

Mountain bikers are using the old logging roads in your forest. One particular road runs parallel to a beautiful stream. When it's rainy and muddy, the perfect time to mountain bike, the trail gets torn up. Pretty soon the hillside is eroding into the stream, clouding it and affecting the organisms that live there.

Six overnight paddlers in your forest are following the guidelines on their permit.

They are only collecting dead and downed wood far away from their campsite and building small fires in the fire grates. They have little impact on your forest.

It's a popular year in the BWCAW.

Canoeists and hikers love to use your forest. Unfortunately, their use has been hard on the area. They've collected lots of firewood around the campsites, leaving the ground almost bare, and the plants on the ground trampled. There are no leaves or wood to decompose and add nutrients to the soil. And the ground is so compacted from lots of feet walking on it that no seeds will be able to take root and grow.



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