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Dear **Mr. Radford**:

Hope you are doing well. The subject I'm writing about concerns the "nonferrous mine siting rule" involving Superior National Forest Boundary Waters Canoe area.

I would hate to see copper mining permitted in this federal wilderness areas. Over 200,000 visitors each year. The water is still drinkable without filtering (which is remarkable in this day-n-age).

This wilderness is a generational gift. Twenty years ago, I introduced my children to this area and next Summer, my grand daughter will be joining us.

One mining accident will spoil this pristine wilderness. The economic footprint supporting this canoe area is likely larger than mining projected region impact. The cost/benefit here does not seem right.

Please do not permit the necessary mining applications to spoil this last and unique wilderness area.

Sincerely,

Marty Lundeen