



Wisconsin's Green Fire Position Statement

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RE: Proposal to Replace Apostle Islands National Lakeshore with a National Park – HR 9111

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore was created through a years-long process of study and in-depth consultation with affected tribes, local communities, and outdoor recreation and sporting groups. Congressman Tiffany's recent proposal to replace the Lakeshore with a National Park and Preserve is much more than a name change—there would also be significant ecological, economic, social, legal, and operational impacts. An independent review and comprehensive consultation is needed before there can be any meaningful consideration of this proposal. In the meantime, Wisconsin's Green Fire opposes HR 9111, and we call on Congressman Tiffany to instead focus on the urgent need for increased funding to address the backlog of projects needed to maintain the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.