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Comments: I am in favor of a 20-year withdrawal from the federal mineral leasing program of 234,328 acres of Superior National Forest lands in the Rainy River Drainage Basin. We have no assurance that the proposed mining project will not cause irreparable harm to the health and environment of people and wildlife in northern Minnesota. Indeed, history suggests the exact opposite. While I sympathize with those who might benefit from such a project, the gains are not nearly worth the potential losses. Perhaps 20 years hence, we may have a better understanding of how to safely extract minerals from such a priceless landscape.