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Dear State Director of Geospatial Services F. David Radford,

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I hope you are well.

The introduction of sulfide-ore copper mining into such an important natural area is completely unjustifiable. I and countless others see the placement of a mine on the border of such a pristine area as a violation of what nature has given us, and we demand that you go through with the proposed withdrawal.

It should not surprise you that the most toxic industry on the planet desires to expand their filthy grip to every beautiful nook and cranny of the globe. The Boundary Waters is America's an example of this. Boundary Waters' 1.1 million acres contain more than 1,000 pristine lakes and 1,200 miles of river and stream, offering fishing, hunting, and other public lands wilderness recreational opportunities for all Americans to enjoy.

When conducting environmental review of the proposed withdrawal, please be sure to 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 your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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