



File Code: 6200

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Dear Mr. Ehling:

Enclosed on CD are records which we determined to be responsive to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). These are in addition to records sent under earlier correspondence dated April 15, 2014.

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 Forest Service (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.”

The enclosed CD contains 272 megabytes consisting of 580 files including emails, correspondence, and attachments which we have determined to be “non-exempt” and appropriate for release under FOIA criteria. These records are responsive to points 1 and 2 of your request.

Additional records were located; however, these records will require review by the Regional Office prior to release. We have referred 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 reproduction expenses.

