

only about 1/3 of Upper Goose Lake and as such we are on the very fringes and at the last end of any impact from logging. As other adjacent areas are planned across the northland we'll be on the extreme edge of their territory as well. The current 20 year forecasted plan for Whitefeather has them working out from road infrastructure near the reserve in a two phase program. The first will facilitate logging in the first 20 miles and then at some point in 10 or 15 years once they've done there, they'll move to the second. Based on the maps and data that we've seen, the second phase extends from 20 to 40 miles out which still leaves the logging over 10 miles west of us. In studying the forest values near camp it appears that there is a lot of relatively bare area and much swampy stuff with marginal timber. Even if and when the logging reaches our area, it will be over 20 years and then because of the flat swampy land, will likely only be workable in the dead of winter. As a result, besides hopefully a 20 year reprieve for us at Bull Moose Camp, even then, since they'll use winter ice roads, there isn't much chance of any intrusion of road infrastructure that would allow access by anyone including 4 wheelers.

In keeping on this theme, many of you are also aware that we've had some 10 years of experience on Upper Goose Lake with a group of natives from 40 miles east at the Cat Lake reserve. They've been flying in for a September moose hunt and though they are regular decent people we've encountered difficulties with their littering and even blatant wasting of wildlife. Over time we've worked on this from a number of angles including discussions on conservation with them and even seeking assistance from the authorities. This September during their 6 day hunt they showed up with 28 people including numerous women and children and we braced for the worst. We are however very pleased to report that for the first time they left no mess behind. Certainly their camp sites were visible compared to the untouched woods next to them, but after they left there was nothing in the way of new garbage nor wasted meat. They took every bit of the 2 moose they shot with them and appear to be learning to walk the walk instead of just talking about respecting the land and creatures.

We sure look forward to continuing to host the quality remote fishing vacations that the area offers. On that note, we were thrilled to meet a group from Illinois this summer that had not been at camp since 1982. Tony had been there at 19 with his dad and some others and all these years he'd been thinking of the great times they shared. Now with a son of his own and his dad along too, he returned to not only share those memories but to also make new ones with his son. It was great to meet them all and it's just another humbling reminder of how others think of Bull Moose Camp and the lakes at the headwaters of the Berens river system.

Thanks,

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