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Comments: Appropriating the Boundary Waters into federally protected status would resolve much of the apparently relentless refusal of private businesses to invade the area. Despite massive, persistent and consistent public outcry, accompanied by expert testimony illustrating the multiple severe dangers of widespread toxic contamination, Boundary Waters remains besieged by corporate assaults which are deaf to any arguments other than greed.

However, let it be said that even federal lands have been under similar "financial" pressure to lease, sell or "loan" their territories to corporate degradation. Federal protection is an important and welcome next step for Boundary Waters. It is not, by any means, final. Persistent vigilance to avoid permanent poisoning of our planet's rapidly dwindling water supply is critical.