

CANADIAN CROWN LAND SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY: A VALUES-BASED APPROACH TO MANAGING RECREATION

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Abstract

Management of non-commodity resource values on Crown Lands has developed through a course of evolution. There is an increased acknowledgement that forest sustainability requires an integrated approach to management. While certain recreation values may be considered on an ad-hoc basis, there is no systematic recreation management framework used on Crown lands. The goal of this project is to develop a comprehensive recreation-planning framework that will evaluate the effects of forest management on recreation values on Crown Lands. The study area includes Quetico Provincial Park and Crown lands east of the park. In developing an appropriate recreation framework, it was realized that traditional planning approaches have sought to reconcile the characteristics of the resource base, with the preferences of recreationists and tourists, environmental imperatives and management judgments. However, it is evident that the political environments in which such decisions are made are not principally about natural resource management but rather are focused on reconciling competing values and meanings of natural places. This paper evaluates existing forest planning frameworks and proposes a hybrid framework that incorporates recreation demand components and values mapping.

QUETICO PROVINCIAL PARK: A CONTENT ANALYSIS OF AMERICAN USE

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Abstract

Quetico Provincial Park is considered to be the flagship park in the Ontario Provincial Park system. It is a world renowned canoeing area located in northwestern Ontario and shares its border with Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Americans have traditionally been the largest group of people using Quetico (about 87%). This study examined 532 users during Summer 2001. A mail-back open-end questionnaire was used. A range of questions relating to perceptions, use, travel patterns, and managerial options were asked. A content analysis showed that Americans have high personal attachment with Quetico, that they would be willing to pay a much higher user fee, and that they find the experience to be of a higher quality than that found in the Boundary Waters. These results have many implications to the management of