Land Debates about Maine's North Woods: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Plum Creek Development Project on Moosehead Lake

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In 2005, Plum Creek Development submitted a proposal to develop 14,000 acres of land in and around Moosehead Lake in Maine. The largest development proposal in Maine history, in a section of Maine known for it's uninhabited, pristine wilderness, the proposal has incited over four years of public discussion and often heated debates. The arguments presented by the public for and against this development offer exemplary texts for analyzing the ways in which communities argue about changes to a space imbued with symbolism. These texts offer insights into the cultural heritage of a people, the basis on which people make arguments about symbolic territory, and the hierarchy of land rights groups work to establish through their arguments.

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