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Dear State Director of Geospatial Services F. David Radford,

Dear Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"),

My son is nine years old and wonders why it's not going to snow on Christmas I don't know how to explain to him that our environment has been sold for profit and I'm not even sure what his future will look like. Global warming is a real thing that is currently a serious threat to the future of our children and everyone's acting like it's no big deal. It breaks my heart to know that all his thoughts of the future will never happen, he doesn't understand why people pollute, he understands that we need trees to make oxygen and he's angry they are constantly being cut down . Where will the animals live? I don't know buddy. I would love to be able to take him here so he can see the stars in space, he wants to be an astronaut he wants to help environment and clean up all the trash, he really wants to make the world a better place but the future he wants is out of reach because our future has been sold for profit as well.

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.

The Boundary Waters is America's most popular and water-rich Wilderness Area. Its 1.1 million acres contain more than 1,000 pristine lakes and 1,200 miles of river and stream, offering unmatched fishing, hunting, and other public lands wilderness recreational opportunities for all Americans to enjoy. Priceless and irreplaceable, the Boundary Waters must not be put at risk of perpetual pollution from the most toxic industry in America.

During environmental review of the proposed withdrawal, please be sure to thoroughly address the following:

· 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;

·America's most visited & accessible wilderness destination - The Boundary Waters is the most popular Wilderness Area in the U.S., and the largest east of the Rockies and north of the Everglades. Visitors travel through it by boat or canoe, and can choose routes to avoid having to carry their gear, making the Boundary Waters more accessible to families, children, and people with physical limitations; and

· Economics - 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 sulfide-ore copper mining pollution. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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