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Dear Ms. Halter,

Thank you for your update. We will begin reviewing the documents available at the links, and will await the next batch of records.

Best,

Matt Ehling

Public Record Media

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Date: April 15, 2014

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Dear Mr. Ehling:

I am sending this letter to inform you of the status of our response to your request for access to public information under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Your letter, dated November 21, 2013, was received in our national office on December 3, 2013; forwarded to and received by our Regional Office on December 4, 2013; then forwarded to Superior National Forest Headquarters on December 4, 2013.

In your letter, you requested copies of:

“...records created, received, transmitted, or maintained by your agency between January 1, 2012 and November 20, 2013” which include:

1. Any and all correspondence (in written or electronic form) between your agency and representatives or employees of Polymet Mining Corp, Glencore International AG, Twin Metals Mining Minnesota, Duluth Metals Limited, or Antofagasta PLC, regarding plans or proposals (in any stage, including pre-feasibility studies) to construct, site, or otherwise locate mining operations inside of, or within 100 miles of, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness administered by the US (BWCAW);
2. Any and all internal agency correspondence (in written or electronic form) regarding plans or proposals (in any stage, including pre-feasibility studies) to construct, site, or otherwise locate mining operations inside of, or within 100 miles of, the BWCAW.
3. Any and all internal agency correspondence (in written or electronic form) regarding any proposed “land exchange” related to plans or proposals to construct, site, or otherwise locate mining operations inside of, or within 100 miles of, the BWCAW.”

As of this date, our staff has identified thousands of responsive records. As you have already been informed via emails from our Regional FOIA Coordinator and the Superior National Forest FOIA Coordinator, this large volume of information has required considerable effort to collect and review for release under the FOIA.

Enclosed in entirety are 1938 pages found responsive to your request. These records consist of: emails, correspondence and attachments organized into two pdf files containing responsive records which we have determined to be “non-exempt” and appropriate for release under FOIA



criteria. One file contains files responsive to points 1 and 2 in your request. They are combined due to the large number of records that are responsive to both points. The other pdf file contains records responsive to point 3.

Additional records were located; however, these records will require review by the Regional Office prior to release. We are referring these additional records to the Regional Office for a final response directly to you; you will receive appeal rights in the Region's final response letter.

You stated that: "Responsive files will be shared with journalists, and the public, and will not be licensed for profit." As a member of the news media who distributes information to the general public, your organization qualifies for a fee waiver. All responsive records will be provided electronically and will not entail Xeroxing expenses.

I appreciate your patience while we continue to complete our response to your request. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Kris Reichenbach at [REDACTED] or kreichenbach@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/S/ BRENDA HALTER
BRENDA HALTER
Forest Supervisor

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