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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.

The boundary Waters offer something beautiful to teenagers and young people of the Midwest: I am one of them. In the increasing digital world it's easy for people to scoff at the idea of roughing it in nature, but that's where people are made. Trust is built, human connection with each other and the world we live in flourishes, and the last true meaning of a hard day's work as told by our DNA is exemplified. To devoid the world of the beauty and offerings of the BW will be criminally disgusting and age poorly.

We paddled at night and saw a sky that many will never have the opportunity to see. We drank water and ate straight from the lakes. This is what it means to be human. Not whatever you gain from dumb minerals. It's just EMBARRASSING to advocate for increased pollution these days like we don't know what that does to the world we live in.

Get over yourselves

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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