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**In response to President Trump's remarks on opening the Superior National Forest up to sulfide-ore copper mining, the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters issues the following statement from Doug Niemela, National Campaign Manager:**

"President Trump's comments fly in the face of 70% of Minnesotans who are opposed to this dangerous type of mining near the priceless Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Sulfide-ore copper mining near the Boundary Waters poses an immediate threat to thousands of jobs across a wide variety of industries that rely on the Wilderness. It would irreparably damage the Boundary Waters and pollute some of the cleanest water in the world. Americans will lose its canoe country heritage forever."

[A 2017 economic study](#) shows that sulfide-ore copper mining in the Boundary Waters watershed would cost the Arrowhead economy:

- **Diverse & Growing Industries:** 5,066 to 22,791 lost jobs and between \$402 million and \$1.6 billion in lost annual income if sulfide-ore copper mining suppresses or reverses over all amenity-based growth at the heart of the Arrowhead's recovery since the early 1980s.
- **Travel & Tourism:** \$288 million in lost annual visitor spending that would support, 4,490 local jobs, \$76 million in residents' income, \$31 million in state and local taxes, and \$181 million in proprietor's income and business-to-business transactions.
- **Property Value:** \$509 million in lost property value—a one-time drop in asset value should sulfide-ore mining be allowed in the Boundary Waters watershed that will spawn annual reductions in local property tax revenue throughout the region.

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