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These lodge permits should have never happened the way they did and should not be allowed to continue. All you need is a licensed kitchen to get one of the permits for the meals to be provided for the hunt not a guides license which is needed for any other forms or types of hunting activity. So there is a major problem with it right from the start. A license kitchen down in southern Maine gets a permit for up in zone 1. Now that hunt is turning into a remote tent hunt the and kitchen license went out the window as the meals won't be prepared in the kitchen but out in the field. So now you just turned that licensed kitchen into a remote tent hunt. There are lots of guides in this state that do and can offer excellent remote tent hunts but don't have the kitchen license so they can't do a hunt like this. I know lots of people in the state and out of state don't know this is how this lottery happens. So this needs to be removed and overhauled or not happen at all!! Another thing that could be done after removing this to help out the hunting/lodges is to up the % of Non-Resident moose permits. Give them another 5%-10% of the permits. That would increase income to the state by an increase in NR people applying and it would bring in more hunters for the lodges to take. I know that a lot of Resident people will oppose this. But there are some people and families here in the state that have had several permits so why not give someone from outside a increased chance to come here and hunt. Cutting the NR from 10% to 8% is not the correct way to do things. I know several people from out of state that either stopped applying or stopped applying for extra chances knowing that their chances got cut 2%. It wouldn't hurt my feelings even if the state went up to 20% of the permits going to NR hunters. Give out this extra % of permits to NR hunters then require them to be guided then the lodges and guides would make more money. Also make things about hunts/lotteries like this more open to the public. You don't hear hardly anything about these permits unless someone told you. They don't post the winning lodges/guides names like they do with the regular moose lottery you have to buy them if you want to know.