



**Mullett Lake Area Preservation Society's Comments
on DNR's Plan for Developing
the Gete Mino Mshkiigan Property**

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The Mullett Lake Area Preservation Society's (MAPS) mission is to preserve and sustain shoreline and water quality on Mullett Lake. We submit these comments in the interest of finding a balance between a new planned use for the Gete Mino Mshkiigan (Mullett Lake South Property) and ensuring that (to quote the DNR's Plan) "natural processes and native species take precedence over visitor accommodations."

The existing shoreline integrity is compromised with current usage (e.g., erosion and litter). It is reasonable to assume this condition will continue or increase with increased usage of this land.

- DNR's Plan must include actions and funding to address existing shoreline erosion
- DNR must ensure protection of the shoreline, native species and water quality on this property and on contiguous neighborhoods' properties (i.e., Woodside Park Owners Association and Indian Wood Trails Subdivision Association).
- DNR needs to continue to designate the land between the trail and the lakeshore as "Protected Land" to ensure low development and (to quote the DNR's Plan) "low tolerance for natural resource impacts" now and into the future.
- DNR needs to have signage between the trail and lakeshore to reinforce this "Protected Land" status.

In the spirit of cooperation and partnership in protecting the environment, and recognizing that increased usage of this property could impact contiguous properties,

- DNR needs to establish a "Friends of the Park Advisory Committee" which would include representation from the Woodside Park Owners Association, the Indian Wood Trails Subdivision Association, and the Mullett Lake Area Preservation Society (MAPS), as soon as possible.
- This Advisory Committee should contribute input to any draft implementation plans.
- DNR should establish regularly scheduled meetings with this Advisory Committee so that issues are identified and addressed in a cooperative and timely manner.