

Effective Commenting



Public participation in the form of commenting and input is an important part of the state environmental review process. The comments that will have greatest impact on the Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) for the proposed Tamarack Mining Project will be clear, specific and substantive. Comments that include questions or solution-oriented positions with supporting examples are most effective. Below are some examples of the kinds of comments that a Responsible Government Unit considers for potential revisions to the scope of analysis in the EIS. All comments are expected to be presented respectfully.

To review the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (SEAW) and DSDD, please visit the [Tamarack Mining Project EIS webpage](#).

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LESS IMPACTFUL

These comments are **more likely** to influence the scope.

- Reasonably questions the accuracy of information in the SEAW or the DSDD.
- Reasonably questions the methodology or assumptions used in the environmental analysis.
- Presents new information or potential impacts not proposed in the DSDD.
- Provides specific information to show that environmental impacts have not been adequately addressed.
- Introduces new specific data that could inform one or more of the impacts or alternatives.
- Suggests possible mitigation measures not already included in the proposal.
- Proposes feasible alternatives not already analyzed in the DSDD.

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- Does not relate to the environmental analysis of the project.
- Simply supports or opposes proposed project.
- Agrees or disagrees with information in the SEAW or DSDD without reasonable justification or supporting data.
- Does not say why an impact should undergo further assessment.
- Poses vague questions about impacts or alternative.

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What are the ways I can make a public comment?

You can comment on the scoping documents three different ways. All comments are considered equally regardless of how you submit.

The comment period opens 12 p.m. on July 14, 2026 and closes at 4 p.m. on September 14, 2026.



Verbal at the Public Meeting

Two public input meetings will be held in August, both from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The first is on August 5, 2026 at McGregor High School, near the project site. The second is on August 12, 2026 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. At each meeting, you may sign up to give a public verbal comment for a set amount of time. All verbal comments will be recorded by a stenographer, who will also be available during the Open House to record comments privately.



Electronically on DNR's Commenting Form

Online comments can be submitted electronically via DNR's Public Comment Form or by scanning the QR code.



Written via Mail

If you want to submit a letter, you can upload the letter via the portal or via U.S. Mail to the Project Manager.

Tamarack EAW Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Rd, St Paul, MN 55155

All comments will become part of the official record and as such may be made available for public review. Comments and submittals will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

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