

## **DRAFT DATA, MOOSEHEAD MAPPING COLLABORATIVE, June 2007**

### **COMMENTS FROM NATURE TOURISM BUSINESS OWNERS SURVEYED IN THE MOOSEHEAD REGION**

*(Note: LURC staff have requested and received map data with associated comments.)*

“Tourism is a global market. [Guests] are not fooled by ‘relative wilderness’.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 16)

One guest describes the experience this way: “it feels like you’ve entered a lost world” and “in two minutes it felt like you were a thousand miles away.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Maps 29, 3)

“Brassua needs management for remote character.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 18)

The “downtown sets the town character” and with “idling trucking and traffic right at the base of the lake ...the lake front and downtown character both need protecting.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 5)

“People don’t need to travel for hours to have a wilderness experience. It’s right here.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 1)

One business owner describes the West Outlet as a “wilderness river trip near town for beginning paddlers.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 1)

One business owner said that there is “lots of indiscriminate cutting of deer wintering areas” affecting “trail systems and hunting.” (Comment from Mapping Collaborative, Map 8)