In 2017, the U.S. Forest Service had settled a lawsuit with Wilderness Watch, a wilderness preservationist group based in Montana, that claimed the Forest Service is allowing more towboat use in the Boundary Waters than is allowed by law.

Superior National Forest Supervisor Connie Cummins confirmed the settlement will involve a review of all commercial use in the BWCAW. From towboats to dogsledding, the Forest Service spent 30 months reviewing all commercial operations.

That 30-month review process ended with an open house on September 23 at Vermilion Community College in what has now morphed into a full-blown forest management plan for the entire Superior National Forest, not just commercial use issues in the Boundary Waters.

There was no formal presentation, but plenty of posters and flip boards for people to list their comments. Several Forest Service personnel were present to field questions.

Many people wrote comments.

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What/Who brought about the 234,000-acre land withdrawal?

We have all wondered what led to the Obama Administration’s executive order for a 234,000-acre land withdrawal without any input from city, county or state officials, or other public comment period.

Thanks to the research of Gerald Tyler, Chairman of Up North Jobs in Ely, Minnesota he has found the connection to Becky Rom, Vice-Chair of Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, and her arguments on issues are without merit.

• The three year scientific review of the proposed Twin Metals mine was not site specific, the review was not made in connection with the development of a mine and the submission of a connected mine operating plan.
• The USFS study begun by the Obama administration in 2016 was cancelled by the Trump administration in September 2018 because it was immaterial, following the decision by the U.S. District Court in Alaska that Pebble Mine LLC had the right to complete its prefeasibility study and submit an application to receive a mine operating permit.
• The U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Employment & Economic Development and U of Minnesota/Duluth data conclusively demonstrates that the region’s economy would benefit with the development of copper-nickel mines in the Arrowhead region.

The strategy employed by the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters is intended to preemptively quash Twin Metals proposed mine before it can complete its pre-feasibility studies and submit an application to obtain a mine operating permit. Rom is employing the strategy employed by another anti-mining Minnesota based environmental organization that resulted in a moratorium banning mineral exploration in the Superior National Forest for six years.

In 2006, then Forest Supervisor James Sanders briefed Duluth Metals, Twin Metals Minnesota and Encampment Resources, LLC in Duluth, who were seeking mineral exploratory permits to explore in the Superior National Forest (SNF), telling them that if the USFS issued such permits without preparing an Environmental Impact Statement, that the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) intended to file a lawsuit to prevent the issuance of the permits. The USFS then imposed a moratorium banning mineral exploration until an Environmental Impact Study...
Bipartisan support of the repeal of 2015 WOTUS Rule

Bipartisan support was given to the Trump Administration by Minnesota Rep. Pete Stauber (R) and Rep. Collin Peterson (D) in the repeal of an Obama-era clean water regulation, known as the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

“The repeal of WOTUS is one of the most important issues facing my constituents,” said Stauber, a Republican who represents the Eighth Congressional District in northeastern Minnesota. “Therefore, I thank President Trump and [EPA] Administrator [Andrew R.] Wheeler for issuing this final draft rule, marking the beginning of the end for a burdensome power grab affecting Minnesotans across all industries.”

“I have been saying for years that our farmers, ranchers, local transportation departments, and businesses need certainty when it comes to WOTUS. This rule was beyond repair and I strongly support EPA’s announcement to repeal this rule which did nothing but cause confusion in our rural communities,” said Peterson, a Democrat who represents the Seventh Congressional District which covers nearly all of western Minnesota farming country.

Minnesota Miners — a pro-mining Facebook and Twitter group with more than 2,000 Twitter followers including Stauber, several Range-based legislators and mining companies such as PolyMet — posted their approval via social media. “@POTUS Great to see that WOTUS has been done away with and responsible Clean Water regulations have replaced it. Now we need to do the same with the current mine permitting process. @forestservice @BLMNational @EPA need to sit down and reduce the red tape. @Minnesotaminers.

The Obama administration issued the WOTUS rule in 2015 to expand protections under the 1972 Clean Water Act to include smaller streams and wetlands. While environmental groups identified the former administration designed the rule to prevent pollution in 60 percent of the bodies of water across the U.S., Stauber in his recent statement framed the creation of the regulation as a way for the administration to “assert Clean Water Act jurisdiction” and “expand agency control over 60% of our country’s streams and millions of acres of wetlands that were previously non-jurisdictional.”

Anti-mining rhetoric doing more harm than good

One thing Becky Rom of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters never seems to mention is that the sulfur content of the Duluth Complex is less than 2 percent. Compare that to the Flambeau mine in Wisconsin, which was at 30 percent and operated and was reclaimed successfully.

Several years of studies have been done on the Duluth Complex since 1976 with data collected from previous mining stockpile sites. AMAX was one of the first copper mines that did extensive drilling. Much of this was in the Dunka Road area. But Rom and others refuse to acknowledge this data. There has been no great impact to Birch Lake or to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from this low-sulfur ore of the Duluth Complex.

Twin Metals changed its plans for its proposed copper, nickel, and platinum-group metals mine to include dry stacking, a method long pushed by environmental groups. But this apparently wasn’t good enough for Rom, as she opined in an Aug. 16 commentary in the News Tribune, headlined, “Despite company’s positive spin, what was announced was a setback.” Her commentary was in spite of Twin Metals’ extensive tests that show its tailings will be non-acid-generating.

Rom and Save the Boundary Waters say they are not opposed to the PolyMet mining project, but they misuse information from PolyMet’s Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The timeframes in the water models in PolyMet’s impact statement have nothing to do with water treatment and everything to do with ensuring that downstream water resources are protected in the event untreated water leaks offsite. The models were not designed to determine the duration of water treatment.

Extended timeframes of 200 and 500 years were needed in the models to represent the maximum potential impacts at the reference points. The modeling years have no correlation to the years that will be required for actual treatment.

It is true that it is impossible to mine without impact to our landscape. There is a large impact with solar and wind farms as well, which utilize mined minerals in their construction.

The U.S. Forest Service is to make minerals from national forest lands available to the national economy and, at the same time, to minimize the adverse impacts of mining activities on other resources. This is why we will have the NEPA process, or environmental impact assessment process, once Twin Metals submits its proposed mine plan.

The Minerals Policy Act of 1980 clearly states we must simultaneously protect the environment and develop minerals: “The federal government, as a fundamental aspect of national minerals policy, must seek balance between the environmental, health and safety statutes and regulations … and the need to ensure the reliable availability of strategic and critical minerals.”

Rom claimed in her commentary in the News Tribune that “if the Boundary Waters is protected from copper mining, the regional economy will continue to prosper and grow.”

If this was the case, tourism would be booming, and it is not. Actually, with the push for more restrictions and more lawsuits from environmental organizations, visitation to the Boundary Waters has decreased over the past 20 years. A recent report shows the lodging tax numbers are down 14.5 percent for 2019 with August down $12,000, July down $13,000 and June down $5,000.

As we age, fewer people are going into the Boundary Waters, especially young people. We need to introduce them to our great outdoors. All the rhetoric about the possible toxic pollution of the Boundary Waters is doing more harm and keeping people away.

In addition, since the passage of the 1978 BWCA Wilderness Act, which placed more restrictions on the Boundary Waters, and then the downturn of the taconite industry, there have been very few good paying jobs coming to the area. We need more than just seasonal tourism jobs for healthy communities to support our schools and hospitals.

Steve Piragis often says what copper/nickel mining will do to HIS business. Just think what copper/nickel mining would do for all the other businesses in Ely with an increase of population! More business for Zups, Ely Northland Market, Ace Hardware, J&L, Mills, Pengals Basswood Trading, restaurants, etc!

We need to allow Twin Metals to submit its proposed mining plan and go through the multiyear permit process.
**Message from the President**

It’s hard to believe, but it’s been thirty years since the forming of CWCS - Conservationists with Common Sense because of the lawsuit fight over the three truck portages at Trout Lake, Prairie Portage and Four Mile Portage. We were fortunate to keep two of the three portages in operation with the support of our community.

Back then, most cities on the Iron Range signed petitions in support of returning the trucks to the portages. The Ely Chamber and Chambers all across the Range also gave us their support.

They saw the economic impact of fishermen, canoeists and campers to the Boundary Waters, and the importance of the truck portages in allowing access and even dispersing of all those visitors.

There have been several more lawsuits brought about by the Friends of the Boundary Waters and other environmental groups to further restrict motor use of the Boundary Waters. The Forest Service has ignored a court mandate to recalculate permits for the Chain of Lakes. CWCS won in the lawsuit over the South Fowl snowmobile trail and reconfirmed that South Fowl was not in the Boundary Waters. A new snowmobile trail was built. The Forest Service discontinued the lottery permit system this past spring and implemented a disaster of a website. The towboat issue is another lawsuit that seems to have opened a Pandora’s Box of issues to be addressed as indicated at the recent Forest Service open house that turned the towboats in the Boundary Waters issue into broader issues of the entire Superior National Forest.

The US Forest Service needs to have a better process to listen to the concerns of the many groups of people that are tired of more and more restrictions on the access to recreation in our area. Area visitors, area residents as well as the resorts and outfitters and their customers need to have their voices heard. We can’t have every action further restricting the enjoyment of our area, especially with the lack of public input and sound reasoning behind these decisions. CWCS has been in the past, and looks to continue to be, a voice that forces the government to hear your viewpoints.

In February Congressman Stauber had held a roundtable meeting with resort, outfitters and the Forest Service after the online BWCAW permit reservation failure. He returned in May and met with area outfitters to gather input on his proposal to reinstate the lottery system for day use motor permits. Stauber would need help in the Senate to get a bill passed.

Senator Klobuchar’s staff came to Ely and held a closed door session with anti-mining people in early August that did not sit well with supporters of Twin Metals and PolyMet. A few weeks later Senator Smith visited Ely and had a meeting with Twin Metals. I along with several Iron Range legislators, Ely & Babbitt mayors, Up North Jobs and a couple Union representatives were also invited. Dean Debeltz and Julie Padilla gave an informational presentation and Smith asked a lot of good questions. Smith said she was for continuing the two-year study on the land withdrawal, which did not sit well with the union representatives as this will hurt area jobs again.

I have been leading CWCS since 2000, and doing my best to keep people informed about issues of the Boundary Waters and the health of our community. Over the years, I have included information in our newsletters about the copper/nickel mining projects. The concern of mining near the Boundary Waters is valid, and information about how the companies plan to protect the Boundary Waters, its watershed and other waters is very important. There is too much rhetoric from the anti-mining side with claims the mining would harm the Boundary Waters, even though the science says otherwise.

I want to devote more time to the mining issues, so this coming year will be my last as president of CWCS. New leadership is needed to continue the fight for permits and access to the Boundary Waters.

As I eventually step down from my role in leading CWCS, I look forward to seeing others who share our common viewpoints on these important issues to step up to the plate and continue the fight. Area residents, tourists, and recreational businesses depend on common sense remaining in how we manage our resources. Please think of ways how you can help in continuing the task of making sure this voice is being heard.

I have raised my voice on many issues, and I will continue speaking out for a community for which I care deeply.

Sincerely,
Nancy McReady
CWCS President – for one more year

**Importance of mining and School Trust Lands**

All our governor talks about is raising taxes for our schools when we have a billion dollar surplus!

What Minnesota needs to do is acknowledge we are sitting on 4 billion tons of natural resources in copper/nickel to provide jobs for the next several generations! Jobs that will generate revenue for our state! Mining that will be done safely with technology to protect our environment and waters! Mining on School Trust Lands that will generate revenue for ALL Minnesota schools.

Senators Klobuchar and Smith need to stand up to all the anti-mining enviro groups and say this is a balancing act mandated by the 1980 Minerals Policies Act of providing our nation’s minerals for national security, and providing economic development while caring for the environment! We can do both!

We can no longer depend on minerals for our national defense projects from China who threatening to cut off our supplies!

**Another win for PolyMet**

PolyMet reports the Minnesota State Supreme Court declined to hear a petition for review by environmental groups to a lower court decision regarding the state’s nonferrous mining rules. Environmental groups had petitioned the high court for review of a unanimous August 5, 2019 state Court of Appeals decision that upheld nonferrous mining rules administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

“The state has some of the strictest en-
Why camping in the B’dub is dying

by former Ely resident Bob Colombo

I’ve been researching the BWCA and why this pretend wilderness is flat-lining, even shrinking with permitted visits.

The US is coming to grips with issues of immigration, race and shrinking numbers of white nationals. In October of last year, data was released that was a clear indicator of our demographic shift. Either the white birthrate is slowing, or the non-white races are greatly exceeding white birth numbers. Whichever one it is, the effect cannot be stopped. We will adjust and live with it.

Steve Sailor, a gifted writer and provocateur, wrote the following: “For the first time in US history, US citizens fifteen years of age and younger (the newest generation) is now the minority with 49.7% of their demographic. In this age group, the non-white majority was made up of Blacks, Hispanics, Asian, Mulattos, Natives and miscellaneous groups.”

What surprised me most was that Blacks only make up 13% of the total population. So if you’re white and fifteen years old or younger, you are now the minority.

A statistical analysis by Brookings Institute demographer Bill Frey reveals some sobering facts. Since 2010, 96% of all counties in the US have become less white. Over the same time period, the number of whites in America has only grown one tenth of one percent and in five years, this number will actually start to decline. As you read these numbers, keep in mind that none of them include the thirty-million illegals that now live inside our sovereign borders, most of whom are Hispanics and Blacks.

As mentioned, I started out researching statistics about the BWCA and got slightly sidetracked, but all of my findings dovetail into a theory that I will try to logically connect.

Being conservative with the numbers, my own experience tells me that more than 90% of the visitors to the B’dub are white and this is why wilderness camping will slowly die on its own. When you look at USFS data regarding who is using the B’dub, it is juxtaposition to the data provided by Steve Sailor.

Permits and user numbers for the B’dub have held relatively close for the last few years at around 115,000 for all entry points and for all seasons. That’s not very many and this is supposed to be the most visited wilderness in the country. But what’s most telling, are the number for teenagers. Out of 115,000 visits, roughly 12 thousand were teenagers. And remember, in a few years, all white teenagers to age twenty will be a minority for the first time ever.

Two reasons seem to jump out, kids are no longer interested in “roughing it” and the shrinking white populace under 15 years of age is a demographic that is losing its influence and, by default, its’ clout across the American landscape. What’s most damning and a key piece of data from all three USFS surveys (69, 91, and 07) has to do with folks having their first time experience in the B’dub.

It’s critical because it indicates a negative trend for first time paddlers in the border lakes. In 1969, first time paddlers were 30%, in 1991, 12% and in 2007, first time paddlers were only 6%. Clearly this is not good news.

Most striking, the average user was white, had a college degree and a surprising percentage were women only groups. In other words, the market that is being targeted for a wilderness experience is a shrinking market and not a sustainable market. If Becky Rom and her numerous cabals actually wish to save the B’dub “for our children”, they need to point their marketing department towards non-whites, a market that is actually growing, and includes the global adventure tourism market, especially from the Asia/Pacific regions. If they don’t do this, then the B’dub could become a ghost wilderness where few if any people care to spend their time; then again, this could be their end game - no people at all.

In a few months, the US will engage in the 2020 census and I and a few good friends agree that Ely will probably drop below 3,000 inhabitants. When the last underground mine closed in Ely in the mid-60s, the population hovered around 6,000. For a few decades, Ely survived pretty well since hundreds of miners didn’t move from Ely but car-pooled to various mines on the east Range. But as they became old-timers, retired and died off, the city saw a continuing exodus of young people and today our population is about half of what it was.

We are crying for help, reaching out, praying for another anchor industry to give Ely another hundred years of sustainable stability and we see it in new mining ventures. But the anti-mining folks, wealthy elitists from across our country are fighting with outrageous lies about the new mining opportunity that would save the Arrowhead of Minnesota including Duluth. To no one’s surprise, it is these anti-mining folks who get heard while we get scorned. But the scientific statistics and hard data don’t lie. It’s the science they often talk of.

If I’ve done anything at all, I’ve shown a reshuffling of the US demographic. The data also takes the edge off their ageless battle cry “it’s for our children,” as if using the phrase was reason alone to protect the wilderness. Sorry, but today’s kids want little to do with a wilderness experience. The data shows that.

Our kids want jobs and security, but our town is dying. The data shows that.

The wilderness experience has never been specifically targeted to minorities or international adventure seekers. The data shows that.

The US white population in our youngest generation age group is now the minority. The data shows that.

The targeted wilderness demographic is shrinking. The data shows that.

This generational group could care less about the wilderness experience. The data shows that.

The average age of the wilderness user is going up, mid-forties now, yet the wilderness is as unforgiving as ever. The data shows that.

How many B’dub extractions did the USFS make due to death or serious injury, somewhere the USFS will have that data and when they publish it, it should be interesting.

Our new neighbors, PolyMet, Twin Metals and Teck have the full support of Range communities. The data shows that.

In the meantime, we fight.
What/Who brought about the 234,000-acre land withdrawal?

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was conducted. The moratorium was not lifted until September 2012, almost six years after the prospecting permits were first denied.

Rom and several of her anti-mining supporters continued with their efforts to pre-emptively quash Twin Metals proposed mining project and made arrangements to meet in Washington with USFS and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials. On September 8, 2014 Rom emailed the office of Janice Schneider, then Assistant Secretary for Land & Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, writing:

“As you know, many of us in Minnesota are encouraging the BLM and Interior Department, as well as she US Forest Service and US Department of Agriculture to study and carefully consider the full range of negative impacts that would result from sulfide-ore mining (copper, nickel, platinum, and palladium) now being proposed for the Superior National Forest in Minnesota . . . . ” We would like to request a meeting with Assistant Secretary Janice Schenider”.

“In addition, we would like to discuss proposed extensions of two federal leases held by Twin Metals. Our attorneys from Jenner & Block will attend the meeting with me.” “We believe that it would be helpful for the Assistant Secretary to hear from the members of the public about concerns of the Twin Metals mine proposal . . . .”

Rom’s lobbying in Washington directly led to the Obama administration denying renewal of Twin Metals leases in December 2016, and in January 2017 to the proposed withdrawal for a 20 year term of 234,000 acres of National Forest System lands in the Rainy River Watershed of the Superior National Forest.

Emails from Senator Amy Klobuchar to then-Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, published by The Wall Street Journal, criticized the withdrawal process and the political motivations driving the Obama Administration’s decision-making. More troubling, Klobuchar evidently believed that the EIS was started with a predetermined conclusion that the withdrawal be for the maximum period allowed under law. Klobuchar’s emails suggest that the Obama Administration misled Congress while acting in the interests of unnamed “activists” to initiate a bad faith environmental review designed to reach a predetermined outcome.

Klobuchar specifically identified comments to that effect made by then DOI Secretary Sally Jewell, who had deep ties to the outdoor recreation industry which opposed the mineral leases at issue. Yet Klobuchar did nothing to stop the Obama Administration or to inform her constituents.

Rom claims the region would perform dramatically better as to jobs and income without copper mining

Becky Rom claims tourism can sustain our communities. Tourism isn’t now and never has been the engine driving the region’s economy. Mining has been conducted in Northeastern Minnesota for 130 years and has supported our schools with production taxes and royalties, and contributed to job creation in mining related industries. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development found that the average annual wage for a northeastern Minnesota mining job in 2018 was $99,009, while the average tourism industry wage in northeastern Minnesota was $22,412.

Ely’s economy began to decline with the closing of the area’s last iron ore mine, the Pioneer Mine, in 1967. At that time the enrollment in the Ely School District was 1775. Enrollment today is about 550. The population of Ely then was about 5,400.

Ely’s population today is 3,450.

A logical and compelling argument cannot be made that copper-nickel mining, or even the prospect of such mining, harmed our economy. Rather, it is the lack of well-paying jobs that is contributing to the decline of the region’s economy.

In 2017 Minnesota’s median household income was $68,388. The medium household income of Iron Range Cities was much less than the state of Minnesota as a whole. Ely’s median household income for the same year was $35,288, just 52% of that of the state; Virginia, $35,150, 51%; Babbitt, $42,417, 62% and Hibbing, $44,659, 65% of the state as a whole.

Poverty data statistics point to the decline of the region’s economy. In 2012, the St. Louis County poverty rate was 16%, 10% highest in the state, while Minnesota’s poverty rate was 11.2%. By 2014, the St. Louis County poverty rate had risen to 17%.

In 2015, Minnesota’s poverty rate was 10.2% while the poverty rate in St. Louis County had declined slightly to 16%. Duluth’s poverty rate was an appalling 21.5%, and Hibbing, 18.4%.

In 2016, Minnesota’s poverty rate was estimated to be 9.9%, while the St. Louis County poverty rate had declined to an estimated 13.4%.

Mining supporters recognize that tourism is an important part of our region’s economy but contends that it will not sustain our economy. At one time there was passenger train service to Ely and airline flight service by Mesabi Air Lines. Neither is available today. Four grocery stores served Ely, today only two. Two lumber yards served Ely, today one. Our hospital offers medical care, but today Ely’s only bakery and the Kess Art Gallery. The Bowling Alley has closed its doors this spring, as well as Shopko and the Family Dollar store. Three consignment shops have closed. Wells Fargo Bank sold their drive-in banking facility. These are not signs of a thriving economy.

The Twin Metals mining project will generate significant tax and royalty revenue on School Trust Lands supporting state and local government, and the education of 950,000 Minnesota students. The mine is projected to employ 700 people and create 1,400 jobs in mining related industries. The Twin Metals mining project will generate significant tax and royalty revenue on School Trust Lands supporting state and local government, and the education of 950,000 Minnesota students. The mine is projected to employ 700 people and create 1,400 jobs in mining related industries. Wilderness visitors and natural resource based industries are the foundations that built Northeastern Minnesota.

Becky Rom is campaigning to conduct or complete still another unneeded Environmental Impact Statement study and a moratorium banning mineral development in the Superior National Forest while the study is conducted. What is needed is the support of the legal and regulatory process and allow Twin Metals Minnesota to complete their studies and submit their application to obtain a mining operating permit. By working together we can continue to protect our clean water and offer jobs that enhance the economies of our region’s communities.
Ottawa approves EA for Treasury Metals’ Goliath Gold project

Treasury Metals’ Goliath gold mine was given approval to move forward in August by the Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna.

Exploration began in 2008 and the federal EA process began in 2015. The environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed open-pit and underground mine and mill project has been completed. The project won’t cause any adverse impact to the environment and can proceed to development.

Goliath Gold is located 12 ½ miles east of Dryden in northwestern Ontario. This is about 200 miles northeast of Atikokan.

In a news release, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency concluded “that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects when mitigation measures are taken into account.”

The future mine is 2 ½ miles northwest of the village of Wabigoon and is one mile north of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Goliath Gold is a big win for the Dryden area. There could be as many as 450 construction jobs and 250 permanent jobs when commercial operations begin in 2021.

“Today’s decision is based on scientific evidence, consultations with the public and Indigenous groups, and collaboration with experts,” said McKenna in a statement.

“The project will create good jobs in the community, and is also subject to binding conditions to protect the environment. By working together, we can make sure the environment and the economy go hand in hand.”

Goliath Gold is in the very same Rainy River Watershed as the proposed Twin Metals copper/nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota.

Goliath Gold and Rainy River Mines are both in the very same Rainy River Watershed as the proposed Twin Metals copper/nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota.

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Thank you to all who bought CWCS raffle tickets for this year’s CWCS raffle.

This year’s winners are:
Richard (Dickie) Havercamp, former Elyite now from Cohasset, MN won the $2,500 Arrow Halbakken from Ely won the Fortune Bay Stay and Leech Lake Fillet Knife
Steve Groteboer from Ely won the Birch Bark framed print

Congratulations to all!
Call to action

Please take a moment to contact both Senators’ offices by phone and/or email.
1. Let them know this mineral development moratorium provision is unnecessary.
2. Ask them to withdraw their support for this unnecessary and false provision immediately.
3. Remind them there is a solid process in place, and they should support the process.

When the last-minute Obama administration withdrawal proposal was rescinded by the Trump administration, we all applauded that action. This proposal to go back to a moratorium on mineral development is completely unnecessary and very disappointing.

Regardless of what was or was not completed in a previous study, there is NO need to once again segregate minerals and prevent all mineral development from moving forward! All this does is chase investment away from Minnesota.

Betty McCollum of Minnesota’s 4th Congressional District has led the charge for a new environmental review of how mining for copper, nickel and other precious metals could affect the Rainy River watershed. She has found allies in Minnesota Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith.

Use the email and phone contact information below.

Senator Tina Smith
Email: pete_wyckoff@smith.senate.gov Phone: (202) 224-5641
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Email: brian_werner@klobuchar.senate.gov Phone: (202) 224-3244

Comments about issues outfitters and resorts had and other commercial services. Many comments were about issues the Forest Service has ignored to address.

Issues includes:
• Outfitter guides, special use permit information
• Commercial services to disperse canoes
• The court mandated recalculation of permits for the Chain of Lakes
• The maintenance of Four Mile Portage as a wheel portage to Hoist Bay of Basswood Lake.
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