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F. David Radford  
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Dear Mr. Radford:

I am writing to you from Minnesota, home to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. This wilderness area is beloved not only by Minnesotans, but by people from all over the nation and world. It is precious because there are not many areas left that preserve such pristine natural beauty while also being home to many species that have no such other home. This natural resource is fragile and once destroyed would never be recovered.

Therefore, I think we should protect the surrounding area from nonferrous mining that would endanger the waters of the wilderness area. It would be prudent to place a moratorium on mining in the Superior National Forest. This area is also a precious national resource that should be preserved for future generations of humans, plants, and animals. Placing a moratorium on mining in the Superior National Forest would preserve a buffer zone to keep the waters of the Boundary Area clean. Allowing mining in this buffer zone would allow dangerous runoff laden with heavy metals to contaminate the boundary waters.

Prohibiting mining in the national forest would not be a huge burden to anyone as there are plenty of other places that mining could be done. But we must not endanger one of the last few natural places we have in the Midwest.

Sincerely yours,

  
Betty Lotterman