



The Friends' mission is to protect, preserve and restore the wilderness character of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Quetico-Superior Ecosystem. The organization was founded in 1976.

Election Results, New Leaders Don't Change Need to Protect Boundary Waters

By Aaron Klemz,
Advocacy Director

With a new President-elect and changing control of the Minnesota Senate, the election results will change the cast of characters leading federal agencies and state legislative committees. What won't change is the enduring, bipartisan love for the Boundary Waters or the need to protect it from threats like sulfide mining.

The election results will undoubtedly shift the conservation decision-making landscape with potential implications for the Boundary Waters ecosystem, but it is important to keep a long-term perspective. Donald Trump will be the twentieth President of the United States to oversee the Superior National Forest since it was founded in 1909 by Republican President Teddy Roosevelt. Generations have passed, with every one taking on responsibility to fight critical conservation battles. And every generation since then has succeeded in protecting the Boundary Waters and keeping it wild, roadless, and clean to pass on to their children and grandchildren.

We will not be the generation that breaks this chain.

Protecting the Boundary Waters and clean water has bipartisan support. Boundary Waters visitors includes people of all political beliefs and from all walks of life. They will help to prevent rollbacks to environmental protections, and we will be activating them to help us influence newly elected leaders. Our job is ensure that their voices are heard.

In Minnesota, we know that there is overwhelming, bipartisan support for protecting the Boundary Waters from the threat of sulfide mining. Polls conducted in 2014 and 2016 both found a bipartisan majority of Minnesotans support permanent protection of the BWCA from the threat of sulfide mining near the wilderness edge.

And the election results contain hopeful signs from across the nation about how Americans feel about public lands and the need



Citizens gather at Twin Metals hearing in Duluth. Photo: Benjamin Olson Photography

to protect them. According to the Trust for Public Land, 86 park, conservation, and restoration measures appeared on ballots across the country in November and 68 of those passed. Americans understand and support the need to preserve the legacy of public land and wild places.

We are entering a crucial time on the mining issue for both PolyMet and Twin Metals. We remain laser-focused on protecting the Quetico-Superior region from the threats posed by both of these sulfide mine proposals. In the coming months and years, there will be

final decisions on whether PolyMet receives federal and state permits. There will be final decisions on whether Twin Metals can extend their outdated, expired federal mineral leases.

Friends will work on solutions with all citizens, elected officials and land managers who share an interest and love for the woods, water, and wildlife of canoe country.

We use sound science to preserve the landscape. We respect local communities and will work to help them thrive alongside a healthy wilderness. We'll never stop working to leave a healthy and beautiful Boundary Waters Wilderness to our children.

As always, we need and appreciate your help. In this newsletter, you can learn how to volunteer to help our work at the Minnesota Capitol, how your voice is needed on PolyMet's permit application, and how you can help ensure that Twin Metals can't build a giant mine next to Birch Lake just upstream of the BWCAW.

Every canoeist knows that portages can be long, hard, buggy, sloppy, and challenging. But we start each one with the knowledge that at the end of every long portage in the BWCAW is a beautiful lake, river or stream. Let's take the next step on the path to permanent protection of the BWCAW together. There will be some rough patches along the way, but we know the destination is worth it. ✦

The Trailhead

This year the Friends has much to celebrate and much more ahead.

Earlier in the year Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton wrote a letter to Twin Metals saying he would not allow exploration on state lands next to the “wilderness gem” that is the BWCAW. With his letter, Dayton became the first statewide leader, other than our state auditor, to officially take a stand against sulfide mining operations near the BWCAW. The Governor was inspired to make this decision and draft his letter after witnessing the issues with the environmental review process for the PolyMet mine proposal - further strengthening our belief that it is imperative to fight sulfide mining as a whole, rather than project by project.

Following Governor Dayton’s letter, the US Forest Service announced that they would consider withholding consent for Twin Metals - preventing the company from renewing two key Federal leases that allow them to explore for minerals near the BWCAW. The USFS will release their final decision around the time this newsletter goes to print.

Considering our efforts to create the enabling conditions for these two important statements to be made, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits selected the Friends as the winner of their **Mission Award for Advocacy** for our work on sulfide mining. It was a joy for our organization to be recognized for being so effective and inclusive in our advocacy program. You can view a video about the award and the Friends’ work by visiting <http://bit.ly/FBWWAward>.

Also this fall, **SHIFT** - a national group working at the intersection of outdoor recreation and conservation of public lands - selected the Friends’ BWCA Wilderness Economic Contribution Analysis initiative as a finalist for a **Nonprofit Leadership Award**. The Friends finished as an Official Selection in the top three out of three hundred public lands conservation efforts around the country, chosen for their effectiveness, innovation, and replicability. A special thanks to all the staff and board members of the Friends, past and present, who have done so much over the years to earn the respect of agency staff, other conservation groups, and even people who disagree with us.

We’re honored to receive such glowing recognition both locally and nationally. In many ways it inspires us to continue carrying our work forward, to keep our central focus on ensuring that the BWCAW retains its wilderness character and has a constituency that will work to preserve it. The Wilderness has the power to unite all of us, as Minnesotans and across the country. That’s the power of public lands. The Friends, as it has since 1976, will not shy away from the challenges that the Wilderness faces now and in the future. Mining and other destructive development proposals, climate change impacts, cultural relevancy, and local sustainable economic development will continue to be areas you’ll see the Friends operating in in the coming years. Your support has guided us and allowed us to achieve tremendous outcomes and we deeply appreciate it as we celebrate 2016 and take on the challenges ahead.✦



Executive Director, Paul Danicic

Duluth City Council Requesting Hearing on PolyMet Mine Proposal

By Tonia Kittelson, Northern Communities Director

This fall, the Friends provided significant support to a thoughtful resolution put forth by the Duluth City Council that requested a fair and fact-based hearing on the PolyMet mine proposal. The resolution focused on protecting citizens from PolyMet mine pollution and the financial burden of clean-up bills.

On September 12, Councilors Gary Anderson, Joel Sipress, and Em Westerlund asked the Duluth City Council to support a resolution asking the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to conduct an evidentiary hearing prior to making a decision on Polymet’s permit to mine. An evidentiary hearing would be held in front of an impartial administrative law judge and would allow professional scientists to present evidence – and be cross-examined with rigorous scrutiny – in a neutral court setting. The Friends viewed this as a necessary and reasonable request.

According to a poll of Duluth voters by Public Policy Polling commissioned by the Friends, citizens overwhelmingly supported a fair and fact-based hearing on PolyMet’s permit application. Over 70% of Duluth voters, including a majority of PolyMet supporters, support an evidentiary hearing prior to a DNR decision on PolyMet. Despite citizen support, Duluth City Council Resolution 681, calling for a neutral evidentiary hearing on PolyMet, was voted down 3-5-1. Two and a half hours of intelligent and respectful testimony was heard from both sides.

The Friends played a critical role in providing strategic support for the resolution roll-out, engaging local citizens, and helping to organize press conferences and a rally. Citizens strongly showed the city council their support of clean water and protecting Lake Superior.

Going forward, the Friends is elevating the request for an Evidentiary Hearing on the PolyMet permit to mine application and we are seeing movement. Since the Duluth City Council resolution was put forth, PolyMet has formally applied for a permit to mine from the DNR. As of print date, the DNR responded publicly by stating that it is considering an evidentiary hearing, agreeing that it may streamline several permit application processes. If completed in the way that we have advocated for, the evidentiary hearing would combine many individual permits into one review process. This would help decision-makers view the mine proposal in its entirety, rather than many small chunks, making it easier to realize the project’s overall impact on Minnesota’s water and citizens. Additionally, we support analyzing PolyMet’s cumulative impacts in one evidentiary hearing as a way to streamline the process and reduce the burden of legal fees on Minnesota tax-payers.✦

Don’t Miss Out on Updates

More and more often we hear from members who aren’t receiving our e-newsletter or other emails. Sometimes, these emails end up in the “Promotions” or “Spam” email folder, especially if you use Google’s Gmail. Take a moment and check these folders and mark our email as “not spam.”

We have over 15,000 **Facebook** followers, but Facebook doesn’t always show our posts to everybody. Want to see every post in your feed? Go to our page “**Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness**” and click on the box that says “Liked” then choose “See First” in your newsfeed.✦

Conservation Fellows Partnership Program



Friends' Conservation Fellows with (from left) Director Paul Danicic, Sofia Lent, Melissa Garcia, Nicholas Nicome, Eva Garcia, Macalester College's Lorna Sherwood Caballero, and Friends' Betsy Daub

By Betsy Daub, Science & Conservation Director

The Friends launched its Conservation Fellows Partnership program this fall with our first cohort of high school students. The program is a 10-month partnership between the Friends and high school students of color, providing an advocacy mentorship experience and opportunities to share diverse cultural perspectives about the environment. Our four fellows, Sofia Lent, Melissa Garcia, Nicholas Nicome and Eva Garcia, are spending the fall learning about the work of the Friends and key issues facing Minnesota. They are also meeting with research scientists, Minnesota legislators, nature photographers and others working to protect Minnesota's environment.

As a part of their work with the Fellows program, this year's students are creating a mobile mural about the impacts of sulfide mining on water and wildlife, which will be displayed at various, metro area high schools. Through the mural project, the students hope to reach new audiences with information about sulfide mining and help to educate their peers about this important issue in Minnesota.

A special thanks to Macalester College Environmental Studies major, Lorna Sherwood Caballero, who has been working with the Friends throughout the summer and fall to develop program curriculum for the Fellows program and serve as a mentor to the students. †

New Country School Student Group Visits the Friends

A group of students from New Country School in Henderson, MN stopped by the Friends' Minneapolis office to learn about the preservation history of the BWCAW and current issues that the wilderness faces. In preparation for a wilderness canoe trip this fall, the students asked questions of staff and discussed the 1964 Wilderness Act and 1978 BWCA Wilderness Act. Students also took the time to break out maps and get fresh advice on lakes, streams, and campsites from Friends staff who were recently on trail. The common language of trip planning and anticipation moved across generations as the students slowly realized the challenges, not only to travel through the wilderness, but in its need for protection. Special thanks to New Country School teacher, Paul Jaeger, for investing the time and effort to make the BWCAW a priority and opportunity for learning for his students. †

Internship Reflection: Environmental Leadership

By Lorna Sherwood Caballero, Macalester College Environmental Studies Major

I have been working as the Conservation Fellows Program intern with the Friends since June and so far it has been an incredible journey. The majority of the summer consisted of researching key pieces of environmental literature as well as gaining an understanding of the lack of diversity within the environmental movement. The research has helped inform us on where it is valuable to direct the Conservation Fellows program this fall. Among our activities so far, we have met with legislator Alice Hausman and discussed wilderness and the different roles advocacy groups take on when they fight for environmental issues. The fellows have been asking tough questions so far, and I look forward to continue watching them grow this fall.

This fall, as part of my Environmental Studies major, I am participating in our Environmental Leadership Practicum and Seminar class. As part of the practicum, my peers and I are required to intern at different environmental organizations and we meet weekly to discuss our experiences and develop our professional skills. As an ES major at Mac, I am learning about the importance of environmental leadership and choosing to follow our vocations as environmentalists. My experience at the Friends has not been limited to working on the Conservation Fellows Program, but also involved learning from the staff about their work and their greater mission of protecting the Boundary Waters Wilderness.

It seems as though the four Conservation Fellows have been embarking on a similar journey as they learn about the different facets of the environmental movement and variety of work that is available within it. My hope for the fellows is that they come away with an area they are passionate about and gain the empowerment to do something they care about in the future. Youth and diversity programs such as this offer the opportunity to foster leadership and provide a space where kids can learn first hand about the important environmental issues of our time. Working on the Conservation Fellows Program has not come without its challenges, but I have learned that our goals should be lofty so that these kids get the best experience possible from us. The program has truly been a partnership so far and I am very thankful to the Friends as well as the fellows for letting me partake in this experience. †

Fall Intern to Work on Economic Contribution Analysis



Friends' Fall Intern, Long Tran

The Friends is hosting Long Tran as an intern this fall. Long was born in Vietnam and has been a US citizen living in the Southeastern U.S. for many years. As a sophomore at Macalester College in Saint Paul, majoring in Environmental Studies, Long has helped restore local parks by planting trees and removing non-native invasive species. He has also worked on environmental legislative initiatives in Tennessee. As a part of his internship with the Friends, Long will be working on gathering information from the many BWCA Wilderness camps and outdoor programs on wilderness experience as a companion piece to our economic contribution analysis. †

PolyMet's Impact on Climate Change Spotlights

The impact the PolyMet sulfide mine proposal would have on climate change is getting more attention. In September, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Save Our Sky Blue Waters, and Center for Biological Diversity sent a letter to federal agencies working on the PolyMet proposal stating that they need to comply with new federal guidelines for climate change.

While water pollution remains our biggest concern about PolyMet, the climate impact needs to be considered as well. PolyMet would be the largest permitted destruction of wetlands in Minnesota history, and wetlands are important carbon sinks. The energy consumed by PolyMet would add over 700,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year to the atmosphere. That's the climate equivalent of putting 150,000 additional vehicles on the road in Minnesota. At a time when Minnesota is already behind on our goal to reduce CO2 by 30% by 2025, we can't afford to permit a big new source of CO2 out there.

Our letter can be read at <http://bit.ly/polymetclimateletter>, and you can listen to Minnesota Public Radio coverage of PolyMet's impact on climate change at <http://bit.ly/polymetclimatepr> +

The SPRUCE Climate Experiment



SPRUCE site Photo courtesy of the USDA Forest Service

What are the possible impacts from climate change to Minnesota's northern forests? A large-scale experiment at the Marcel Experimental Forest north of Grand Rapids is seeking those answers. **SPRUCE** (the Spruce and Peatland Responses Under Climatic and Environmental Change) experiment is a joint effort between the USDA Forest Service, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the U.S. Department of Energy. Some are calling this the most ambitious climate change experiment ever attempted in part because the study is investigating a real and very large peat bog in Minnesota. The project consists of 10 large, open-topped but environmentally controlled enclosures. Within the enclosures, the atmosphere and peat are maintained at five different temperatures relative to temperatures outside the chambers. Over the course of the 10-year experiment, carbon dioxide will be doubled in half of the enclosures. While peatlands cover only about 3% of the Earth's land surface, they retain about 20-30% of the world's soil carbon pool. Over 100 scientists and graduate students are working on the project, and around the world researchers are paying attention to the results of this experiment.

For more information about the SPRUCE experiment, visit <http://bit.ly/SPRUCEEx> +

Friends Wins Statewide Advocacy Award

Official Selection for National Nonprofit Leadership Awards



In October, the Friends was recognized both within the state of Minnesota and nationally for our advocacy work on sulfide mining.

Friends was awarded the **2016 Mission Award for Advocacy** at the **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN)** Annual Conference held in Duluth. This award is presented annually to a Minnesota non-

profit organization that has implemented an effective advocacy strategy, demonstrates success in its advocacy efforts, and has had a significant impact on the organization's constituency. Three finalists were selected among the nominees, and then the 2,100 member organizations of MCN voted to determine the winner. Accepting the award on behalf of Friends members, board and staff, Executive Director Paul Danicic stated: "We've not seen sulfide mining done anywhere without water pollution. That is not a political controversy, nor is it an emotional or philosophical debate to be had at an up-scale bar. It is a fact and a real challenge for our time. There are good people on both sides of the issue with valid concerns. The decision deserves respectful dialogue and hope from all of us that we can make the right one ... We have some of the cleanest lakes and streams in the world here. Let's leave it to our children that way."

To view a video, produced by MCN about the Friends' advocacy work, visit <http://bit.ly/FBWWAward>.



Additionally, **SHIFT** – a national conservation and outdoor recreation group – has also honored the Friends as an official selection for their **Nonprofit Leadership Award**. This award "recognizes individuals, an initiative, or an organization that makes innovative, im-

impactful and replicable contributions to conservation through human-powered outdoor recreation." Friends was chosen for "partner[ing] with the outdoor outfitter/guide businesses in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Wilderness as well as the US Forest Service to conduct an economic contribution analysis of the BWCA wilderness. The analysis will be a model for wilderness areas across the country, leveraging outfitting businesses, wilderness groups, guide services, and outdoors people to analyze impact and potential for the region." The data for the Friends' BWCA Wilderness Economic Contribution Analysis was gathered this summer and we expect to have final results this winter.

To learn more about the SHIFT award selections, visit <http://bit.ly/2016SHIFTAwards>.

As always, thank you to our members, board, and supporters who make our work possible. Together, we're making great strides in protecting the BWCAW and ensuring that it remains vibrant and safe for years to come. +

Wilderness Volunteers: Giving Back to the Wilderness



SWVC Volunteers

By Cori Mattke, Membership & Operations Director

In 2016 the Superior Wilderness Volunteer Connection completed its ninth season of stewardship for the BWCAW. Throughout the summer, 45 volunteers spent a cumulative total of 689 days in the field completing stewardship projects that maintain outdoor recreation resources in the wilderness. As a partnership program between the Friends, the Superior National Forest, and REI, the Superior Wilderness Volunteer Connection works with volunteers of diverse ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds to support the BWCAW and improve the accessibility of wilderness travel and camping in the region.

This year, volunteers cleared and maintained more than 75 miles (24,214 rods) of portage trails and 31 miles of hiking/cross-country ski trails to improve accessibility and safety, completed restoration work on 1,022 campsites to reduce erosion and campsite enlargement, surveyed an additional 480 campsites for preventative maintenance, excavated 132 new latrines to protect clean water and safe disposal of waste, and managed 20 acres of land to reduce the impact of non-native invasive species.

Thank you to our volunteers!

If you are interested in participating in the Superior Wilderness Volunteer Connection, please contact Cori Mattke at cori@friends-bwca.org. †

Thomas Flint Program Completes 14th Season



By Cori Mattke, Membership & Operations Director

This summer marked the 14th season of the Friends' **Thomas Flint Canoe Trip** program which works to foster the next generation of wilderness advocates and stewards by sponsoring youth on canoe trips in the BWCAW. In partnership with YMCA Camp Menogyn, the program focuses on reaching youth from communities of color and diverse cultural backgrounds.

During the summer of 2016, the Friends sponsored 42 youth on wilderness trips. Campers came to the Thomas Flint program from local community groups including the Hmong Outdoor Leadership Training Program, Learning Works, and DZ Cambodian Immigrant Group. As one camper reflected, "Something I accomplished with your help was being able to detach from the city life and be able to be comfortable in the wilderness, and have fun. Now I will pick up after myself and do Leave No Trace even in the city."

These experiences can play a pivotal role in the lives of Minnesota youth by helping them develop leadership skills, grow healthy relationships, and cultivate a love and respect for the natural world. As another camper warned, "I'll be back next summer, so look out!" †



Friends Hosts 2nd Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival



By Rachel Wagner, Administrative & Communications Coordinator



In September, the Friends hosted our second annual *Wild & Scenic Film Festival* in Minneapolis and Duluth. As one of the largest environmental film festivals in North America, SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival works with organizations around the world, using film festivals as a tool to engage communities in environmental discussions, bring together diverse audiences, and

inspire collaborative action. The Friends partners with SYRCL each year to increase awareness of the value of the Boundary Waters Wilderness and inspire the next generation of wilderness stewards.

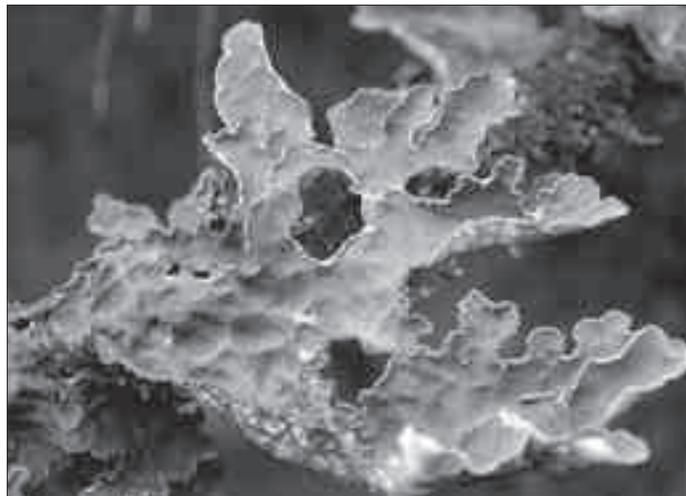
The 2016 screenings were a success! With expanded outreach efforts, the Friends was able to double our attendance and sold out both screenings. This year's films spurred conversations about wilderness and the importance of open space, community, and healthy ecosystems. This year's feature film, *An American Ascent*, told the story of the first African American climbing team to summit Denali and highlighted the importance of showcasing diverse voices and increasing cultural and racial diversity in outdoor recreation. As a creative and celebratory event, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival provides an important space for conversations about the future of wild places and the communities that come together around them.

The Friends will be hosting our 2017 Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Minneapolis and Duluth. Watch for more details about screenings early next year!

Thank you to our 2016 sponsors and raffle donors!

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Our Wild Minnesota Neighbors: Meet the Textured Lungwort



Textured Lungwort Photo courtesy of the MN Dept of Natural Resources

By Betsy Daub, Science & Conservation Director

What lichens lack in charisma, they make up for with fascinating life strategy. This is a life form made up of two, sometimes three different organisms from three different life Kingdoms, living in a symbiotic relationship. The fungus part (Kingdom Fungi) provides the house, and the algae (Kingdom Protista) or cyanobacteria (Kingdom Monera) parts provide the chlorophyll for converting sun energy into nutrients.

In northeastern Minnesota, the Textured Lungwort (*Lobaria scrobiculata*) has an affinity for moist areas, growing on trees and mossy rocks in forested peatlands and near the Lake Superior shore in undisturbed conifer forests. This is one of Minnesota's rarest species, listed as endangered due primarily to loss of habitat. Climate change further jeopardizes this species by the warming and drying of its preferred humid habitat. The Textured Lungwort is also thought to be susceptible to the impacts of sulfur dioxide in air pollution.

For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/texturedlungwort>. †

Join the Downstream Team!

If you have an interest in helping us protect the Boundary Waters at the Minnesota Capitol, we invite you to join the **Downstream Team!** The Downstream Team is a group of citizen lobbyists who work closely with Advocacy Director Aaron Klemz at the Minnesota Legislature.

While big decisions that affect the Boundary Waters and Minnesota's environment are made in St. Paul, too often the voice of the people who are affected isn't heard. We saw what happens when that occurs in 2015, when environmental protections were rolled back through last-minute sneak attacks. In 2016, we were ready, and the Downstream Team served as the eyes, ears, and voice of citizens at the Capitol and stopped several bad pieces of legislation.

This time, we want to do even more. The Minnesota legislative session begins on January 3, 2017 and we're scheduling meetings in December to get prepared.

If you are interested, contact Aaron Klemz at: aaron@friends-bwca.org to get signed up. You don't need to be an expert, we'll train you! Some availability during the day at least one day a week is needed. †

Holiday Gift Memberships

Looking for a unique and meaningful gift this holiday season? **Gift Memberships** are an easy way to show your support and involve your loved ones in our work to protect and preserve the BWCAW.

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Friends Pint Glass



Friends Journal

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Winter Weekend in the BWCAW

Join the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness for a weekend of dogsledding, snowshoeing, and sledding in the BWCAW. Based out of YMCA Camp Menogyn on the Gunflint Trail, our annual Winter Weekend provides a great opportunity for individuals and families to get outside and enjoy the unique landscape of the Boundary Waters in winter.

For more information about the weekend and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/FriendsEvents> ✦



View from the top of the Menogyn Overlook.

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For more information, contact Cori Mattke at cori@friends-bwca.org or call 612-332-9630. ✦

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