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Subject: Mineral Leases in Northern Mn.

Sirs:

I am sending this as my input to the recent publication of the sale of mineral leases for non-ferrous metal mining.

My statement is that I do not believe we should sell any leases for non-ferrous metals in Minnesota. There has never been an instance where this type of mining has not led to irreversible environmental damage. The the toxic byproducts of non-ferrous mining have never been adequately treated and there is not proof that this will not be the case in Minnesota. These byproducts have led to environmental disasters wherever this mining has occurred.

In addition, the economic value of these mines is not yet proven. New mining techniques have been automated to the point where only a small work force is required so the argument creating jobs is a weak one.

Please list this message as a comment opposed to leasing public lands in Minnesota for non-ferrous metal exploration and mining.

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