



MINERAL WITHDRAWAL CRA

MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH: Congress Was Not Properly Notified of the Mineral Withdrawal

FACT: Contrary to Rep. Stauber's testimony, **former Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, notified Congress nearly three years ago** when she issued PLO 7917. **This included a formal notice letter directly to Rep. Stauber.**

- In addition to the order being published in the Federal Register, House and Senate natural resources committee chairs and the entire Minnesota congressional delegation **received letters notifying them of the withdrawal.**
- **Secretary Haaland satisfied every procedure prescribed under FLPMA Section 204** for effectuating administrative withdrawals, including congressional notification and comprehensive reporting.

MYTH: Mining near the Boundary Waters Will Benefit the Local Economy

FACT: Mining would destroy far more jobs than it would create. A peer-reviewed study showed that mining would negatively impact the regional economy. The study estimated that, compared to a mining-based economy over a 20-year period, **the existing, outdoor-based economy results in:**

- **1,500-4,600 more jobs;**
- **\$100-900 million more total income.**

FACT: The outdoor recreation economy generates \$13.5 billion annually for the state of Minnesota, most of which centers around the Boundary Waters, while extractive industries (including timber, sand & gravel, and mining) generate only \$1.2 billion for the state.

FACT: This mine would not employ local residents. David Ulrich, a spokesman for Twin Metals, has said that local residents do not have the technical skills to work in its mine, and **employees would be sourced from elsewhere.**

MYTH: This Mine Will Help Meet U.S. Demand for Critical Minerals

FACT: Mining here will not benefit the American people or American interests.

- If the CRA passes, the Administration would immediately issue leases to a subsidiary of the **Chilean mining company, Antofagasta.** This foreign company already has contracts in place with **no-cost, state-owned smelters in China.**
- **Antofagasta will ship any ore concentrates mined in Minnesota directly to China for processing,** where the copper will be used to support Chinese mineral and energy dominance.

MYTH: Placing a Mine Here Would Not Pollute the Boundary Waters

FACT: There has not been a **single instance** of a sulfide-ore copper mine operating without polluting nearby waters.

FACT: The mining company, Antofagasta, has a track record of pollution. Just weeks ago, Chile's environmental regulator fined the company \$775,000 for failing to comply with water quality monitoring regulations at its Centinela mine in northern Chile.