 Find	3. There are many; maintain the natural environment, more officers on site (conservation & park officers) to provide safer communities.	Thu, 1/24/08 6:50 PM
 Find	4. To be good stewards of the land, to preserve it for generations to come, to show the nation how to preserve resources but yet still generate revenue. To ensure air and water quality for years to come.	Thu, 1/24/08 11:17 AM
 Find	5. They both like to collect their taxes and this would benefit them both by working together for improved infrastructure.	Mon, 1/21/08 4:55 PM
 Find	6. The opportunities are many and can be fully realized through cooperation and committment to building something special that will attract visitors to this region of the state.	Sun, 1/20/08 9:59 PM
 Find	7. I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR STATE AND LOCALS IS TO PROVIDE AN INVIREMENT FOR ALL VISITORS COMING TO THE NORTHLAND WITH A MINNESOTA NORTHLAND EXPERIENCE, THE BEAUTY OF OUR LAKES AND FORESTS.	Sun, 1/20/08 5:23 AM
 Find	8. Just buy the land, put in a small ranger station, make a few trails and backcountrycampsites and call it good! There's too much land being developed these days - time to save the rest!	Wed, 1/16/08 8:17 PM
 Find	9. A developer would too a much better job the then the state and st. louis county would not property tax dollars.	Wed, 1/16/08 3:05 PM
 Find	10. continue to include community input in ways to develop and promote the park	Tue, 1/15/08 10:38 PM
 Find	11. Keep it regulated, don't allow litter, keep it so people have to apply or need a permit. Treat it like the Boundary Waters.	Mon, 1/14/08 9:09 PM
 Find	12. The park could be used by local schools for field trips to teach about conservation and ecology,	Mon, 1/14/08 2:01 PM
 Find	13. Because there are already established relationships with the Soudan Mine and Bearhead Lake SP in the region, I think the another SP in the region would just enhance the already beneficial relationship the State and Local governments have...and their mutual desire to attract visitors to this area.	Thu, 1/10/08 2:32 PM
 Find	14. make sure the park blends in with the surrounding area	Thu, 1/10/08 12:51 PM
 Find	15. no ideas here	Thu, 1/10/08 12:32 PM
 Find	16. ensure proper advertisement for the new park. Hire enthused, and creative employees.	Wed, 1/9/08 12:37 PM
 Find	17. Please enforce park rules. The State Park system does a good job, The Army Corps of Engineers does a great job! It makes for a more family friendly experience.	Tue, 1/8/08 6:50 PM
 Find	18. Can feature annual/cyclic events at the park that would bring many people to the area to spend vacation dollars and provide jobs in the vacation and travel industry.	Mon, 1/7/08 9:14 PM
 Find	19. This is what government is all about. If you let this opportunity slip by, assuming that it can be financed in some reasonable way, then government has failed	Sun, 1/6/08 10:24 AM
 Find	20. make the local towns and the park part of the same experience.work together to make any improvements to the area.	Sat, 1/5/08 10:33 AM

 Find	21. Do not have a suggestion for this question at this time.	Sat, 1/5/08 8:23 AM
 Find	22. Taking the land off of the tax rolls does not contribute to the local. Voyageur State Park up on Kabetogama is already a debit rather than an asset to their community. Put the money spent on Education for local schools rather than creating another tax dollar drain.	Fri, 1/4/08 8:43 PM
 Find	23. Local government should be involved in the input phase for developing the park. What park/recreational needs exist in the local community that are not being met? How can the new park meet these needs?	Fri, 1/4/08 3:40 PM
 Find	24. Above my pay grade.	Fri, 1/4/08 1:39 PM
 Find	25. just the draw of the park alone would be beneficial	Fri, 1/4/08 9:50 AM
 Find	26. With the right marketing campaign both the state and local people can make the experience of the park the best for everybody.	Fri, 1/4/08 9:36 AM
 Find	27. they need to communicate on want they want and what is needed for the people visting the area to have a good time. to keep the price down so people can afford to come there.	Fri, 1/4/08 8:04 AM
 Find	28. Tie trails into existing county, state, etc trails.	Fri, 1/4/08 7:23 AM
 Find	29. Advertise it, Explore Minnesota is where I find many things to do with my family and friends.	Thu, 1/3/08 5:49 PM
 Find	30. This park should remain relatively undeveloped, the 'Local community' would like to develop it and collect tax money. They would turn it into a exclusive neighborhood. City Slickers like me want to visit the area, camping and such. When I go to an area like this I don't want to be crowded in with a bunch of locals racing around with their dirt bikes, boats, ATVs and snowmachines.	Thu, 1/3/08 3:08 PM
 Find	31. Tower to me seems like it is lost, the destination for most on that route is Ely. I think a state park that draws vistors strictly to the Tower/Soudan region would have a wonderful finacial impact on the local business of that region.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:49 PM
 Find	32. Real forward thinking zoning andplanning. More Ely / Grand Marais than Brainerd. Keep it real.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:47 PM
 Find	33. Finding ways for average to lower income families enjoy a week at the lake in small, basic cabins.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:40 PM
 Find	34. A new destination will bring quality people to the area.	Thu, 1/3/08 12:02 PM
 Find	35. To provide education for young people and possible traing for wildlife management	Thu, 1/3/08 11:51 AM
 Find	36. Just getting people up there would be enough!	Thu, 1/3/08 7:52 AM
 Find	37. Seek local input, incorporate local wisdom, work to leverage State support. Provide local government services in support of the Park.	Wed, 1/2/08 9:39 PM
 Find	38. Over tax the visitors, and put the funds into keeping up the lake resources.	Wed, 1/2/08 7:13 PM
 Find	39. Partnerships with schools, cultural organizations, churches, could contribute time and expertise in many facets of park development and/or programming. State parks offer a wealth of learning experiences for students, so reciprocal partnerships with schools, scout organizations can be developed.	Wed, 1/2/08 2:58 PM
 Find	40. This project should definitely bring the governments together to discuss all concerns pertaining to the area.	Wed, 1/2/08 1:11 PM
 Find	41. The state and local governments can supply the needed funds to get this project going..	Wed, 1/2/08 11:58 AM

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