

Dear interested individuals, agencies and organizations,

I have decided to issue 28 prospecting permits on the Superior National Forest based on the consent of the surface managing agency, the U.S. Forest Service, in its Record of Decision for the Federal Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits Project, and subject to stipulations for use and protection of the national forest system lands involved. The BLM Record of Decision is available on the BLM-Eastern States website at www.blm.gov/es and on the Superior National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/projects. The Forest Service Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and all other related documents are also available at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/projects. Printed copies are available upon request from the Superior National Forest Supervisor's Office.

The BLM Record of Decision does not propose or authorize mining. The prospecting permits authorize mineral exploration only. This decision will be in full force and effect commencing with the date it is signed. Please see the Record of Decision for information on appeal rights.

Thank you for the time and effort you have taken in commenting on this project.

Sincerely,

DR. JOHN LYON
Eastern States Director