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U.S. Forest Service and
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Re: Minerals Withdrawal

I am writing to voice my support for a thorough impact study of the copper sulfide mining proposal for the northern Minnesota watershed and sub-watershed areas. Just from reading information available, it is impossible to believe this type of mining would be found to be "safe" in any region adjacent to such a large watershed area. I understand the demand for the sulfides and other minerals by our society, but utmost consideration must be given to maintaining pristine natural areas, especially in close proximity to ground waters. It would be my hope that the possibility of such mining would be restricted forever.

With our current Administration determined to wipe out so many climate and environmental laws put in place to protect our Country from irreversible pollution problems, I would hope all possible efforts be made to prove the resulting devastation should this mining be allowed. The long-term problems are of no concern to the companies, investors, politicians, etc. making the money from these projects, and it will be too late for those who enjoyed short-term employment with the promise of "safe" mining to realize this never should have been allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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