



We Can't Risk a **NATIONAL TREASURE**

1) America's Most Visited Wilderness

More than 250,000 people visit the Boundary Waters Canoe Area each year. The Boundary Waters comprises 1.1 million acres of wilderness and includes 237.5 miles of overnight hiking trails, 1,200 miles of canoe and kayak routes and 2,000 designated campsites. It's the largest wilderness area east of the Rockies and north of the Everglades.

2) Three Valuable Wild Places Threatened

Sulfide-ore copper mining would pollute vulnerable waterways, including those within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park, and Voyageurs National Park. These areas are critical habitat for one federally threatened species (lynx), one recently de-listed endangered species (wolf), and one species of special concern to the State of Minnesota (moose).

3) History of Protection

In 1964 the Wilderness Act set aside the Boundary Waters as a protected area, and in 1978 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act banned mining in the Wilderness and on 22,000 acres outside the Boundary Waters but in its watershed. Today the southern border is still vulnerable. We must continue this legacy of protection.

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