

- Human use of lake area and recommendations for improvement:
1. Standard paved roads are being developed into wilderness area which permit placing of motor boats or canoes into drainage areas that lead directly to most distant outposts. The distance from home base is being lessened to the point that distance itself is losing enchantment. Loud noises of passing cars and trucks and especially construction noises are heard in the lake areas that at one time were considered remote. These easily accessible approaches to distant lakes are creating an unusually high human population pressure. Distance is no longer a barrier. To correct this, all roads of any description (service, emergency or otherwise) should be eliminated beyond Ely.
 2. Trails are being enlarged and are now being used to bring in motor boats on wheels and fishermen who work in to distant lakes for fishing only. Eliminate all trails of every description except portage trails. After all this is canoe country and not hiking country as is found elsewhere. Portage trails should be single path, concrete, turnouts for resting and natural stone docks and landing area. There should be no signs (maps ^{with} ~~and~~ details are sufficient). Large areas of the wilderness should be set aside as absolutely inviolate to human trespass until a time when education and appreciation of natural out-of-doors values can be developed. Portage trails, on main thoroughfares, are now two way, wide, and worn to bare soils. Landings are constructed to receive canoes, many of them built of logs and stone. Immediate areas at landing are trampled, wood exhausted from temporary fires, trash all over the place including discarded equipment, unsightly camp sites.
 3. Private lodges (and forest services) are on all main drainage or access points. These buildings and accompanying cottages, boat docks, boats ^{etc} are an unsightly and out of place. Their influence on the wildlife and landscape in general is profound. Large motor boats ply the waters, trawling consistently reduces fish to low numbers, lakes are congested, large motor boats are used for pleasure riding, adjacent lakes are equipped with the same large boats and motor for extending range of influence beyond lodge. The facilities (T.V., bars, dance etc) are not in keeping with original objective of the primitive area. Eliminate all lodges and Forest Service buildings. Portage plane saw take care of emergencies. Fish are taken from these lakes and carried outside area.