



Boundary Waters Business Coalition

Local, state, regional and national businesses support permanent protection for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from risky sulfide-ore copper mining proposed on the edge of this world-class Wilderness.



The Boundary Waters Business Coalition includes hundreds of small businesses, outfitters, manufacturing companies, hunting and fishing businesses and others that rely on and support this world-class Wilderness for employment and quality of life. The Boundary Waters is the crown jewel of Minnesota, the most visited Wilderness Area in the country and a special place for millions of Americans who love hunting, fishing, paddling and outdoor recreation. This is no place for sulfide-ore copper mining.



Minnesota's strong and growing outdoor recreation economy: **\$11.6 billion annually** in consumer spending and **118,000 direct jobs** statewide. Sales at hospitality and leisure businesses in Minnesota **grew 49%** from 2003-2013. (Outdoor Industry Association)



The Boundary Waters and Voyageurs National Park help drive the economy of Northeastern Minnesota, where tourism supports nearly **17,000 jobs** and brings **\$850 million** in sales annually to the region. (Explore Minnesota)



Minnesota's strong hunting and fishing tradition. Minnesota **ranks 7th nationally** in spending by sportsmen and women: MN hunters and anglers spend **\$3.17 billion** and support **47,901 jobs** annually. (Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)



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