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10791 N Mockingbird LN  
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February 4, 1998

Dear Barbara.

Thank you for your letter explaining your vote on SB 3. My husband and I agreed with your stand on the issue and your subsequent vote against the bill after amendments were added.

Thanks to our local public radio station, WOJB, I heard your speech and thought it was powerful, right, and well delivered. You also were shown on WEEK-END, WPT, although unidentified.

It was very good news today to hear that the Senate strengthened the bill and that it was passed in both houses, although the amendment vote in the Senate was quite close.

At your suggestion, I wrote to Marc Duff last March asking when he would present SB 3 for public hearings and what his intentions were for that bill. He never acknowledged my letter and then waited months before bringing it to debate in the Assembly. The debate was bungled as recesses were called and a midnight rules change was snuck by when most had stopped listening to the radio and gone to bed.

As chairman of the Assembly Environmental Resources Committee Representative Duff serves the whole state of Wisconsin not just his particular constituents. The Crandon mining issue has been of concern to the PEOPLE all over Wisconsin. He had an opportunity to explain his thinking to anyone who contacted him. But, as I see it, he ignored those who could not be of use to him. He should not be a committee chairman again because he does not understand the importance of the position.

Thanks for your good efforts.

Sincerely,

cc Representative Marc Duff *MAC*  
Speaker of the Assembly Scott Jensen

*Mary Ann Churchill*

Jeffrey R. Evans  
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January 12, 1998

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
PO BOX 8953  
MADISON WI 53708

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I urge you to ~~oppose the Mining Moratorium Bill~~ presently being considered. Wisconsin has some of the strictest environmental regulations in the United States and I believe they will be enforced to the letter. It seems odd to me that one branch of our state government, the legislature, does not have a similar faith and trust that other state departments such as DNR and Justice will do their part in enforcing state laws.

This is important economic development for the northwoods. If Crandon Mining is able to meet the high standards in place at this time then the project should be allowed to continue. When and if they do not meet current standards, the project should be shut down.

I have always wondered if Exxon or Crandon Mining would have a case against the state on the "takings" issue. They have abided by all the rules to develop their economic interest and the state now proposes to change the rules to make development impossible. If the Mining Moratorium is passed, effectively stopping mining in Wisconsin, Crandon Mining, together with the mineral rights owners, should be able to sue the state for the value of the interest taken from them – the income stream over the mine's life, probably measured in hundreds of millions, perhaps billions, of dollars. I suggest you investigate this takings issue. As a taxpayer and mine supporter I certainly don't want to be twice penalized – no chance to enjoy the economic advantages of an environmentally safe mining project and paying for the legal fees and legal settlement because the new government regulation denied property.

Very truly yours,



Jeff R. Evans

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**RICHARD W. TIMMONS**  
*Publisher*

May 7, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
Wisconsin State Legislature  
Room 306 North  
Madison, WI 53702

Re: SB3 Mining Moratorium Hearing

Dear Sir:

There are two separate things going on in the Crandon Mining Company endeavor to receive Wisconsin permits to commence construction of their property in Forest County.

One is a sincere effort by The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The U S Corps of Army Engineers and The EPA to work with The Crandon Mining Company to assure this project will conform to all safety measures required to satisfy environmental concerns .

The other is a very strange effort by many - some of whom are very sincere concerned citizens to stop this project at any cost. While touting dangers to our environment they are unwilling to trust the professional scientists and chemists and other government officers to develop the necessary constraints. No...relying on ridiculous claims of possible damage to the Wolf River, the Wisconsin River and water levels and acid run-off and a million other things, they are not willing to listen to answers.

This has become a political football in the legislature. And the outcome up here is being watched by the MAJORITY WHO LIVE HERE - not in Madison. The economic benefits this opportunity will bring to The State of Wisconsin in general (through taxes) and Northern Wisconsin in particular are far too numerous to outline here. .

This newspaper had advocated that Crandon Mining Company should not receive preferential treatment from The State of Wisconsin merely because of the economic benefit the mine will bring

to the people of Forest County. Neither should Crandon Mining Company be discriminated against and by the state and singled out for laws not applied to other companies.

Representative Duff please consider two things:

Isn't it strange that the Indians at Mole Lake holler their heads off about "desecrating Mother Earth" and at the same time wipe out wholesale populations of spawning fish in an effort to demonstrate political power from a one hundred and fifty year old treaty? Their hypocritical nonsense isn't lost on the thousands of people who live here. Yet we don't hear anything from mining opponents about these inconsistencies and the cruelty it causes to the fish to say nothing of the ecological balance of our lakes.

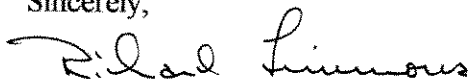
As publisher and editor of this newspaper for almost twenty years I have taken strong positions in opposition to companies who have attempted to construct projects our folks considered a danger to our environment. But in the case of The Crandon Mining Company it is our belief that with the guidance of our state officials in constructing the legal and environmental structures they operate under - this endeavor will be the answer to a prayer to everyone in the North.

Please keep an open mind on this and please make certain you listen to the folks on Main Street and not just the special interest and single issue opposition of sport fishermen and sincere-but-in-the-dark well heeled folks who don't want this in their backyard...even if it's all under ground!

For the first time in the history of Wisconsin, the poorest area of Northern Wisconsin stands to offer its citizens the security of a whole generation of high paying jobs and the added benefit of thousands of other good jobs from ancillary companies who will supply the mine. We who live here want this project to go forward.

This newspaper will support the political effort in Madison being made by you and your colleagues. We will also be ready to remind the voters who live and vote here the effect on their lives which will ensue if this project fails to receive fair and unbiased consideration by the Wisconsin legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Linnous".



34 North Pelham St.  
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May 12, 1997

Rep. Marc Duff  
Room 306 N.  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Rep. Duff:

You will probably not receive another letter like this one. We write to express our concerns related to the Crandon Mining Project and its organized opposition. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on the Environment, you will be leading an effort to examine the issues.

We chose to live in this area precisely because of the unparalleled quality of life it offers, including the sheer beauty of the area. We own a home in Rhineland and we own undeveloped property in Oneida County. We have great familiarity with the surrounding area, including Crandon and Forest County. We consider ourselves to be respectful of the environment and we have participated in organized pro-environment activities, such as requesting that the Willow Flowage be designated an outstanding resource water. We garden organically. We compost. We recycle and avoid trips to the landfill, finding creative ways to safely and legally dispose of our property. We fish, kayak, bike and hike in the woods.

We also use resources. We use electricity and drive cars. Our wastewater goes right into the sewer system. We use water in abundance. We use chemicals to clean our home, paints to brighten the walls, solvents to strip ski wax from skis, etc. We burn wood and harvest wood on our property.

We would guess that we are rather typical of Northwoods families in that we wish to maintain a balance in living...a balance between protection of resources and use of resources, protecting the Earth while living on the Earth in the 21st century. After reading and listening and learning about the proposed mine in Forest County, it is our opinion that the mine can and will meet (or exceed) Wisconsin's very tough environmental laws., thereby maintaining this balance. We offer these thoughts:

1. We do not believe that the Counties, the tribes, the DNR, or individual citizens will protect this area's resources as well as the mining company will. Some will argue that the mining company and responsible parties cannot guarantee the safety of the environment and should not be given permit to proceed. Some will argue that mining will assuredly alter the environment and will negatively impact upon the quality of our lives. But we are impressed with the fact that this area has been virtually ignored by all who now claim to have vested interest in it. Before the mining issue was reborn in this area, no one was arguing for the proactive protection of this area. No one was planning for future ways to maintain the area's primitive beauty. No one was focusing on restricted or planful development near or along the Wolf River. Forest County would never be able to support pro-environment actions financially. The tribes may have financial resources but the tribes have limited leadership and limited external support for the lands they control.

2. We believe the mining project will actually promote a sort of "guardian of the environment" ideal. In contrast are the many non-mining burdens upon the environment. Take for example the fact that most businesses and cities and towns in this area are dependent upon tourism. Tourism brings dollars, but it also brings human beings. Human beings in numbers bring threat to the environment. When we consider the thousands of motorboats and watercrafts on the lakes, when we consider the fishermen who do not release their catches, the illegal encroachment upon the shores with boathouses and beach improvements, and the resistance to DNR governing, we are very confused. The irony in the mining issue is that the mining project will be an excellent partnership between development and the environment, but the project is targeted by ECCOLA and other groups for criticism. No pro-environment organization has identified tourism as its next target. Logging is another example. Logging practices have improved over the decades, and we believe that most logging businesses would describe themselves as environmentally responsible. However, the business of logging, like tourism, is never the target of scrutiny. The principals of internal regulation are applied in industries such as logging. The reality is that logging permanently alters hundreds of Northwoods acres every year, from the large tract of paper company-owned land to the private owner who clears land to build a log cabin.

3. If truly interested in the protection of the resources, we would expect mining opposition to advocate for the setting aside of these pristine lands and waters and turning over their ownership to the federal government, requesting designation as a National Park or at least a National Wildlife Refuge. We are not aware of any such effort and suspect that such an initiative would be met with opposition from groups such as the logging industry, private citizens, and the tribes.

4. The mining moratorium bill, in our opinion, is not an effort to protect the environment. The bill is an effort to ban all mining in the state. We have excellent skills in reading and analytic thought. We find this bill impossible to interpret or to apply. It is ambiguous and the definitions within have not been clarified to our satisfaction. No other industry is subjected to an arbitrary standard such as this one.

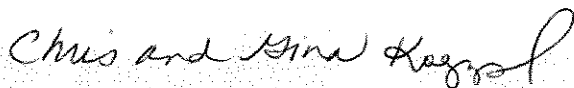
4. cont. Perhaps all new construction industries should be forced to prove that others have operated in forested land with no dumping violations, no contributions to the landfills, no risk to the local environments, etc. We believe the existing laws to regulate mining are sufficient.

Please don't misunderstand. We are not particularly supportive of development in this area. We do not look forward to more residents, more traffic, more tourists, more intrusions. We are, however, willing to acknowledge that development will occur as other people wish to live in this wonderful place. Thus, we are left to hope that the developers of the future will respect this place as unique and priceless. We believe that the Crandon Mining Company has demonstrated its intent to lead us in environmental protection.

At the beginning of this letter, we stated that this letter will be unlike others you receive. In our discussions with friends, colleagues, and neighbors, and in our watching this contest unfold, we find the organized opposition to be vocal and emotional, both understandable; however, the organized opposition is also very rude, belligerent, demeaning, and intolerant of those with other opinions. The opposition is so problematic that many of us are not willing to speak publically, attend public forums, or write to the local editors. Believe what you might about the mining proposal, the professionals affiliated with the Crandon Mining Company and project have, in our experience, conducted themselves in a most calm, responsive, and fair manner.

We have chosen to write to you personally. We plan to send versions of this letter to Joe Handrick, Lorraine Seratti, and Roger Breske. We do not wish for this letter to be used publically, but you have our permission to share these thoughts with others in the Legislature.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Chris and Gina Koeppel

5 May 97

Rep. Marc Duff  
Room 306 North  
Madison WI 53702

Paul J Cahak  
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Thank you for considering my point of view on the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

Paul J Cahak

P.S. Think about this. We all use copper + zinc everyday of our lives like it or not.

Examples.

Money: pennies.

Zinc plating on most sheet metals in our cars furnace ducts and appliances are zinc coated.

Water-Copper in our water supply piping and brass valves in all our homes.

Copper wiring distributes electricity to us where and when we need it.

Copper motor windings in our car starters electric motors for fans and hundreds of other appliances + tools saws

These minerals are very important in our lives.

So are good paying jobs.

People against mines are hypocrites and should live completely without the benefits of copper.

Sincerely Paul J Cahak





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May 14, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
Room 306 N  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Duff:

I was one of those who attended the hearing on the Mining Moratorium bill in Ladysmith on May 13. I registered to speak in opposition to the bill, but was unable to stay long enough to await my turn.

Having been a forester, public, industrial, and now self-employed, for more than 40 years, I am a firm believer in the idea that our way of life is entirely dependent on the wise use of our natural resources.

I am also accustomed to seeing people who use wood, metal, plastics, and petroleum products in their every day lives, but who oppose cutting trees, mining minerals, or other means of beginning the process of turning natural resources into consumer products, with a religious fervor. Their minds are made up and woe to he who would try to confuse them with facts. They will use whatever tactics they can to delay the action they oppose, just to gain time to find something else to use as a delaying tactic. I saw and heard a number of those people at the hearing, and I believe they would use AB 70 as a delaying tactic as long as they could.

Had I had an opportunity to speak, I fear that I would have added to the rhetoric by challenging those who so adamantly oppose mining to support their position by refusing to use anything containing metal of any kind. I doubt that I would have found any takers

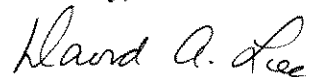
In spite of all the emotional rhetoric, there were some facts presented, and both proponents and opponents made points worth considering.

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I can only hope and believe that you, the other members of your committee, and a majority of the members of the Assembly will rinse the emotional rhetoric from your minds and make your decision based on facts. Wisconsin can become a leader in environmentally safe mineral extraction, just as we are a leader in future-oriented forest management.


Thanks for coming to Ladysmith. I hope your tour of the Flambeau mine was enlightening and enjoyable, and that you had a chance to appreciate our new library..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Lee".

David A. Lee, C.F.

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May 14, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
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Dear Mr. Duff:

Re: Senate Bill 3 - Anti Mining Proposal

It is my opinion that Senate Bill 3 - Anti Mining Proposal represents at best an attempt to hamper economic development at the expense of a very impoverished part of our state, Forest County, an area which decades ago made President Johnson's poverty list, or at worse, it could be construed, in view of Spencer Black and his supporters rhetoric, as destructive, emotional, political posturing. The supporters of this bill are either ignorant of the vastly improved modern mining technology or conveniently choose to ignore such documented advances in order to stop sulfide metallic mining in Wisconsin.

The language of this bill sadly invites the end of the possibility of mining in Crandon or at any other site in the state for the foreseeable future. As we are aware, Wisconsin has currently on the books, very strong laws regulating mining. This is as it should be. The Wisconsin DNR is also probably the most vigilant watchdog in the country.

The poverty in Forest county is more than evident despite casinos and tourism. Seldom do we hear of the desperate human and social costs caused by gambling. Tourism simply has not and will not have an economic impact on the area we all have hoped for. It used to be an anathema to want gambling and prisons in our communities. In my view, both represent decadence and decline. Now we have, however, an opportunity for a responsible business to come into our area which actively will produce something valuable to society, with the bonus of more jobs and economic growth.

When we speak about the environment, I would hope we all agree that all environment matters, not only the ecological. Balancing all concerns is the great challenge facing us at this time.

The county has relatively few voting constituents, and therefore is easily manipulated by outside forces. However, the citizens here deserve to participate economically in order to discontinue dependence on welfare or leave the area.

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We need safe, sound, environmental, sensitive mining. It is not mutually exclusive. We have the know how, the will, the economic where-with-all, and the strict laws to allow responsible mining in Forest County to go forward. To be so cavalier about a sensible economic boon to an otherwise impoverished welfare dependent area is a sad commentary on our values today.

The political expediency behind this bill should be recognized and factored in. I therefore could not urge you more strongly to vote "NO" to this regressive and unenlightened anti mining proposal. The thoughtful Wisconsin taxpayers will thank you.

Sincerely,



Gordon P. Connor, President  
Nicolet Hardwoods

GPC/smm

P.S. Perhaps it would be more relevant to hold hearings in the district where the issue is being proposed, rather than in the halls of Madison, so the legislators can experience first hand the need for economic activity in northeast Wisconsin.

**Prentiss, Mike**

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**From:** Mark Gerlach[SMTP:austin@gglbbs.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 04, 1997 1:48 PM  
**To:** Rep.Duff  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 70?

Dear Rep. Duff

Please consider a vote on Assembly Bill 70. The Assembly has been dragging their feet long enough on this bill. It's time to pass it and protect the future of our water resources here in Wisconsin. Why is it the Senate has overwhelmingly passed their version of this bill and the Assembly can't even get it to the floor? Despite the ad blitz by the Crandon Mining Company there are no safe mining practices and the time is now to get Assembly Bill 70 to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,  
Mark Gerlach

Response?

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March 13, 1997

Rep. Mark Duff  
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Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Mr. Duff:

There is an effort to stampede a vote for the mining moratorium. This issue is too important to your district and the state of Wisconsin to not have some fact gathering and hearings.

Secondly, how often have you seen Al Gedicks, Spencer Black, Walter Kulman, and their loyal followers at your fund raisers, the Republican Convention or caucuses. These people will never support you, the Republican Party, or the Governor.

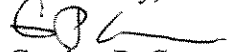
No doubt, this anti mining crowd has employed every electronic ploy to type their position. On the other hand, when you don't have the facts or the truth on your side, which they don't, then they have to resort to devious and untruthful statements, as well as intimidation and threat, such as they have employed in Forest County unsuccessfully.

It's time the Republicans stand up and be counted. The facts are: this project will be good for Forest County, the State of Wisconsin, and the young people who hope to get employment there and surrounding businesses. There is no environmental threat, just as there was not one at Ladysmith despite the dire forecast.

It's ironic that mining is being bad-mouthed when the State of Wisconsin is promoting snowmobiling, subsidizing its activities despite the fact it kills over 30 people per year and maims hundreds more. The Crandon mining project will not kill one person or one fish in its operation. Furthermore, they will spend at least \$500 million of their own money. Let's get a reality check!

Vote and promote mining, as a legitimate business, in this state.

Yours truly,

  
Gordon P. Connor  
GPC/smm

5 May 97

Rep. Marc Duff  
Room 306 North  
Madison WI 53702

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Thank you for considering my point of view on the mining moratorium.

Sincerely,

*Karen Manasse  
Chamberly Hill B+B  
Rhinelander, WI. 54501*

*I support Crandon Mining Co. 100%!*

May 12, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
Room 306 North  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Representative Duff:

I am writing to state that I am for environmentally responsible mining. I am not in support of a mining moratorium which is what is being proposed in SB3. Many of the supporters of this bill are not using any facts but only misinformation and scare tactics to further their cause which is mainly, "I want to use mined products but don't mine in my backyard". Why do we have the Wisconsin DNR performing an extensive multi-year study if we intend to take all of their expertise away from them by simply banning mining?

Crandon Mining should be treated fairly as any other industry wishing to locate in Wisconsin. Please regulate mining. Do not ban it.

Sincerely,



Mark Eversman  
205 Elm Court  
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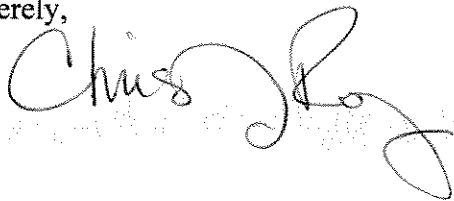
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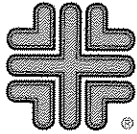
*Kathleen J. Everman*

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Let the DNR do the job they have researched  
and are trained for, I will ~~trust~~ trust  
the decision made by them.



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Sincerely,

*Shirley Perkins*  
*4467 Bus Hwy 8 E*  
*Rhineland WI 54501*

5 May 97

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Room 306 North  
Madison WI 53702

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Sincerely,

*Amy Smith*  
P.O. Box 2224  
EAGLE RIVER, WI 54521



## WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER

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Post Office Box 134 - Augusta, Wisconsin 54722  
Telephone: (715) 286-5069  
FAX: (715) 333-8801

April 28, 1997

Representative Duff,

We, as members of People for Wisconsin, are vehemently opposed to any Mining Moratorium bill or ban.

This is not an issue that the mining companies should be the people to show proof of safe environmental practices. Either you, as my government, have a Department of Natural Resources that is doing their job properly or they're not. If you have a problem, it should be taken up with the DNR. If the DNR is doing it's job, any mining that is able to take place, will be safe.

Also, especially as far as exploration is concerned, this is a huge personal property rights issue. Are you going to be the one to support your constituents' rights, or not?

PLEASE, DO NOT SUPPORT A MINING MORATORIUM OR BAN!

Sincerely,

Don & Melody Behringer  
W14286 Behringer Road  
Osseo, WI 54758

N13001 Wildwood Lane  
Fairchild, WI 54741  
10 May 1997

Honorable Marc Duff  
Wisconsin State Assembly - 306 N  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Representative Duff:

Wisconsin is a wonderful state! As a military brat, that grew up to be a military wife and now a government employee, I have lived many places and in many countries, but Wisconsin tops them all!

My husband and I are landowners in the Township of Cleveland, Jackson County, Wisconsin. We signed a lease with the Flambeau Mining and Kennecott Exploration Companies in March 1996. This was done after careful consideration of the lease contents, research on mining in the local and university libraries, visits to environmentally safe mines, and talks with several members of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. We looked at the large number of unemployed and underemployed in our area, the farming families working two jobs plus trying to run their farms at the same time, the lack of social services and transportation system here, and our dying towns of Humbird and Fairchild. All of this, plus the fact my husband drives 45 miles one way to his job and I drive 63 miles one way in the other direction to my job, influenced our decision to sign the lease.

Now, through a series of black propagandá quarter page ads and one inch ads in the Black River Falls Banner Journal, the Shopper, and the Neillsville Clark County Press, we are finding our private property rights being usurped by three environmental activist groups i.e. Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder (Fairchild), Northern Thunder (Eau Claire) and Four Rivers Headwaters Group (Fairchild). These ads, which are created with information taken out of context with the intention and slant of frightening the general public have described us, and other landowners who signed leases, as "money grubbing," "ignorant," "anti-community" and "greedy capitalists." These same groups have taken over our town board meetings and driven everyone away who does not agree with their anti-progress movement. These same groups have "passed" resolutions and ordinances banning mineral exploration without first advertising an agenda so the rest of the township residents could have a say in these decisions.

Recently, the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder took over our property rights in another way. This group contacted the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation and had our property put on the Trust's "endangered list." My husband and I were unaware of this latest encroachment until a reporter with the Eau Claire Leader Telegram called us about a reported "Indian burial ground" on our property (see Encl #1). My husband tried to set the story straight with a letter to the editor (see Encl #2). Then the Headwaters Group took a picture of our driveway and

property and made us the topic of one of their quarter page ads (see Encl #3). Calls to the Wisconsin Trust went unanswered so I sent them a fax with attachments asking how they could put our property on their list without first consulting us and examining our property (see Encl #4). Enclosure #5 is Mr. Shawn Graff's, President of the Trust, response. If being on this list is not important, why do we have to pay for an archeologist to examine our property to get us off this list? From what we understand, being on this list blocks us from doing anything on our property like harvesting lumber, extending our driveway, drilling a new well, plowing a field for deer feed, etc. until this survey is done! How could they take over our property rights like this?

We realize you are all very busy in the Assembly, but we are faced with more than a mining issue now -- this has become a private property rights issue. We feel our rights have been taken away from us. We also feel the private property owners have been ignored in favor of a Mining Moratorium Bill which when you sit down and objectively consider is rather redundant. It is just adding more regulations, albeit worded a little differently, to an already stringent list of state and federal mineral exploration and mining regulations and supervision already enforced by the Wisconsin DNR.

Wisconsin has the best Department of Natural Resources in the United States! Other states send people from their DNR offices to Wisconsin to train and observe. Wisconsin is among the three toughest states when it comes to regulating mineral exploration and mining - look at the Flambeau Mine! It is a model of environmentally-sound mining technology in operation. Why? Because it is in Wisconsin! Take a few minutes to sit back and really look at the motives behind this call for the Mining Moratorium Bill - cut through the "black propaganda" hype and hysteria to the facts and our DNR's reputation for quality. If the Assembly passes the Mining Moratorium Bill, what message will that send to the public regarding our DNR?

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Clark

# Preservationists worry mining

By Julian Emerson  
Leader-Telegram correspondent

Native American archaeological sites in the Jackson County town of Cleveland may be endangered if mining takes place in the town, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation say.

Burial grounds and other Native American monuments are thought to be located at the site, near the headwaters of the Buffalo River. But some people living in the town say there are no burial grounds and site recognition is a ploy to keep mining out of the area.

The Wisconsin Trust for Historic

Preservation recently released its list of 10 most endangered properties and its preservation watch list. The Native American sites were included on the preservation watch list.

Last year Flambeau Mining Co., which operates an open-pit gold and copper mine south of Ladysmith, sought permission to explore for minerals in the town. Several town residents have signed mineral lease agreements with the mining company.

Anna Rae Funmaker, Ho-Chunk Historic Preservation director, said the possibility of mining is responsible for the site's placement on the

preservation watch list.

"That's the main reason it's on that list," she said. "We're worried that mining may destroy those sites."

But Becky Clark, a town resident, said she has visited the site of where the burial grounds are said to exist. Instead of a burial mound site, she said she saw nothing but a rock wall.

"There are no burial mounds there," she said. "This is just a tactic by people against mining to keep mining away."

Clark and her husband, Roger, signed a mining lease agreement

## may threaten burial sites

with Flambeau Mining officials last year. They believe Ho-Chunk officials are attempting to bring recognition to the site in an effort to prevent mining.

Connie Arzigian, lab director with the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center in La Crosse, said the site is a Native American archaeological area, although she couldn't confirm that it is a burial ground.

"If these sites are reported by archaeologists, they probably are real," Arzigian said. "It's pretty likely that this site is a Native American site of some sort.

"The state historic preservation doesn't just place a site on their list because it's a possibility."

The town of Cleveland site was chosen from hundreds of Native American burial sites statewide for inclusion on the preservation watch list, she said.

Archaeologists at Mississippi Valley are looking at a number of probable Native American archaeological sites in Jackson County, Arzigian said.

The town of Cleveland is an area thought to have many such sites, she said.

Robert Boszhardt, regional

archaeologist with Mississippi Valley, said records indicate two previously reported archaeological sites in Cleveland.

The rock wall has not been authenticated as an archaeological site, but further study may reveal the site was inhabited by Native Americans, he said.

Flambeau Mining representative Tom Myatt said the mining company would follow all regulations if mining was allowed near the sites.

Gary Johnson, the Leader-Telegram regional editor, can be reached at 833-9203 or (800) 236-7077.

# Indian burial site?

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article in the Eau Claire *Leader Telegram* written by Julian Emerson concerning a supposed Indian burial site in the township of Cleveland, Jackson County.

First, the allegation that this area could be a possible Indian burial site was brought forth by Tom Wilson, head of a so-called environmental organization, Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder. Like the 1/8 page ads and numerous anonymous small ads Wilson has been running in the *Banner Journal* and *Shopper* in Jackson County and the *Clark County Press* (which is published by the same company as the first two mentioned), there is very little truth in his latest assertion. It is merely an attempt to stop mineral exploration in the area.

From 1991 to 1994, my wife and I rented property close to the site in question. My wife found this rock pike which resembles a fallen rock wall or alignment during a hiking expedition. She contacted Anna Funmaker of the Ho-Chunk Historical Department and Merlin Redcloud Jr. of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society to examine the site in 1992 and 1993. They came, they saw, they left and nothing was said nor any report written. We moved and bought property close by and the property the site is on was purchased by Robert Bourke.

This is a small farming area. There are numerous rock piles, built by farmers clearing their fields for plowing and loggers building roads through forested areas. I have the remains of an old barn foundation on my property - is the remains of a Ho-Chunk casino from antiquity? Like Wilson's ads, written to incite hysteria, Wilson initially made this claim

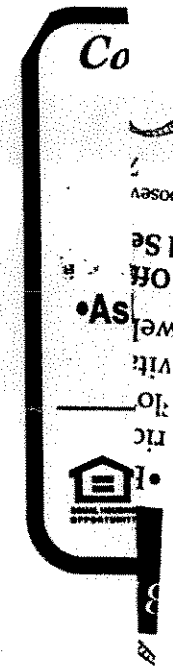
during a public presentation on mineral exploration. He claimed a voluminous report had been written on this site, clearly specifying this was a burial ground and he claimed that mineral exploration would destroy it! He later retracted these statements privately because the facts didn't bear out this assertion, however in public he has continued to claim that this is a burial site and it is pointing to our property. The rock alignment is three-quarters of a mile or more from our property line and would not be impacted in any way by mineral exploration. Plus, a fact Wilson is careful not to present, is that should Flambeau Mining Company find something worth developing in the targeted area, the Environmental Impact Study and Wisconsin laws require the company to hire an archeologist to do a thorough study of the area to prevent the possibility of impacting a possible historical site. That is also a federal law and has been closely adhered to by other mining and construction companies, as well.

Wilson, and the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder, through his various ads and letters to the editor of the *Banner Journal* has set himself up as the arbitrator of who can live in this township, where we can work (if you work for a mining company, you can't live in the township of Cleveland), what type of industry we can have here (farming and cottage industries - what is a cottage industry anyway?), and what we can do with our properties. If you would like proof of this, write to me in care of the People for Wisconsin, P.O. Box 134, Augusta, WI 54722 and I'll send you copies of his ads and letters.

Sincerely,  
Roger W. Clark  
Fairchild

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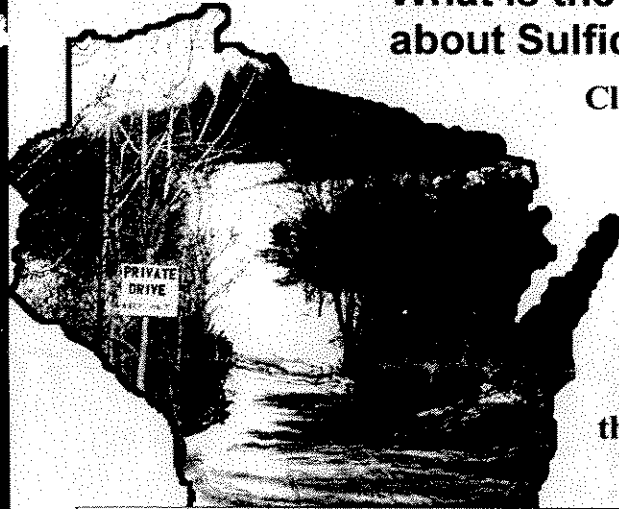


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# Sacred Indian Historic Site or Future Mine Waste Dump?

What is the Truth  
about Sulfide Mining?



Cleveland Township's  
Metallic Mining  
Regulations require  
exploration permit  
applications  
to contain  
"a description  
of all significant  
conditions within  
the exploration area"

## Let's look at the missing pieces

- Before the mining company arrived in town, this property was extolled for its invaluable, sacred Native American cultural artifacts.
- Once the prospect of riches from mineral exploitation was suggested, these sacred artifacts were conveniently forgotten.
- Of course, the mining company's lease/purchase agreement doesn't guarantee that any valuable minerals will be mined from this land or any royalties paid.
- This land could just become a transfer station or a waste dump for hazardous sulfide mine tailings.
- The possibility of desecrated ancestral grave sites, destroyed artifacts, poisoned waters and a barren landscape looms as a legacy for future generations.
- The Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation hopes otherwise: they have placed this site on their endangered archeological watch list for 1997.

Brought to you by the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder  
P.O. Box 124, Fairchild, WI 54741 715/334-2271



**facsimile**  
TRANSMITTAL

**to:** Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation  
**fax #:** 608-255-8661  
**re:** Jackson County Property  
**date:** May 7, 1997  
**pages:** 5, including this cover sheet.

The first article appeared in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram. First announcement of the "endangered properties" list. The second page is a copy of a letter my husband wrote to the Jackson County Banner Journal trying to explain what was going on. The following week, this quarter page ad appeared in the Banner Journal. The picture is of the property we now own. This was taken without our permission and published without our permission. The last page is Mr. Wilson's response which appeared in the same issue.

The dinner Wilson refers to was some three years ago when we were hoping to purchase the property where the rock alignment is. This property was divided in half. Robert Bourke purchased the half with the rock alignment, Tom Wilson purchased the other half. Wilson first mentioned the fact that there was an Indian burial ground on our property at a mineral exploration hearing in February, conveniently after we had left for the evening.

No one, and allow me to repeat this, no one has ever examined our property for any type of archeological artifacts. Now, because of these articles, ads and letters which have also appeared in other Wisconsin cities, my husband and I are receiving hate mail and harassing phone calls because we are going to "defile, desecrate and destroy ancient Indian artifacts!"

**AND YOUR ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE  
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO CHECK THE FACTS FIRST!!!**

- 1) You didn't bother to call my husband or myself to verify whether or not there was anything on our property.
- 2) You didn't send anyone out to examine the area.

**Our question now is -- WHAT ARE YOU GOING  
TO DO TO CORRECT THE DAMAGE DONE TO  
US?**

From the desk of...

**Rebecca Clark**

N13001 Wildwood Lane  
Fairchild, WI 54741

(715) ~~688-0700~~  
Fax: (715) ~~688-0800~~

**FAX****Date** 05/06/97**Number of pages including cover sheet** 1**TO:** Rebecca Clark**FROM:** Shawn Graff, President  
Wisconsin Trust for  
Historic Preservation**Phone** [REDACTED]**Fax Phone** [REDACTED]**Phone** 608 255-0348**Fax Phone** 608 255-8661**CC:****REMARKS:**  Urgent  For your review  Reply ASAP  Please Comment

Thank you for sending us information regarding the Native American listing on our preservation watch list. It is unfortunate that you have been the target of hate mail and harassing phone calls.

However, I would like to make our position very clear. Our "Preservation Watch" is a list of topics or sites that may be endangered but require additional research and consideration. The Native American Sites in Jackson County were placed on the watch because it was clear that there is a concern, but not enough research was available to consider the area endangered. Our flyer states:

"There have been reports that a non-native rock wall or "cairn" exists and serves as a pointer to additional sites including petroglyphs and possible Native American burial sites. A proper archaeological survey has not been conducted. The site should be surveyed before mining or other development takes place."

As you can see, no single property, including yours, and no individuals were singled out. We did not contact you or the other 460 residents of Cleveland Township because we are advocating that the area be properly researched to determine if there is a significant archaeological site.

I have contacted the *Banner Journal* and the *Leader-Telegram* to clarify our position. I hope they will try to contact me directly before they run additional stories.

5 May 97

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Madison WI 53702

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Sincerely,

*Edward England*  
*P.O. Box 1447*  
*Phenixville, Wis. 53570*

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Thomas C. Tait, Jr.

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Sincerely,

William L. Kowalski  
4239 North View Drive  
Rhensland, WI 54501

P.S.

Anyone backing this bill should show their support by not using anything that has metal in it. / and please, let us not flush a toilet.

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*Mrs. Kathryn Hubbard  
321 Ridgeway Dr.  
Rhinelander, WI. 54501*

May 8, 1997

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Madison, WI 53702

Dear Sir:

I urge you to give serious consideration to the mining moratorium bill, and to reflect on both the environmental and financial impacts of the legislation.

The United States, with its consumer-oriented society, should not expect less developed nations to provide us strategic metals. I was an adult during World War II and well remember importance of metal supplies and speedy access to them.

However, protection of forest, water and air qualities is vital to our state, especially this northern area, and should remain constant in your consideration.

I do not see a mining moratorium providing answers to basic concerns.

Sincerely,  
Betty J. Helgeson  
703 Thayer St.  
Rhinelander, WI 54501



5 May 97

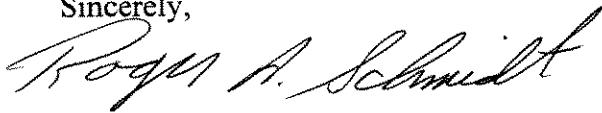
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ROGER A. SCHMIDT  
4556 U.S. HWY 8 EAST  
RHINELANDER, WI 54501-8240

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May 9, 1997

Barbara J. Estabrook  
4531 Highway 47  
Rhineland, WI 54501

Rep. Marc Duff  
Room 306 North  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Mining Moratorium Bill

Dear Marc:

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the mining moratorium bill which will be soon considered by the Assembly.

I have strong feelings about the protection of the environment. I understand that standards have been set by experts in our governmental agencies and Crandon Mining Company began their project adhering to these standards.

In fairness, whether it be a business or an individual, as long as these standards are adhered to, that business or individual must be allowed to go forward. How can it be any different?

Thank you and I urge defeat of the mining moratorium.

Respectfully,

  
Barbara J. Estabrook

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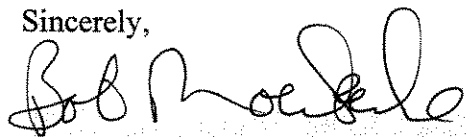
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NO  
reply  
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July 15, 1997

Representative Marc Duff  
P.O. Box 8952  
State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8952

Dear Representative Duff,

First, I want to thank you for scheduling a Mining Moratorium Bill hearing in the Milwaukee area.

The Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3/AB70) is now being addressed by your committee. I urge you to work hard to assure that this bill makes it to the Assembly for a vote. The health of our water systems and aesthetic quality they provide are too important to not allow a vote by our representative in the Assembly.

Thank you for your effort and concern.

Sincerely,

*Beth Eisendrath*

*Mark Foreman*

Mark Foreman  
7129 N. 42nd St.  
Milwaukee, Wi. 53209