

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
B.W.C.A.W. MINERAL MANAGEMENT CORRIDOR

Division of Minerals
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1. In recognition of the BWCAW as an unique area of surpassing scenic beauty and solitude, the Department of Natural Resources has established procedures whereby certain state lands in the proximity to the BWCAW are not offered for leasing. The state-owned lands withdrawn from mineral leasing are within areas meeting one or more of the following criteria:
- a. Small surface watersheds that flow directly into the BWCAW,
 - b. Within one-quarter of a mile of the BWCAW boundary, or
 - c. Principal recreational entrances and travel corridors entering the BWCAW
- These areas are identified on the map as the BWCAW Mineral Management Corridor (MMC).
2. Leasing of state-owned mineral rights within the MMC will be considered only if either of the following circumstances arise:
- a. A mineral deposit is discovered adjacent to the MMC that trends into the MMC. Mining would be allowed only by underground methods and the mine entrance would be located on lands outside the MMC; or
 - b. A mineral deposit is discovered within the MMC through exploration conducted on privately-owned mineral interests where the state also is the owner of an undivided interest in the minerals, and where the private mineral owner has rights which may be exercised under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 560. It is recommended that mining be allowed only by underground methods and the mine entrance be located on lands outside the MMC.

