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Comments: I think mining or the idea of mining in, around, or near the BWCA has to be completely eliminated. Mining has extremely adverse impacts to the ecosystem and the pristine nature of the BWCA. Stop the mining altogether.

Secondly, permits need to be cut significantly. There are WAY too many travelers, and I am noticing on social media the significant amount of newcomers that have no prior knowledge of leave no trace, back country etiquette, and cell phone towers are creating more and more people coming because of the ease of feeling at home. Limit the number of permits significantly. Those who want to enjoy the ruggedness and remoteness of the wilderness will still come.

Third, completely stop the use of towboats and any motorized boat in the BWCA. This is also having noise pollution and gas/oil pollution issues in our waters.

Please take these comments seriously when considering your plan. There are many of us who use this park and are sick and tired of the crowds, the vast number of people around, and the trash left behind by those who are weekenders and have no respect for the remote wilderness.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these comments and requests.