

1. A 20 year moratorium will result in a negative impact that will adversely affect the small community's like Ely, Minnesota. The mining tax grants allocated by the Iron Range Rehabilitation Resources award grants that are crucial to Ely schools, for new cabins at Veterans on the lake, to reconstruct Ely's sewage treatment plant that will greatly reduce the enviromental impact on adjacent lakes, to construct a new addition on the Veterans social services building, to construct recreational trails, to expand the arts and sciences at Ely schools and a junior college, to construct sidewalks, streets, water, sewer, and storm drains each year for these small cities such as Ely, Babbitt, Winton, Tower and Soudan. For without these mining tax dollars they will fade away.

2. ~~Precious Metals~~ Minnesota is investing not only in northern Minnesota and it's communities but for the livelihood of the health and welfare of our country to develop materials for green energy. without these precious metals we will not make decisions made from a democracy, but by unstable countries that do not implement the same stringent regulations for our enviroment.

3. Let's not invite unstable situations by limiting our great heritage of mining in Minnesota, but have the option to mine these corridors for the security and democracy of these United States. We are already experiencing the results when our country rely's on foreign resources and products. Let's keep our jobs at home and mine and control our resources here at home instead of Russia, India, China and Africa.
4. If we can visualize the enormous opportunity that mining will affect this area, it would not only keep these small communities in funds, but will create jobs for mining locally, state, and produce products nationwide like green energy, cars, arts and sciences, medical, aerospace, infrastructure and so much more.
5. Just ask yourself where precious metals are not used for human well being for you will not find one. Example: If we have the ability to take humans to Mars, or treat sewage for drinkable water, or work on ending a pandemic, then we can mine enviromentally friendly along and in this corridor!
6. The federal government in the 60's and 70's took the necessary actions to protect the BWCAW and it's 1+million acres. Minnesota is blessed with 5½ million acres to recreate and explore, for there is not a reason to expand the park.
7. Not now not ever should we close this corridor. What if the President evoked the production act for example: to call for Ford and GM to produce ventilators but they where unable to get the resources, will we rely on Russia, China, Africa, or India, I would hope not.

(Keep the corridor open)

Sincerely,

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