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Boundary Waters Advocates to Rally in Support of the Wilderness

Supporters of the Boundary Waters Wilderness will hold rallies asking Minnesota Congressmen to support the science-based environmental review currently underway to determine the future of this national treasure.

Duluth, MN - Tomorrow, supporters of the Boundary Waters Wilderness will hold rallies outside of the offices of Representatives Tom Emmer and Rick Nolan, calling on them to join the overwhelming majority of Minnesotans who support the ongoing environmental review process to decide whether the Boundary Waters should be protected from the threat of sulfide-ore copper mining. This study will allow for the best available science and public input to determine the future of the Boundary Waters Wilderness.

These rallies come in response to the decision by Representatives Rick Nolan and Tom Emmer to bring anti-public lands politicians Paul Gosar (AZ-04) and Bruce Westerman (AR-04) to Minnesota to push for a sulfide-ore copper mine at the doorstep to Minnesota's Boundary Waters Wilderness. Reps. Gosar and Westerman are leaders of an [anti-public lands caucus](#) that has been a driving force behind efforts to weaken protections for National Parks and privatize public lands. At a [press conference](#) these politicians made clear they are trying to make an end-run around the public process already in place.

This summer over 74,000 people [spoke up](#) to ask the US Forest Service to conduct the environmental review currently underway. The efforts by these Representatives would overturn not just the will of those that commented to the Forest Service but also the [79](#)

[percent](#) of Minnesotans-- including 70 percent in Rep. Nolan's district-- that support the continuation of the study. The environmental review is based on the best available science and public input to guide a rigorous study process that is used to protect other national treasures like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon.

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Information on the rallies

Representative Nolan Rally:

When: Friday, June 23 from 12-12:30 p.m.

Where: Rep. Nolan's [district office](#) at 11 Superior Street E, Duluth, MN.

Representative Emmer Rally:

When: Friday June 23: 3:00pm-3:30 p.m.

Where: Rep. Emmer's [district office](#) at 9201 Quaday Avenue NE, Suite 206, Otsego, MN.