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## Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters statement in response to Twin Metals' Mine Proposal

In response to Twin Metals announcement that it will build a 100-acre ore-processing facility on the banks of Birch Lake, and closer to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness than originally planned, Lukas Leaf of Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters released the following statement.

“Twin Metals recent proposal to move an ore-processing facility right to the edge of Birch Lake, mere lakes away from America’s most popular Wilderness area. Water from Birch Lake flows directly into the Boundary Waters, and this type of mine is guaranteed to pollute fish and wildlife habitat.

This latest proposal puts Boundary Waters businesses in even more jeopardy. The world-class hunting and fishing opportunities in the BWCA would be marred by the sounds and effects of an industrial sulfide-ore copper processing facility.

Hunters and anglers stand to lose access to some of the best fishing holes on the South Kawishiwi and Birch Lake because of this proposal, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of acres of downstream habitat in the Boundary Waters themselves.”

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