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Subject: Tribal Cooperating Agency Positions on PDEIS of July 28, 2009
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Mr. Arkley and Mr. Ahlness,

Attached please find the tribal cooperating agencies' positions on the analysis and conclusions contained in the pre draft EIS for the proposed PolyMet project released on July 28, 2009. The tribal cooperating agencies (Grand Portage, Bois Forte and Fond du Lac) have worked together with their respective intertribal agencies (1854 Treaty Authority and GLIFWC) to produce one set of language for insertion into the draft EIS. As you will see, the language submitted by the cooperating agencies is in blue font throughout the document. As required by the MOU, these tribal positions must be presented in the EIS and any public summaries, unless the issues are resolved prior to the issuance of the draft EIS.

The tribal cooperating agencies will be available to discuss these positions as the preparation of the draft EIS proceeds. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. I can then direct your inquiry to the tribal cooperator responsible for that particular position.

Thank you,

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