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Statement on Emmer/Nolan Amendment

ELY, MN – Today, Representatives Tom Emmer and Rick Nolan introduced [an amendment](#) that would undermine protections for the Boundary Waters.

Statement from Alex Falconer, Campaign Manager for Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters:

“For the past 19 months, the U.S. Forest Service has been studying the harmful impacts of sulfide-ore copper mining on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and within the Superior National Forest. This critical study, necessary for the Boundary Waters Wilderness and the communities that depend on it, is nearly complete.

The public has been heavily involved in this study; of the more than 200,000 comments that have been submitted, 98.2% urge the protection of the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining.

On a day when a major candidate for Congress comes out with an [ad calling for protecting the Boundary Waters](#), Tom Emmer and Rick Nolan, who is running for Lieutenant Governor, introduced this anti-Boundary Waters amendment that benefits a foreign mining giant over the 70% of Minnesotans who support protection of the Wilderness. The Boundary Waters is too important risk.”