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Commissioner Tom Landwehr  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

RE: Minnesota Data Practices Act request

Dear Commissioner,

This is a request for access to public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.

Through this request, I am seeking to inspect and/or copy the following materials that were created, received, transmitted, or maintained by your agency between January 1, 2012 and November 20, 2013:

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.

If responsive data are found to exist, I would first like the opportunity to inspect such data, prior to identifying specific sub-sets of data to copy.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending the resolution or reclassification of its status.

As required by section 13.03, Subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, you certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

I can be contacted at 651-335-2037 or [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com) if you need to discuss any aspect of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ME', written in a cursive style.

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