

Elected Official,

I was a young child I lived with abusive father. He would target me and mother, and the only thing that got me through that period of my life was going outside getting lost in the stars. I started to pass my time with learning everything I could about space, stars, and the night sky. I started learning about places that had some of the most beautiful skies, untouched by pollution. So when things would get bad, I'd imagine myself on a canoe at night on the biggest Dark Sky Sanctuary in America and at the way the stars scatter all around me, the way they must light up the would close my eyes and think of the beautiful clusters, and constellations so I would have to see my father swing the dinner at my mom. I dreamed of the day I'd be able to visit the place I had eventually stamped into my brain. I am only 16 and have yet to get the opportunity to go to BWCAW, but I now fear I will never have the chance. The land that you want to mine on is so close to this Sanctuary that this decision would cause chemicals to go into the water, and light pollution to destroy an extraordinary chance for anyone to view those stars. In fact if you were to go through with this proposal the water, after a while, would not even be safe to swim in because they would essentially draw the acid pits. I urge ~~you~~ the BLM to protect the 226,378 acres of national forest from treatment of the Boundary Waters from pollution. Take a stand against sulfide-ore copper mining. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Sincerely,
Cameron