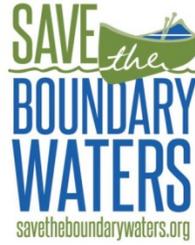


Dear Oak Grove,

We have to share this with you right away: **federal agencies just protected the Boundary Waters**



from the proposed Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mine by not renewing the expired mineral leases right on the edge of the Wilderness.

In addition, the agencies announced a comprehensive environmental review to determine whether the watershed of the Boundary Waters is the wrong place for sulfide-ore copper mining and should be removed from the federal mining program altogether.

This is such great news! Tell Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken that you support this decision to protect the Boundary Waters, and they should too.

Today's decision effectively halts the Twin Metals sulfide-ore copper mining project proposed on the edge of the Wilderness. **And the environmental review will determine whether to protect the watershed of the Boundary Waters from this risky type of mining.** The review is a comprehensive watershed level analysis that will look at the value of the land and water, including their economic, social and cultural importance.

Let's be clear: the fight to protect this beloved canoe country doesn't end here. This is a strong first step, but does not guarantee permanent protection for the Boundary Waters. Multinational mining companies are already gearing up for their next move to build mines on the edge of the Wilderness.

Nevertheless, this is a moment to celebrate. Today's good news comes thanks to the more than 74,000 of you who spoke up during the 30-day public input period this summer, thousands of you that have made a donation, and the strength of this growing coalition of businesses, sportsmen, veterans, and conservationists who have joined the movement to protect the Boundary Waters.

Elected officials need to know that there is broad public support for the actions of the agency today to protect the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining, **that's why we're asking you to send a message to Senators Klobuchar and Franken today** ([click here](https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/take-action/protect-bwca-mn) or go to <https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/take-action/protect-bwca-mn>)

We are preparing for what will be an even bigger effort to finally win permanent protection for this national treasure. And we're counting on you to continue to take action, talk to friends and neighbors, attend events, donate money, and do whatever else you can.

Thanks again for all you do for the Boundary Waters,

Becky Rom
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