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Date: February 28, 2013

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List
Other Interested Parties

From: Ronald Wieland, Environmental Planner
Environmental Policy and Review Section
DNR – Division of Ecological and Water Resources

Re: Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development
Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with a proposed project called Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development in St. Louis County to create public recreation and camping amenities, including campsites, camper cabins, group campsites, sanitation buildings, and a new public water access. Future development may include a visitor center, additional camping areas, trails, play areas and supporting infrastructure.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on March 4, 2013, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from March 4 to April 3, 2013. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401;
- MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155;
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802;
- MDNR Northeast Regional Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744;
- Ely Public Library, 30 S 1st Avenue East, Ely, MN 55731;
- MDNR Tower Area Office, 650 Highway 169, Tower, MN 55790; and
- Soudan Underground Mine State Park, PO Box 335, 1379 Stuntz Bay Road, Soudan, MN 55782.

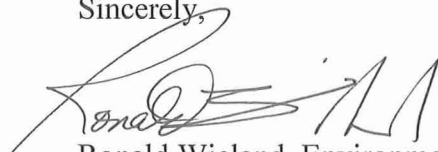
The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov. (Click on "Public Input", then under the "Environmental Review" scroll-down list select "Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development EAW").



Written comments on the EAW must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 to the attention of Ronald Wieland, Environmental Review Planner, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "LV-SUMSP EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811.

For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Wieland". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and "W".

Ronald Wieland, Environmental Planner
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Attachment: Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine State Park Development
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