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 Find	1. Preservation of land balanced with access.	Wed, 1/2/08 5:37 AM
 Find	2. finding a balance between usage that will draw people and minimizing the footprint of the park.	Tue, 1/1/08 11:20 PM
 Find	3. NATURAL	Tue, 1/1/08 10:58 PM
 Find	4. least invasive as possible with ample opportunity for visitors to feel like it is their own back 40.	Tue, 1/1/08 6:17 PM
 Find	5. Solar power, not cutting of trees to build a structure. If someting needs to be cut, reuse it in the making of whatever is being built. Make it as environmently safe as possible and set a high mark where more state parks will look at this one and use it as a blue print.	Tue, 1/1/08 1:08 PM
 Find	6. No speedboats or the like.	Tue, 1/1/08 1:07 PM
 Find	7. Keep it as natural as possible	Tue, 1/1/08 10:59 AM
 Find	8. The less impact the better - using local and natural materials for building - solar or wind power, etc.	Tue, 1/1/08 10:56 AM
 Find	9. Keep the ATV's out!	Tue, 1/1/08 10:23 AM
 Find	10. self sustaining energy systems that blend with the area, ie. building in hillside etc	Tue, 1/1/08 9:28 AM
 Find	11. Comfortable, yet an inquisitive theme that attracts the vistor to seek knowledge, beauty, and dynamics of life in the northwoods. Design the facilities for large numbers of visitors to enjoy the site without trampling it, causing erosion, yet so the artificial barriers and acceses allow the natural wonders to be easily sensed by the visitors.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:51 PM
 Find	12. Please reduce impact to the wildlife as much as possible. Protect water quality in the lake. Please DO NOT put a golf course on this park.	Mon, 12/31/07 11:22 PM
 Find	13. Keep it ecologically friendly and with a small footprint. Lake Vermilion is sensitive to pollution from people and mercury and needs to be preserved. We need to keep lakeshore development to dnr standards with wild shorelines and wild plants, not lawns.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:30 PM
 Find	14. need area for people to hose off boats prior to entering lake to keep foreign species out of lake	Mon, 12/31/07 9:08 PM
 Find	15. Lower impact, very strict enforcement. I would like to see this park as the most environmental state park in the US. I would like our state and local government to consider profesional consultation as part of the budget to meet this major goal.	Mon, 12/31/07 7:31 PM
 Find	16. No motors on the lake. Environmental design and materials for the visitor center.	Mon, 12/31/07 7:05 PM
 Find	17. A focus on stormwater drainage and the least cover in asphalt possible might present a unique educational opportunity. Shoreline protection measures could also serve as a public education opportunity.	Mon, 12/31/07 6:56 PM
 Find	18. Bring nature into the buildings, making them open and inviting. Construct the buildings from wood harvested from the park. This would provide a great educational spot to show how a forest is thinned and how the trees that are planted grow and the ecosystem around the area changes over time to eventually come full circle back to the time when the trees were first harvested.	Mon, 12/31/07 5:13 PM
 Find	19. Placing envrionmental protection as the absolute priority of all planning.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:21 PM
 Find	20. Don't damage the natural look of the area, don't over commercialize it.	Mon, 12/31/07 4:12 PM

 Find	21. Not to diminish the natural resource unique to the area	Mon, 12/31/07 3:57 PM
 Find	22. Have camping sites fit with land & vegetation, not just straight rows. Concentrate some uses (camping, picnic, boat launches) to leave other areas natural. Plan ahead for paths to minimize the possibility of shortcuts or erosion issues. Mark some environmentally sensitive areas on maps, but also include explanations.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:46 PM
 Find	23. Minimize damage to natural ecosystem.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:24 PM
 Find	24. Environmentally friendly. Recycling. NO JET SKI'S. No large boats w/skiing. It should be like the Boundary Waters Area. No ATV's. This is being with nature and enjoying the natural environment. Not tearing it up!	Mon, 12/31/07 3:17 PM
 Find	25. Minimize the use of fossil fuels, clean and wild should be the focus. Some bike paths might be a great thing but if you stick a bunch of OHV trails up there you're going to attract fat old men.	Mon, 12/31/07 3:17 PM
 Find	26. this place has to win awards for progressive design. sigrud olsen type stuff. find an old finnish homestead with the dovetail joints and what not and move it there - things shouldnt shine. it should reflect the reality of the state of development on the lake , but be the first step in the development for the next century - you guys have your work cut out.	Mon, 12/31/07 2:29 PM
 Find	27. People love to see wildlife when they visit state parks. Make sure their homes are not disturbed and add features to make viewing easier. We love to watch the birds feed at the feeders such what is avaiable at Fort Snelling or Whitewater (before the flood). Guided treks into the wilderness where you look for moose, wolf, and bear for taking pictures only would be nice.	Mon, 12/31/07 12:49 PM
 Find	28. Well marked trails and reminders to keep it clean	Mon, 12/31/07 12:36 PM
 Find	29. If you provide sewers or dump stations it will help.	Mon, 12/31/07 12:01 PM
 Find	30. Maintaining high quality natural environment. Diversity of native vegetation and wildlife habitats. Protect shoreline from heavy recreation impact.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:36 AM
 Find	31. Preservation with "controlled" access through trails and water related access opportunities.	Mon, 12/31/07 10:06 AM
 Find	32. Enforcement of rules to leave it as it was before you came. Use fees to enforce. Don't get fancy, keep it square. Heating inside spaces that not used is silly.	Mon, 12/31/07 9:56 AM
 Find	33. LEED designed buildings, water gardens, leading by common sense examples, pervious pavements, grass over gravel overflow parking areas. Wind powered off peak electically heated facilities.	Mon, 12/31/07 5:57 AM
 Find	34. Rustic building design, minimize ecological impact of roads and trails, minimize noise.	Sun, 12/30/07 9:52 PM
 Find	35. I would love to see a truely sustainable, low-impact facility. Here's where technlogy can be important. The park could be a "learning lab" and classroom for sustainable design. All composting toilets. Not on the grid. Vehichles that don't require petroleum or, even, ehtanol.	Sun, 12/30/07 3:17 PM
 Find	36. LOW IMPACT. Few roads.	Sun, 12/30/07 12:24 PM
 Find	37. Education on resource preservation,taking care of what we have	Sun, 12/30/07 10:41 AM
 Find	38. low impact	Sat, 12/29/07 10:56 PM
 Find	39. As little impact as necessary I suppose. Green buildings and low emissions are key.	Sat, 12/29/07 10:49 PM
 Find	40. See above	Sat, 12/29/07 8:14 PM

 Find	41. Preservation of lake shore and control of runoff. The quality of the lake depends on these 2 things. The lake is what will bring people in, if the quality suffers people will be less inclined to visit.	Sat, 12/29/07 3:59 PM
 Find	42. We need to make a concerted effort to balance visitor needs with environmental impact. I am a big fan of Minnesota's state parks because of this. One of the main reasons I really want to see a park developed here is because I don't want to see this beautiful shoreline torn apart to build huge weekend mansions. Let's keep it as natural as possible.	Sat, 12/29/07 2:01 PM
 Find	43. Low Impact-Green	Sat, 12/29/07 1:04 PM
 Find	44. Water quality wise land use.	Sat, 12/29/07 11:26 AM
 Find	45. Because of geology of area, e.e. rock, swamps and hills, adequate disposal of waste is important	Sat, 12/29/07 11:00 AM
 Find	46. Planners need to avoid including or allowing provisions for facilities or activities which contribute to erosion or pollution. Unregulated use of motor vehicles and inadequate sewage facilities can be very destructive in a surprisingly short period of time.	Sat, 12/29/07 10:36 AM
 Find	47. Preserve with visions of what will be needed tomorrow	Sat, 12/29/07 7:30 AM
 Find	48. The objective that we can't lose sight of is to preserve the land, lake and natural beauty that is abundant at Vermilion.	Sat, 12/29/07 7:23 AM
 Find	49. the park needs to be environmentally friendly. plenty of recycling bins and garbage cans	Fri, 12/28/07 9:08 PM
 Find	50. rainwater runoff into the lake and proper septic systems	Fri, 12/28/07 7:44 PM
 Find	51. The buildings be unobtrusive/blend into the surroundings and are built to last.	Fri, 12/28/07 2:55 PM
 Find	52. Tread lightly program, leave no trace program, and other programs ensuring proper pick up after events.	Fri, 12/28/07 2:26 PM
 Find	53. Leave buffer strips along the shoreline and provide boat docking facilities to prevent erosion. Buildings that blend into the area.	Fri, 12/28/07 1:57 PM
 Find	54. Maintaining current aesthetics, especially looking in at the park from the lake.	Fri, 12/28/07 11:16 AM
 Find	55. Well established trails like those at Forestville	Fri, 12/28/07 11:13 AM
 Find	56. Maintaining the shoreline in its natural habitat. Keeping as many trees as possible.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:50 AM
 Find	57. Recreational impacts to the resource.	Fri, 12/28/07 10:40 AM
 Find	58. keep facilities non obtrusive - log structures, centrally located.	Fri, 12/28/07 9:37 AM
 Find	59. People would come to this park expecting a BWCA like environment. This is what is here so it should be protected. No overdone buildings and landscaping.	Fri, 12/28/07 9:22 AM
 Find	60. Provide a nature center that highlights the importance of the environment.	Fri, 12/28/07 8:34 AM
 Find	61. must blend with the beauty of the area, without a lot of excavating	Fri, 12/28/07 7:24 AM
 Find	62. The preservation of the area and its natural beauty.	Thu, 12/27/07 9:53 PM
 Find	63. controlled logging and burning	Thu, 12/27/07 8:56 PM
 Find	64. limit motorized traffic to certain trails...and ONLY on those authorized areas....and absolutely NO personal watercraft.	Thu, 12/27/07 5:49 PM
 Find	65. Making use of scenic views and allowing space for wildlife.	Thu, 12/27/07 5:05 PM
 Find	66. ATV drivers tend to make a mess of the trails, and add a lot of noise.	Thu, 12/27/07 2:01 PM

 Find	67. The facility should not alter the natural state of being anymore than is necessary to provide the needed services	Thu, 12/27/07 12:38 PM
 Find	68. Minimal impact. Control runoff.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:32 PM
 Find	69. Minimize impact, while insuring that motorized recreation is not locked out	Thu, 12/27/07 12:21 PM
 Find	70. The environment comes first, recreations by humans comes second.	Thu, 12/27/07 12:19 PM
 Find	71. Litter needs a can to go in. Geothermal heat for cabins and visitor center!	Thu, 12/27/07 11:27 AM
 Find	72. Don't use garish colors or spoil my skyline. try to build it in.	Thu, 12/27/07 10:49 AM
 Find	73. Pack in pack out camping and hiking, as well as dump stations and garbage collection	Thu, 12/27/07 9:11 AM
 Find	74. Boat access.	Thu, 12/27/07 8:52 AM
 Find	75. That the facilities be designed for wise use and to the greatest extent possible no maintenance because maintenance funds are not increasing. Limit the use of asphalt.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:20 PM
 Find	76. protection of fish spawning areas, bird nesting areas, leaving areas of marsh, wilderness minimally changed to encourage wildlife. Designing trails to minimize erosion yet utilizing the available terrain features.	Wed, 12/26/07 7:31 PM
 Find	77. Preserve the existing environment or restore it to its natural state to the greatest extent possible.	Wed, 12/26/07 6:38 PM
 Find	78. You don't need to destroy anything but keep it renewable not pristine.	Wed, 12/26/07 4:41 PM
 Find	79. Need to consider ways that will minimally impact the environment.	Wed, 12/26/07 4:27 PM
 Find	80. To keep the park as pristene as possible.	Wed, 12/26/07 2:34 PM
 Find	81. Preservation	Wed, 12/26/07 11:43 AM
 Find	82. add a nature center and programs	Wed, 12/26/07 11:34 AM
 Find	83. This would be prim opportunity to show that with multiple use you can still be environmentally friendly. The extremists on either side of this issue can not dictate how this new Park is established and operated.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:51 AM
 Find	84. keep wilderness	Wed, 12/26/07 10:44 AM
 Find	85. I hope the appearance will remain the same as an undeveloped region of the lake, but that isn't realty.	Wed, 12/26/07 10:10 AM
 Find	86. Keep away from shoreline	Wed, 12/26/07 9:13 AM
 Find	87. Preserving nature, but again balanced.	Wed, 12/26/07 9:02 AM
 Find	88. Low CO2 emissions.	Wed, 12/26/07 8:28 AM
 Find	89. WATER FREINDLY WILDLIFE FRIENDLY	Tue, 12/25/07 11:12 AM
 Find	90. Wilderness, wilderness and wilderness and our stewardship of the resources to maintain this for all generations. Role of logging and development plays both positive and negatively would be a good lesson to learn. Not either end of the issue.	Tue, 12/25/07 6:44 AM
 Find	91. NO MOTORS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES	Mon, 12/24/07 7:54 PM
 Find	92. Green buildngs	Mon, 12/24/07 12:22 PM
 Find	93. Shoreline set-backs. Minimize or control ATV use to specific trails. Built a few high quality access roads rather than more low-quality ones.	Mon, 12/24/07 12:19 PM
 Find	94. Build and design environmentally safe ATV trails	Mon, 12/24/07 11:11 AM

 Find	95. no snowmobiling or atv's	Mon, 12/24/07 9:22 AM
 Find	96. Maximum usage with the least amount of impact	Mon, 12/24/07 9:22 AM
 Find	97. Keep it green. MN is already the elader in many area, lets make our rec facilities also be a model and leader for the rest of the US.	Mon, 12/24/07 7:48 AM
 Find	98. Everything, just leave it alone & you won't have to worry about any recreation activity.	Sun, 12/23/07 9:38 PM
 Find	99. Again, seek to maintain the natural balance of previous wildlife populations and strive for a minimal loss of habitat. Taking care to ensure that sites with rare or endangered plant/animal species are not built upon or used for trails is crucial. Look for large, common habitat areas with non-threatened species to integrate and seek to use water and all other resoures responsibly. Waste management for garbage and sewage needs to be worked out extensively as well, including pre-planned volunteer cleanup projects for litter.	Sun, 12/23/07 7:54 PM
 Find	100. Keep the atv's and dirtbikes away from the lake. keep the 4x4 trails out of the park.	Sun, 12/23/07 7:01 PM
 Find	101. Make it as eco-friendly as possible all the way down to the restrooms	Sun, 12/23/07 3:51 PM
 Find	102. Assure dump stations, garbage disposal and recycling locations are well away from the 'experience' areas. Shower facilities and restrooms should be adequate in size and harmonious with the area.	Sun, 12/23/07 11:03 AM
 Find	103. Think "Green" homes limit number of camping sites, less traffic and more privacy ersion pollution	Sun, 12/23/07 10:56 AM
 Find	104. Preserving the natural conditions of the forest should be a primary goal of this park. I don't see a need to build something spectacular that would be a detracton from the natural forest. The reason for people getting out is to get into nature and away from the ordinary things in their lives. Allowing ATVs, snowmobiles, and any motorized vehicles beyond the limits of the maintained roads should not be allowed.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:49 AM
 Find	105. Face it, fishing is going to be big here. If you need to ask me how to design a facility to serve the fisherman without messing up the environment then the DNR is not hiring qualified staff.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:46 AM
 Find	106. lessen human foot print on environment.	Sun, 12/23/07 10:08 AM
 Find	107. need to matain natural environement but balance with our use. there are places an off road vehical does not belong but there are many places it can be.	Sun, 12/23/07 9:36 AM
 Find	108. That trails be built that are sustainable. No matter what kind of trail, walking, biking, ATV. But also make handicapped accessible	Sun, 12/23/07 8:55 AM
 Find	109. Keep it as natural as possible.	Sun, 12/23/07 1:05 AM
 Find	110. Use solar (both passive and if practical, active) for heating and lighting buildings and restrooms as well as wind (if practical) for energy needs. Wyoming has numerous rest stops built on these principles.	Sat, 12/22/07 11:25 PM
 Find	111. Banning RVs would be a good move enviromentally speaking.	Sat, 12/22/07 9:47 PM
 Find	112. Provide enough wilderness feel; don't develop the whole park.	Sat, 12/22/07 5:14 PM
 Find	113. Natural plant and animal observations to visitors.	Sat, 12/22/07 4:45 PM
 Find	114. Primary concern should be preservation and improvement of native habitat and wildlife. Human activity should have MINIMAL impact. Therefore, zero waste generation through recyling and the use of locally produced energy- biomass plant, wind turbine, water power? Green construction of facilities that would include educational info for visitors. Explain rationale and process or green technology.	Sat, 12/22/07 2:08 PM

 Find	115. DO NOT ALLOW ATV'S ANYWHERE NEAR THE STATE PARK.	Sat, 12/22/07 11:11 AM
 Find	116. I think I've stated this before. Keep it as natural and undeveloped as possible, but offer the activities I've previously stated.	Sat, 12/22/07 10:51 AM
 Find	117. Less docks with better design can create less impact. Why not build three fishing piers with three docks per side and nothing else so there is less shoreline damage. First come first serve docking.	Sat, 12/22/07 6:19 AM
 Find	118. Should have minimum impact on the enviroment.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:05 PM
 Find	119. anti-polution, as "green" as possible	Fri, 12/21/07 8:42 PM
 Find	120. NO MOTOR BOATS, SINCE IT IS CLOSE TO THE BOUNDARY WATERS, CANOES AND SUCH ONLY	Fri, 12/21/07 7:25 PM
 Find	121. Utilizing as much green technology without compromising function. Consider Geotherm if practical.	Fri, 12/21/07 6:32 PM
 Find	122. Minimal impact	Fri, 12/21/07 5:56 PM
 Find	123. Invasion of noxious weeds in the water and on the property.	Fri, 12/21/07 5:13 PM
 Find	124. just keep the atvs and ohvs away from the lake.	Fri, 12/21/07 5:06 PM
 Find	125. minimize human "footprint"	Fri, 12/21/07 4:51 PM
 Find	126. Maintain the shorelines in a natural state and minimize runoff.	Fri, 12/21/07 3:52 PM
 Find	127. Leaving as much of the shoreline as undisturbed as possible and retaining the mature trees where possible to prevent a "developed" look as viewed from the water.	Fri, 12/21/07 2:20 PM
 Find	128. Sustainable design	Fri, 12/21/07 1:52 PM
 Find	129. Don't disturb the shore line, the beauty of this area is what draws folks from around the country.	Fri, 12/21/07 1:32 PM
 Find	130. Green, LEED certified buildings. If the DNR isn't going to go to the trouble of using green building materials and techniques then why should the public? That includes pervious surface trails. This could be an incredible educational opportunity.	Fri, 12/21/07 1:07 PM
 Find	131. Recycling should be a primary focus of this new park. It's a great opportunity for us to make sure the land is kept pristine from the start of the project. "Leave nothing behind except footprints" like in the BWCA should be the theme.	Fri, 12/21/07 1:04 PM
 Find	132. low or no maintenance resources.	Fri, 12/21/07 11:32 AM
 Find	133. Keep it green.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:58 AM
 Find	134. keep it natural. protect it for generations to come	Fri, 12/21/07 9:28 AM
 Find	135. Minimal impact on the environment.	Fri, 12/21/07 9:08 AM
 Find	136. Maintaining natural landscapes and preserving its beauty.	Fri, 12/21/07 8:11 AM
 Find	137. Keep lakeshore pristine Keep wildlife in mind - keep people away from sensitive areas	Thu, 12/20/07 6:09 PM
 Find	138. Low impact Green building	Thu, 12/20/07 3:21 PM
 Find	139. All environemntal considerations need to be taken. There is no sense in creating a park to preserve the land to then destroy the same thing you tried to protect. Water, land, wildlife all need to be assessed and managed wisely.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:45 PM
 Find	140. Preserving and improving water quality and shoreland environment must not be sacrificed.	Thu, 12/20/07 2:41 PM

 Find	141. Keeping motorized vehicles out. No offroad or ATV trails	Thu, 12/20/07 1:34 PM
 Find	142. Modeling energy efficiency as a green building would be a consideration for the facility. The park should be established to protect the area as well as provide access in a way that won't have negative effects on the area over time. Creating trail systems for skiing, hiking, snowmobiling, etc. keeps these activities from impacting the entire area.	Thu, 12/20/07 8:53 AM
 Find	143. safe fire pits, changing room for swimmers, incorporation of the landscape into campsites, drives. Not an open disturbance of the land.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:22 PM
 Find	144. 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	145. Do not make the park small- The campsties to close together- The beach area to small, picnic area. etc	Wed, 12/19/07 3:19 PM
 Find	146. Minimal footprint. Need to be self sustaining. Natural in appearance. Continue the CCC style of buildings in Log and Stone. People want that lodge, log cabin look and feel. They expect that. Look at the lodges in the National Parks for inspiration. Minimal external energy sources used. Exploit renewable energy sources as much as possible. Leverage the location and the Forest Industry nearby to utilize bio-fuels and wood as sources of fuel, while minimizing the carbon footprint. Experiment with Fuel Cells and Windmills for electrical generation. Also, water based wave technology. Use the Park as a testing ground and experiment station for new types of energy sources. Think long term. Design and plan for 100 year time frame for the buildings, roads. Minimize paved roads.	Wed, 12/19/07 3:06 PM
 Find	147. How to dispose of septic tank waste when no processing center is available. Perhaps it can be connected to the Soudan facility, if it is large enough. This Park would be much easier on the environment that large-scale private development in the area.	Wed, 12/19/07 2:31 PM
 Find	148. water protection from erosion, drainage etc.	Wed, 12/19/07 2:12 PM
 Find	149. Obviously since this area is a wilderness area keep it that way. Numerous areas in northern MN have already been transformed for next generation recreation and facilities--make your changes there. Give people a choice by leaving us with a natural area to visit	Wed, 12/19/07 2:04 PM
 Find	150. shoreland protection	Wed, 12/19/07 1:33 PM
 Find	151. I think solar power/wind power would be great additions.	Wed, 12/19/07 1:11 PM
 Find	152. need to preserve the environment. provide enough staff to manage the tours so people do not run amuck throughout the park	Wed, 12/19/07 12:09 PM
 Find	153. low impact-runoff restrictions-shoreline use-fishing pier	Wed, 12/19/07 11:56 AM
 Find	154. Low impact, of course. I really like the new Mary Gibbs interp. centre at Itasca state park as it blends into the forest area (although the parking lot is intrusive but what can one do about that?).	Wed, 12/19/07 10:30 AM
 Find	155. Green (Leads) standards---local resources--energy efficiency. Site location should show sensitivity to riparian areas--sensitive species and shoreline impacts. Remember, state parks should set the example. Look to other agencies and grass-roots groups re alternative energy resources, solar, etc! Groups like Hunt Technologies in Pine River Minnesota are really making an effort to educate and lead by example on Sustainable Living.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:25 AM
 Find	156. Have as little impact as possible.	Wed, 12/19/07 10:00 AM
 Find	157. Compatibility with exisitng 'look' of the area. Do not overcrowd, acquire enough area to offer varied types of users uncrowded, non degrading, including sound pollution, experiences.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:51 AM

 Find	158. Keep the shoreline from being stripped. Do not allow brick walls the shoreline as the Brainerd Lakes area has. Consider using water directly from the lake for non-drinking water.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:46 AM
 Find	159. destroy as little of the environment as possible.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:25 AM
 Find	160. Limiting the footprint of all development.	Wed, 12/19/07 9:22 AM
 Find	161. Integrate structures into landscape. Structures should be energy efficient. Limit number of vehicles in park. Consider shuttle busses only in majority of park.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:47 AM
 Find	162. Erosion, the health of the watershed, minimizing the possibility for invasive species to spread throughout the site.	Wed, 12/19/07 8:20 AM
 Find	163. a green building and green technology	Wed, 12/19/07 7:43 AM
 Find	164. Natural views. Limited or prohibited motorized vehicles.	Wed, 12/19/07 7:08 AM
 Find	165. take only pictures, leave only footprints, NO JETSKIS.	Tue, 12/18/07 10:04 PM
 Find	166. Minimal impact on the enviroment, especially the water resource and make the park accessable to all people. Maybe a nice slow golf cart type vehicle for those who can't travel on foot instead of an ATV that tears the ground up.	Tue, 12/18/07 10:03 PM
 Find	167. Low noise and visual "garbage" such as garish signage.	Tue, 12/18/07 9:55 PM
 Find	168. Location (campsites), Convience of restrooms.	Tue, 12/18/07 7:48 PM
 Find	169. Keeping things looking as natural as possible. A state of the art dump station. This must operate properly. However the St Louis County rules are more stringent than the state so you'd have to follow their asinine rules.	Tue, 12/18/07 7:42 PM
 Find	170. Fishing boating and hikeing.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:56 PM
 Find	171. Minimally invasive structures. Blend with the surroundings.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:19 PM
 Find	172. Utilize wind and solar power as well as geothermal as much as possible.	Tue, 12/18/07 6:07 PM
 Find	173. Keeping the area as pristine as possible and having facilities that blend in while being functional	Tue, 12/18/07 5:49 PM
 Find	174. waste disposal	Tue, 12/18/07 5:25 PM
 Find	175. Preservation of the natural state. Minimize changes to the area and shoreline.	Mon, 12/17/07 1:08 PM
 Find	176. Developments RUIN the natural enviroment and beauty of the area. Lake Vermillion is a beautiful site, location, and great fishing lake (clean) and I along with many others would absoutly love to see it preserved! This area attracts many visitors for all these reasons.	Mon, 12/17/07 12:16 PM
 Find	177. Being able to enjoy Minnesota's lakes without interference from motorized vehicles such as jet skies, snowmobiles, four-wheelers, etc.	Mon, 12/17/07 11:27 AM
 Find	178. do not do anything that will negatively affect lake water; no ATVs; limit noise	Mon, 12/17/07 8:56 AM
 Find	179. Keep everything as unobtrusive as possible.	Mon, 12/17/07 8:54 AM
 Find	180. Let's not destroy the forest keep things as wild as possible.	Sun, 12/16/07 8:19 PM
 Find	181. The fishery is already under extreme pressure. The DNR reported a couple years ago that the harvest levels have been the highest is the history of the lake, so they had to implement a reduced daily walleye limit and also a slot limit. Adding easy access for an additional hundreds of thousands of potential fisherman is a big concern for the lake. So keep it small with limit access only. All rules and regulations should be the same as the BWCA.	Sun, 12/16/07 6:23 PM

 Find	182. Inviornmental friendly construction, both in material and looks. Flow Traffic to seperate, walkers, hikers, bikes and automobiles. Put all campsites back away from the lake, people can walk or bike to the lake. Keep the shore line as natural as possible.	Sun, 12/16/07 6:07 PM
 Find	183. Be a one season developing roads and hiking trails, after that it should support itself	Sun, 12/16/07 4:24 PM
 Find	184. Self suffiency.	Sun, 12/16/07 2:56 PM
 Find	185. I BELIEVE THAT ONE CONSIDERATION THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE ENVIROMENT OF A NATURAL AREA IS THE BANNING OF MOTOR TYPE SPORTS FROM THE AREA. A PERSON IN A CANOE OR IN A BOAT WITH A SMALL HORSEPOWER MOTOR DOES NOT DISRUPT THE LIFE OF THE NATIVE SPECIES AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHER PEOPLE NEARLY AS MUCH AS SOMEONE USING A SPEEDBOAT/JET SKI OR RUNNING AN ATV THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE.	Sun, 12/16/07 2:01 PM
 Find	186. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SOEM POWER IN THE PARK. ALSO WIND ENERGY US TO PROVIDE PARK POWER.	Sun, 12/16/07 1:52 PM
 Find	187. Consider using solar powered lighting in developed areas as well as solar hot water heating systems (to supplement conventional water heating systems) in campgrounds and buildings. Buildings should be superinsulated possibly with geothermal heating systems. Rain gardens or other advanced storm surface water treatment should be designed for parking lots and other impervious surfaces. Let's make this park a national model for 21st century environmentally responsible park design.	Sun, 12/16/07 12:02 PM
 Find	188. Minimal impact and motorized traffic restricted to small footprints and less desirable park areas. Utilize pull carts to get into campsite areas.	Sun, 12/16/07 11:25 AM
 Find	189. It is imperative to lessen the environmental impact on the area. My cabin property is in the picture on the website, it directly looks at the proposed park area, I for one would like to see it remain the same but realize things change and this once quiet end of the lake will be forever changed.	Sun, 12/16/07 10:16 AM
 Find	190. keeping the park as primitive as posible.Need a good septic system.	Sun, 12/16/07 1:21 AM
 Find	191. No jet boats, high light canoes, Kyaks, sail boats.	Sat, 12/15/07 12:19 PM
 Find	192. protect shoreline, control erosion, protect native plants and trees.	Sat, 12/15/07 10:25 AM
 Find	193. Remote feeling	Fri, 12/14/07 4:01 PM
 Find	194. All facilities should be showcase "green". Think beyond the current MN building codes.	Fri, 12/14/07 11:25 AM
 Find	195. 1. Do minimal damage. 2. Use materials that maintain a natural look. 3. Maybe try some "green" technology for facilities.	Fri, 12/14/07 8:23 AM
 Find	196. Keeping the feeling of the area.	Thu, 12/13/07 8:10 PM
 Find	197. pollution of the lake and keeping with land's natural qualities	Thu, 12/13/07 5:22 PM
 Find	198. don't destroy acres and acres of trees to build a building, just build it where there's less trees to clear; don't build close to neighboring property owners buildings; keep buildings looking "natural" and not all modern and hi-tech-- that doesn't quite fit northem MN	Thu, 12/13/07 3:06 PM
 Find	199. Seperate motorized and non-motorized areas. Serious concideration should be given to the access of recreational four wheelers. They can do a lot of damage when used improperly. However if there are areas in the park such as old mine pits, the four wheelers may be approporate in these areas.	Thu, 12/13/07 11:56 AM
 Find	200. Minimal and low-impact development, sustainability, conservation, and preservation.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:54 AM

 Find	201. Keeping it to minimum impact on the environment. Eco friendly. There would be a great opportunity here to have a eco friendly first State park.	Thu, 12/13/07 9:48 AM
 Find	202. spacious camping sites to allow for a more private experience. Close attention to vegetative management so as to not allow sites to be over used and damaged.	Thu, 12/13/07 8:55 AM
 Find	203. waste control, protection of natural resources, using solar energy and or wind energy.	Wed, 12/12/07 9:07 PM
 Find	204. Leveraging the natural terrain when designing access to highlighted areas. Since this is on a lake, access to water and scenic views of the lake come to mind.	Wed, 12/12/07 9:04 PM
 Find	205. In general give amenities of an nice resort without turning the park and its natural setting into a resort. People venture to these parks to be away from city life and be in the woods.	Wed, 12/12/07 8:41 PM
 Find	206. Preserve, protect and preserve again.	Wed, 12/12/07 7:36 PM
 Find	207. Leave no trace in the wilderness areas, esthetically appealing architecture which blends in with local terrain.	Wed, 12/12/07 6:39 PM
 Find	208. effective treatment of wastewater.	Wed, 12/12/07 6:13 PM
 Find	209. clean,	Wed, 12/12/07 3:10 PM
 Find	210. minimal impact	Wed, 12/12/07 3:07 PM
 Find	211. Can we keep the park as quiet as possible? Can we limit the mechanization to reasonable levels, or could the park be non mechanized, no motors?	Wed, 12/12/07 2:29 PM
 Find	212. The task force should review the "top 10" resorts in Minnesota and Wisconsin and see what they offer to keep them in the top 10.	Wed, 12/12/07 1:38 PM
 Find	213. Keep as much of the shoreline as absolutely possible in an undeveloped state. Undeveloped shoreline on a northern Minnesota lake is an evaporating resource across the state	Wed, 12/12/07 1:35 PM
 Find	214. Water quality, noise levels, light pollution, physical footprint, compatability with other types of recreational uses.	Tue, 12/11/07 10:13 PM
 Find	215. Minimal impact to lake and terrestrial ecosystems, minimal run-off, green design to the utmost. Showcase environmentally friendly, sustainable facilities.	Tue, 12/11/07 4:29 PM
 Find	216. To allow as much recreation use with environmental considerations being priority #1.	Tue, 12/11/07 3:58 PM
 Find	217. Leave little trace. To map out specific areas for trails and camping and keep people in those areas and let native plants thrive	Tue, 12/11/07 11:56 AM
 Find	218. 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	219. Development should blend in, and not take away from the scenery.	Tue, 12/4/07 2:46 PM
 Find	220. Noise polution is a key issue to me. I don't really have any issues with "Sea-Doos", motor boats, ATV's, snowmobiles etc... It's just the noise issues. I think the Minnesota State Parks could lead the way much in the way the National Park Service has with the issue of motor vehicle impact on the land and its users. We have limits on the types of tracks snowmobiles can use and how loud cars can be. Why not limit the exhaust sound levels of snowmobiles, ATV's etc... Why not limit the type of tires allowed on ATV's so the damage to the ground is not so extreme?	Mon, 11/26/07 12:42 PM
 Find	221. trails that encourage people to stay on the trail, yet enjoy the scenery. I would also like to see parks stay parks. For instance, I don't like the new Itasca river center with the 3 lane roadway path to the river. It doesn't even feel like your on a path. I understand that the	Wed, 11/14/07 12:45 AM

river source gets a lot of wear, but I would like to see lesser traveled trails in a new park feel like "trails" not like wheelchair ramps made for a car to drive down.

 Find	222. Keep the integrity of the lake	Mon, 11/12/07 2:25 PM
 Find	223. Not to OVER use the land. Have buildings built with recycled materials. Low impact on the natural resources.	Fri, 11/9/07 9:26 AM
 Find	224. Water quality, litter control, noise abatement	Thu, 11/8/07 6:39 PM
 Find	225. Even the worst case senerio wouldn't equal the enviornmental damage of sub divided lots.	Wed, 11/7/07 11:42 PM
 Find	226. nOT TOO MANY DOCKS ON THE SITE. CONSTANT REMINDER ABOUT WHAT YOU THROW INTO THE LAKE OR FISH WITH.	Wed, 11/7/07 7:36 PM
 Find	227. Protect water quality at all costs. Facility design should be rustic but unique,not just more log structures.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:55 PM
 Find	228. Quiet, leaving the area as you find it. or even better picking up leavings of others. Appreciating our north woods.	Wed, 11/7/07 6:52 PM

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 Find	1. Locate building/facilities in locations which would have the LEAST impact on the natural features of the area. Also, consolidate these structures to minimize the total footprint on the landscape. Trails should be located in areas and at elevations where erron and "Off trail" activities would not cause evnironmental problems.	Sun, 1/27/08 10:53 AM
 Find	2. Impact on the water and land from construction run-off, loss of trees for roads. The design must be low impact in its appearance and effects on the area. Facilities should blend in, not stick out. They should be a part of nature and complement it. Not be the focus.	Thu, 1/24/08 11:25 AM
 Find	3. Protect waterfront,erosion,pollution and keep the campsites from being stacked on one another like cordwood.	Mon, 1/21/08 5:06 PM
 Find	4. Proper waste management, sewer systems that keep the lake clean, and building that reflect the landscape.	Sun, 1/20/08 10:10 PM
 Find	5. THE CUTTING AND CLEARING OF TREES FOR BUILDING THE NEW PARK. HOPEFULLY WE CAN DESIGN PARK AND CAMPGROUND WITHOUT OVER CLEARING OF OUR BEAUTIFUL TREES	Sun, 1/20/08 5:34 AM
 Find	6. I think the design should incorporate the latest in green building principles, with emphasis on the use of renewable materials in construction. Also, parking should be located as far away from the lake as possible.	Sat, 1/19/08 1:33 AM
 Find	7. keep it as wild and untouched as possible	Wed, 1/16/08 8:21 PM
 Find	8. Absolutely no snowmobile and ATV trails within the park!	Wed, 1/16/08 12:23 PM
 Find	9. Any constructed buildings should be of earth tone colors and set back off of the lake. Would need rules established to keep land and water pollution to a minimum.	Wed, 1/16/08 11:27 AM
 Find	10. have buildings blend into the natural surroundings, have various "hands on" type of exhibits that also educate	Tue, 1/15/08 10:42 PM
 Find	11. A good variation would be nice. Some people will still want the classic old fashion campsite. Others will want to be close to more activity, say a bunch of games or activity area. Some might want to be close to bathrooms.	Mon, 1/14/08 9:23 PM
 Find	12. To destroy as little as possible, if at all. Use the nature that is there. Keep activities such as snowmobling, ATVs and gas boat motors to a minium if at all.	Mon, 1/14/08 2:16 PM
 Find	13. to leave the natural beauty of the area as unspoiled as possible The buildings need to blend in with the environment NO jet skis etc	Thu, 1/10/08 1:06 PM
 Find	14. soill erosion and water runoff	Thu, 1/10/08 12:37 PM
 Find	15. maintaining a prestine scenic vista--keeping park structures to a minimum, and in well hidden locations.	Wed, 1/9/08 12:39 PM
 Find	16. Somehow balancing the idea of Full Service with wilderness. It sounds impossible but the Army Corp of Engineers do a nice job.	Tue, 1/8/08 6:55 PM
 Find	17. do not overdevelop the place and destroy the evening stars to be viewed or northern lights or make it a completely cement and asphalt world. equal access for canoeing and kayaking and NO noisy jet skiis. some public swimming areas.	Mon, 1/7/08 9:20 PM
 Find	18. Low impact without a doubt	Sun, 1/6/08 10:26 AM
 Find	19. we need to make all the facilitys green.lots of natural lighting everywhere.solar energy lighting.	Sat, 1/5/08 10:46 AM

 Find	20. Simple and cliché...try to leave as small of an imprint as possible on nature while creating the park.	Sat, 1/5/08 8:31 AM
 Find	21. Leave it alone.	Fri, 1/4/08 9:40 PM
 Find	22. The park should have a pleasing look to it. Need to create areas for recreation that minimize the impact on ground erosion and contamination of water system. Natural surroundings as possible.	Fri, 1/4/08 4:41 PM
 Find	23. The "next generation" goal for the park should be focused on making this a carbon neutral park. As much technology as possible should be used to achieve this: green roofs, solar power, a wind turbine near the entrance to highlight the focus on alternative power, ample recycling. All these tools should be highlighted by the park and displayed for citizens to become inspired to seek more use of renewable energy sources.	Fri, 1/4/08 4:03 PM
 Find	24. Again, above my pay grade.	Fri, 1/4/08 1:41 PM
 Find	25. I believe the DNR already has a good "handle" on protecting the environment for future generations	Fri, 1/4/08 9:54 AM
 Find	26. that the camp sites are not too close to each other area where you enjoy the wildlife and fresh air without seeing a lot of trash. have buildings that blend in to the area.	Fri, 1/4/08 8:15 AM
 Find	27. Leave No Trace, green design, and making it a part of the scenery not something that sticks out.	Fri, 1/4/08 7:26 AM
 Find	28. I am an architecture student at North Dakota State University, so this is the question I have most looking forward to answering. As you are likely well aware, 48-50% of all energy used in the United States is consumed by our buildings. They also create the largest percentage of waste, greenhouse gases, and other environmentally destructive effects. But they don't have to. I propose that the facilities of the Lake Vermillion State Park should serve as examples of the potential of Good Design. Good Design seeks to go beyond the standards set by building codes, even beyond the standards established by systems like LEED Certification. Good Design should seek to create places that are more than just "less harmful" to our environment; the buildings we create have the potential to ENHANCE our environment. Passive design solutions to heating, cooling, and lighting can and should be utilized in ALL facilities in this "next generation" state park. I recognize that many passive technologies cannot stand alone to adequately serve a building. As a result, some active heating, cooling, and lighting systems will likely be required. These systems, however, can be powered through sustainable, renewable means like solar, wind, and geothermal energy production. LEED Certification measurements provides a good starting point for sustainable design, but it does not go far enough. I propose that the facilities of Lake Vermillion State Park should strive to be completely "off the grid" buildings, free of reliance from outside sources of energy. Any required energy for heating, cooling, lighting, or other uses should be produced on site. Furthermore, the park buildings should strive to be completely carbon neutral in their design, construction, and operation. Beyond the obvious environmental and economic benefits to such facilities, the buildings themselves become a teaching tool to educate park visitors about sustainable practices and living. In the fall I will be a graduate student in the Architecture Program at NDSU. For my design thesis I am planning to work on a theoretical Visitor and Research Center for the proposed Lake Vermillion State Park that incorporates the ideas discussed above. I hope to share my ideas throughout that process with the State of Minnesota, the DNR, and the decision makers involved with the planning of Lake Vermillion State Park.	Thu, 1/3/08 11:09 PM
 Find	29. Erosion, water pollution, damage to the surrounding ecosystems.	Thu, 1/3/08 5:58 PM
 Find	30. I think that Minnesota does a pretty good job managing their current state parks. I only wish that they maintain and repaired things better. (Disappointed at Gooseberry to see the old log picnic tables rotting away for lack of paint.	Thu, 1/3/08 3:21 PM

 Find	31. In buildings, they should blend in with the natural environment, like the Joesph Alexander visitor center at Gooseberry S.P. All trails should be gravel and not built 'into' the terrain.	Thu, 1/3/08 3:14 PM
 Find	32. Environment before commerce. Put the canoeists interests in front of the water skiers interests.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:57 PM
 Find	33. Low impact - 7 generation concept.	Thu, 1/3/08 2:42 PM
 Find	34. to preserve clean water, protect the enviornment and animals	Thu, 1/3/08 11:54 AM
 Find	35. Keep the park wooded, Campsites spread out, and many docks to accomidate all of the fishermen you will be attracting	Thu, 1/3/08 7:58 AM
 Find	36. Blend with the existing topography, upland, and wetland resources.	Wed, 1/2/08 9:45 PM
 Find	37. Restrooms, recycle methods.	Wed, 1/2/08 7:17 PM
 Find	38. Tread lightly & preserve the environment for the future. Such as composting toilets, if possible. Make people aware of resource usage.	Wed, 1/2/08 4:08 PM
 Find	39. Attention to erosion and water runoff issues. Go as "green" as possible. Limit the motorized vehicle use on lake and land, to keep it more natural, quiet and healthy.	Wed, 1/2/08 3:23 PM
 Find	40. Preservation of the natural beauty of a northern lake. Limit shoreline development as much as possible.	Wed, 1/2/08 2:49 PM
 Find	41. Keeping the park clean, safe and park friendly like other state parks, regualted by rangers etc.	Wed, 1/2/08 12:01 PM
 Find	42. keep it as natural as possible to many parks are ruined by ugly structures and clutter use solar power for bathrooms and other things	Wed, 1/2/08 11:35 AM
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