

**On October 11, 2011, the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors resolved to create a statement in support of Stony River Township's call for a moratorium on metallic sulfide mining in Minnesota and denial of all requests for permits to prospect for metallic minerals in the township.**

**Further, the Eagles Nest Township Board's action sanctioned a call for advocacy of property owners' rights to be strengthened in the face of MN Statute 93.05, which allows mineral lease holders to access personal property. The full statement of the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors can be seen at eaglesnestmncom.**

Concurrence with the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors' statement on sulfide mining.

Whereas the primary character of Eagles Nest Township is one of residential and recreational nature, with over 540 homes and seasonal properties, and abutting two state parks,

And whereas much of the Eagles Nest Township watershed drains directly into Lake Vermilion, an important area for commerce built around fishing, camping, and the multi-million dollar tourist industry,

And whereas there is no convincing, objective evidence that metallic sulfide mining for copper, nickel, and other non-ferrous (non-iron) metals can be done in Minnesota without impairing the water quality of lakes, rivers and groundwater, thereby impacting aquatic species, ecological systems and human communities,

And whereas portions of Minnesota Statute 93.05, first enacted in 1878, unreasonably diminish the rights of property owners to control access to their own surface areas,

And whereas Minnesota cannot afford to be the recipient of mining practices untested in wetland areas, nor should Minnesota taxpayers be encumbered with insurmountable cleanup costs,

For these and other reasons I concur with the Oct. 11, 2011 statement of the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors, and I call for a permanent moratorium on the sale of mineral rights leases or the prospecting of, or the development of metallic sulfide mines in Eagles Nest Township,

And furthermore, I call for the Minnesota Legislature to amend those portions of MN Statute 93, removing the ability of mineral rights lease holders under any land in Minnesota to enter personal property without the expressed consent of that property owner.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_ Name (print), \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a resident of Eagles Nest Township.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a property owner in Eagles Nest Township.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a property owner in the Lake Vermilion area whose property could also be adversely affected by sulfide mining in Eagles Nest Township.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a property owner in Northeastern Minnesota.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a business owner concerned about the loss of seasonal business in the area when tourists avoid lands undergoing mining activity or lands polluted by sulfide mining residue.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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