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Re: Status of Twin Metals?

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Subject: Re: Status of Twin Metals?
Attachments: FRN for Rainy River Watershed Withdrawal Cancellation (1).docx

Hi Kelly,

We sent the early draft FRN to Kathy Benedetto last evening. (It is attached) The official package will come through the dts system by the end of the week.

We are drafting a document that lays out the next steps and who the responsible party is for each step. We are meeting with the FS today to ensure collaboration and anticipate having this draft document ready by tomorrow.

BTW - Karen is at the MIB if you happen to see her in the hallway.

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*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it
is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
~ William Arthur Ward*

On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 12:09 PM, Orr, Kelly <korr@██████████> wrote:
Karen and Barbara -

At the weekly meeting yesterday, ASLM leadership was asking about the status of Twin Metals. Can you take a look at these questions and respond with the answers - happy to chat on the phone too if that's easier (but I'll be out from ~2:00-4:30 today)? I haven't previously been engaged on this

project so I don't have much context other than knowing our actions are related to a withdrawal application from the USFS, right? I did look in DTS and didn't find anything very recent, but it's possible I used the wrong search terms.

1. What are the next steps and how quickly can we take them?
2. What's the status of the FRN needed to kick this off?
 - Please provide a copy of the FRN - or let us know when a copy can be provided if not yet drafted.

Anything you can do to get me some insight by COB tomorrow (9/19) would be ideal. Many thanks!

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**Notice of Cancellation of Withdrawal Application and Termination of Segregation,
Minnesota**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation.

SUMMARY: On September 6, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a letter from the United States Forest Service (USFS) Eastern Regional Office to cancel its withdrawal application affecting 234,328 acres of National Forest System land on the Superior National Forest within the Rainy River Watershed. The USFS determined that the proposed withdrawal in the Rainy River Watershed is no longer needed. The September 6, 2018 letter terminated the segregative effect of the withdrawal application.

DATES: This Notice is effective on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Gettinger, District Manager, phone: [REDACTED], 626 E. Wisconsin Ave Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; email: dgettinge@[REDACTED]. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the BLM contact person. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message

or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 6639) on January 19, 2017 for a USFS proposal to withdraw 234,328 acres of public lands within Rainy River Watershed from disposition under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The USFS has determined that the proposed withdrawal is no longer needed and has canceled the withdrawal application.

At 8:00 A.M. on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] and pursuant to 43 CFR 2310.1-4 and 2-1, the lands described in the notice published in the *Federal Register* at 82 FR 6639 are hereby opened to mineral and geothermal leasing applications. Applications for mineral or geothermal leasing may be filed with the Eastern State Office at 20 M Street SE, Suite 950, Washington, D.C., 20003, and will be subject to USFS and BLM planning prescriptions for leasing of minerals on Forest System Lands.

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