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## **Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue Confirms Boundary Waters Watershed Environmental Review Process Will Continue**

**Ely, MN** -Today, during a meeting of the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue confirmed that the environmental impact study on banning sulfide-ore copper mining in the Boundary Waters watershed will proceed.

**Statement from Co-Chair of Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters Jason Zabokrtsky:** “The Boundary Waters Wilderness is a world-class hunting and fishing destination that is sacred to many generations of Minnesotans. We thank Secretary Perdue for recognizing it as a national treasure worthy of protection. By allowing the ongoing environmental review process to continue, it ensures that any decision made regarding the future of the Boundary Waters Wilderness will be based on the best available science and public input. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is grateful for Mr. Perdue’s leadership on this issue and we commend his commitment to a fact-based environmental review process in determining whether or not the Boundary Waters watershed is the wrong place for sulfide-ore copper mining.

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Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters was formed to help gain permanent protection for the Boundary Waters. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is also supported by more than 250 local and national businesses and its sister organization the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters. Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is led by the Boundary Waters Trust. More information available at [SportsmenfortheBoundaryWaters.org](http://SportsmenfortheBoundaryWaters.org).