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Dear State Director of Geospatial Services F. David Radford,

Dear Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"),

Do not allow this company to ruin our environment. This land is sacred and has been a thriving part of the ecosystem for millions of years. To ruin it while allowing a company to profit off of the exploitation of people past and present and the environment is a slap in the face. Let's think critically. It's not a question of "if" but "when" the proposed copper mine produces a disaster. It will negatively effect those that live there because of the damage done to their water supply and air quality. The potential for chemical runoff is high and would poison all of the flora and fauna in the area. The 17,000 who already have jobs in the area need their biome based employment kept in the condition it is now. Which is reliable due to the lack of projects such as the copper drilling proposed. Tourism will also plummet when the mine surely causes more harm than good which will dry up the areas economy.

I am one of those tourists and while I would love to go here it's up to you to decide if I do. I would gladly take a roadtrip around lake Michigan through Wisconsin and cross over to the boundary waters and explore the area. Renting a cabin with my best friends, long days on the lake boating, beach-combing, or in the local towns. Bonfires, early morning birdwatching, and late night stargazing. I would love having those experiences but if the environment degrades due to a copper mine (WHICH IT MOST DEFINITELY WILL) those plans will be forever tabled.

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

Sincerely,
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