

Rules for Talon EIS Scoping Meeting:

To facilitate this public meeting, DNR intends to create a limited public forum* on the interior of the venue.

Interior/Exterior Grounds

- Venue Grounds are reserved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- Public attendees may arrive on-site no earlier than 3pm
- The interior will be open to the public at 5pm
- Demonstrations are permitted on the exterior venue grounds provided they are safe and do not disturb entry into the meeting
- Public distribution of materials may only occur on the exterior venue grounds
- No interior venue demonstrations or distribution of material are allowed

Rules for Public Commenters

- **Time limits:** Speakers each receive a maximum of **three minutes**
- **Time-sharing:** Individuals may not register for other people. People selected to speak may yield their time to another speaker
- **One-time speaking:** Speakers must be present to speak. Speakers may only comment once during designated public comment sessions

Rules for Attendee Behavior

- **Respect Shared Space:** The venue may be in use by other groups, including youth groups, at the same time. Please respect shared space and audiences. Do not interfere with others visiting or working at the site.
- **No disruptions:** Disruptive cheering, booing, clapping, whistling, noise-makers and loud outbursts are prohibited. Passion is welcomed; disruption is not.
- **Device restrictions:** Mobile phones must be placed on silent or vibrate before entering the main room.
- **Signs and banners:** Large placards, flags, or signs (larger than 8.5"x11") that block views or create safety hazards are banned.
- **Seating compliance:** Audience members must remain seated unless actively approaching the microphone during their allotted comment period.

Prohibited Speech and Conduct

- **Personal attacks:** Directing insults, slander, or derogatory remarks at individuals is forbidden
- Address ideas, not individuals. (We'd like to hear ideas, but not personal attacks.)

Enforcement Powers

- **Warning:** The facilitator will issue an initial verbal warning if a rule is broken.
- **Terminating time:** The facilitator has the authority to mute the microphone and stop a speaker's time instantly.
- **Expulsion:** Employees and the facilitator can order any individual willfully violating the decorum policy to leave the premises.
- **Law enforcement:** Employees and the facilitator may direct law enforcement officers to physically remove non-compliant individuals.

*The DNR creates a limited public forum when it opens a space for expressive public discussion on specific topics, and subject to specific reasonable limitations.