



Protect the watershed of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from proposed **toxic copper mining**.

The Boundary Waters is America's most visited Wilderness

The Boundary Waters is an irreplaceable landscape of clean water, wildlife, and outdoor heritage that is now threatened by toxic copper mining. It must be protected for its:



Natural beauty and adventure: 1.1 million acres of lakes, rivers, wetlands, and boreal forests that draw 165,000 visitors each year.



Pristine water: The Wilderness is known for its clean water and is home to 20% of the freshwater in the U.S. National Forest System.



Ecological importance: Habitat for wolves, moose, loons, lynx, otters, walleye, lake trout, and more.



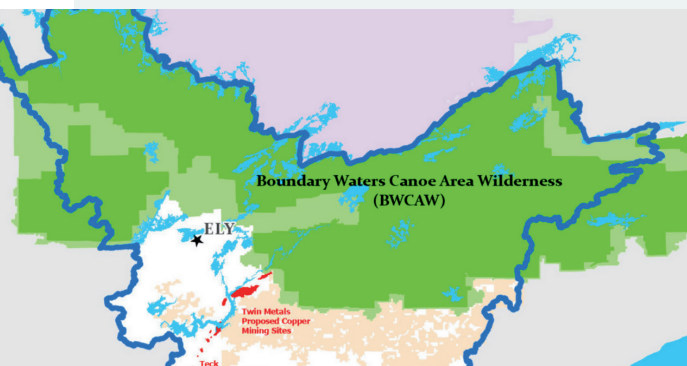
Economic strength: The Boundary Waters supports a \$1.1 billion outdoor recreation economy in Northeastern Minnesota.



Unique character: Designation as both a Dark Sky Sanctuary and Wilderness Quiet Park.



The Boundary Waters lies along the border of Northeastern Minnesota and Canada, where the water flows north through Quetico Provincial and Voyageurs National Parks, eventually draining into Hudson Bay.



Toxic copper-nickel mining threatens the Boundary Waters

Twin Metals, owned by foreign mining giant Antofagasta, wants to build a **toxic sulfide-ore copper mine upstream of the Boundary Waters**, directly threatening the Wilderness.



Not this mine. Not this place.

Unlike Minnesota's legacy of iron and taconite mining, sulfide-ore copper mining has **never been done in Minnesota** and **never been done safely anywhere**. Every copper mine has polluted waterways with sulfuric acid, heavy metals, and toxins.



Protecting the Boundary Waters is good for Minnesota's economy

\$1.1 billion

dollar regional tourism economy

17,000 jobs

in guiding, lodges, small businesses, camps, and outdoor programs

Statewide, outdoor recreation contributes **\$13.5 billion annually to Minnesota's economy**—dwarfing the \$1.2 billion from extractive industries like mining.

We must permanently protect the Boundary Waters.

The Boundary Waters belongs to everyone. Protecting it means safeguarding clean water, wildlife, healthy communities, and a shared Wilderness legacy for generations to come.



Take action for the Boundary Waters:
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AMERICA'S MOST TOXIC INDUSTRY

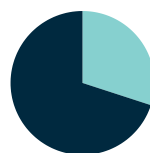
Sulfide-ore copper mining is the **nation's most polluting industry**. Every copper mine has polluted waterways with sulfuric acid, heavy metals, and toxins. If the Twin Metals mine were built, it could pollute the clean water, harm fish and wildlife, and change the Wilderness forever.



When waste rock containing sulfide bearing minerals is exposed to air and water, it creates sulfuric acid.

The proposed Twin Metals mine would generate an enormous amount of waste rock compared to the metals it would actually produce. The ore in this region, called the Duluth Complex, is low-grade, containing roughly 1% metals, of which less than 0.2% is nickel or cobalt. That means about 99% of the material dug up would be waste rock. When dug up and exposed to air and water, this waste rock produces sulfuric acid, leaching heavy metals and toxins into miles of interconnected lakes and streams that would flow into the Boundary Waters. Once that happens, it's almost impossible to clean up.

BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROTECTING THE WILDERNESS



70% of Minnesotans **oppose** copper mining near the Wilderness.



Recent federal public comment process, **675,000+ people** weighed in—with **98% calling for permanent protection**.

Save the Boundary Waters,

led by Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness (NMW), is dedicated to permanently protecting the Boundary Waters, and greater Quetico-Superior region, from toxic sulfide-ore copper mining. Our work includes:

- LITIGATION**
- POLITICAL ADVOCACY**
- SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**
- PUBLIC EDUCATION**
- ADVENTURE ADVOCACY**

Protecting the Boundary Waters takes people power — spreading the word, pushing decision-makers to act, and keeping this Wilderness wild for generations to come.

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TAKE ACTION



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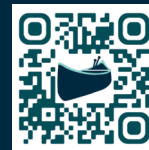
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