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Dear State Director of Geospatial Services F. David Radford,

Dear Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"),

I strongly support the proposed mineral withdrawal to protect the watershed of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness ("Boundary Waters"). The threats posed by sulfide-ore copper mining are unjustifiable in the watershed of such a sensitive and important area.

Not only that but allowing this coal mining operation to go through when you have the power to stop it sets a precedent of indifference to mining, a major contributor to climate change and CO2 emissions. In a situation where by the power the people have vested in you, you have the opportunity to speak for the people or speak for companies I urge you to consider the consequences of choosing the latter. Your stance is your own, but the the damage caused by copper mining plants will outlive all of us.

Here are some considerations to research before reviewing the boundary waters land withdrawal.

As I hope you know, boundary waters boasts the cleanest water quality in North America. The lakes, rivers, and streams of the Boundary Waters watershed are among the cleanest waters in North America and are especially sensitive to acids and heavy-metals found in copper mine pollution;

Futhermore, the Boundary Waters supports a strong, sustainable, growing outdoor recreation industry in Minnesota. It is a principal driver of the $850 million, 17,000-job recreation economy in Northeastern Minnesota, it contributes to hundreds of manufacturing jobs, and it helps keep and attract talent to Minnesota.

I urge the BLM to withdraw the 225,378 acres of national forest lands to protect the Boundary Waters from the threat of endless pollution of sulfide-ore copper mining.

Sincerely,
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