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Comments: The Superior National Forest is a vital resource for Northern Minnesota and beyond. We have the obligation to balance responsible use of its resources with long-term conservation and protection.

I'm urge you to keep the SNF an active, industrial, and working forest. Logging and mineral development can play a crucial role in achieving this. By harvesting healthy trees, foresters can contribute to our economy and maintain good paying jobs for the next generation of Minnesotans. And, by removing diseased and overcrowded trees, foresters can responsibly promote healthier growth and create vital firebreaks and contribute to slowing the spread of wildfires. Clean and safe mineral development can help us extract the minerals we need to achieve the clean energy the current administration is calling for.

Responsible logging reduces the intensity of wildfires, like the devastating Canadian wildfires of 2021, which crossed the border and impacted the Superior National Forest. The devastating air quality issues last summer from Canadian wildfires are already back in Minnesota again this week. Keeping SNF open to logging is a both an economic and health benefit to every Minnesotan. Controlled logging ensures a better future for us and for the Superior National Forest.