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Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters statement on Reinstatement of Twin Metals Leases

On May 2nd, 2018, the Department of Interior reinstated Twin Metals expired mineral leases on the edge of the Boundary Waters. The renewal of these leases is discouraging, as it contradicts previous Department of Interior decisions and an ongoing study conducted by the United States Forest Service.

“Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters, along with partner organizations, will challenge this anti-public lands decision in court.” said Lukas Leaf, National Sporting Director for Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters. “Hunters, anglers and outdoor recreationists alike are united in opposition of the Department of Interior’s decision yesterday, and will continue to defend our public lands, waters and sporting heritage.”

The Boundary Waters is our nation’s most visited Wilderness Area, world-class fish and wildlife habitat and an important part of Minnesota’s sporting heritage. Sulfide-ore copper mining near the Boundary Waters would undoubtedly damage this habitat and has a proven track record of pollution in water-rich environments.

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