



North America's Building Trades Unions

November 28, 2017

Sean McGarvey
President

United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Brent Booker
Secretary Treasurer

Dear Representative,

Newton B. Jones
Boilermakers

Kinsey M. Robinson
Roofers

On behalf of the 3 million skilled craft professionals across North America that comprise the 14 national and international unions of NABTU, I am writing in support of H.R. 3905 Minnesota's Economic Rights (MINER) in the Superior National Forest Act.

James P. Hoffa
Teamsters

Terry O'Sullivan
LIUNA

On January 5, 2017, the previous administration proposed a 234,328-acre federal mineral withdrawal of National Forest System lands, for a 20-year term, within the Rainy River Watershed on the Superior National Forest. The action immediately placed this vast area off limits to development for up to two years while the 20-year withdrawal is considered. The total withdrawal application boundary spans 425,000 acres, including 95,000 acres of state school trust fund lands.

James Boland
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

Frank Christensen
Elevator Constructors

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden
Painters and Allied Trades

James T. Callahan
Operating Engineers

With this policy in place, Minnesotans lost their mineral rights. Unable to utilize these natural resources, 17,000 jobs are at risk and roughly \$2.5 billion of economic activity is stymied. Many of our local building and construction union members are depending on these jobs.

Joseph Sellers, Jr.
SMART

Lonnie Stephenson
IBEW

Eric M. Dean
Ironworkers

North America's Building Trades Unions is in full support of H.R. 3905, Minnesota's Economic Rights (MINER) in the Superior National Forest Act, and urge the immediate bi-partisan passage of this legislation.

James P. McCourt
Insulators

Daniel E. Stepano
Plasterers and Cement Masons'

With kind regards, I am

Mark McManus
UA

Sincerely,

Sean McGarvey
President

Value on Display. EVERY DAY.