



INTRODUCTION

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RAINY RIVER WITHDRAWAL

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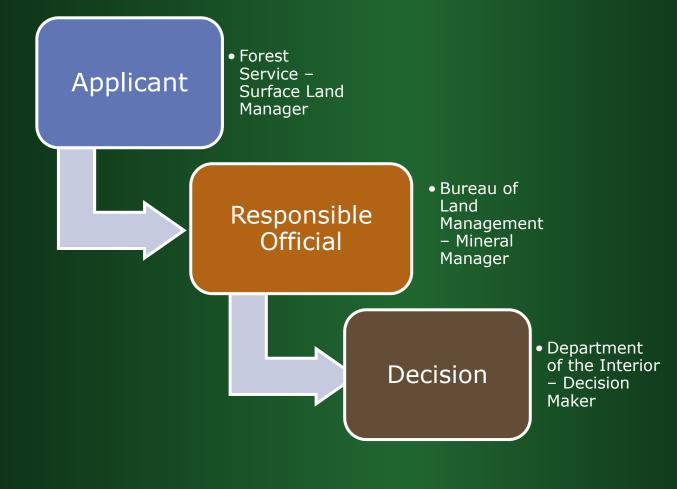
What is a Withdrawal?

- Through a withdrawal under section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) the Secretary of the Interior may close public lands to mineral leasing, subject to valid existing rights.
- Does not apply to state or private mineral estates.
- Does not apply to federal sand, gravel, or stone quarries.





Withdrawal Process







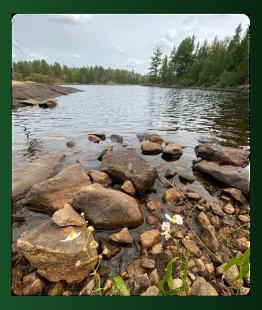
Why a Withdrawal?









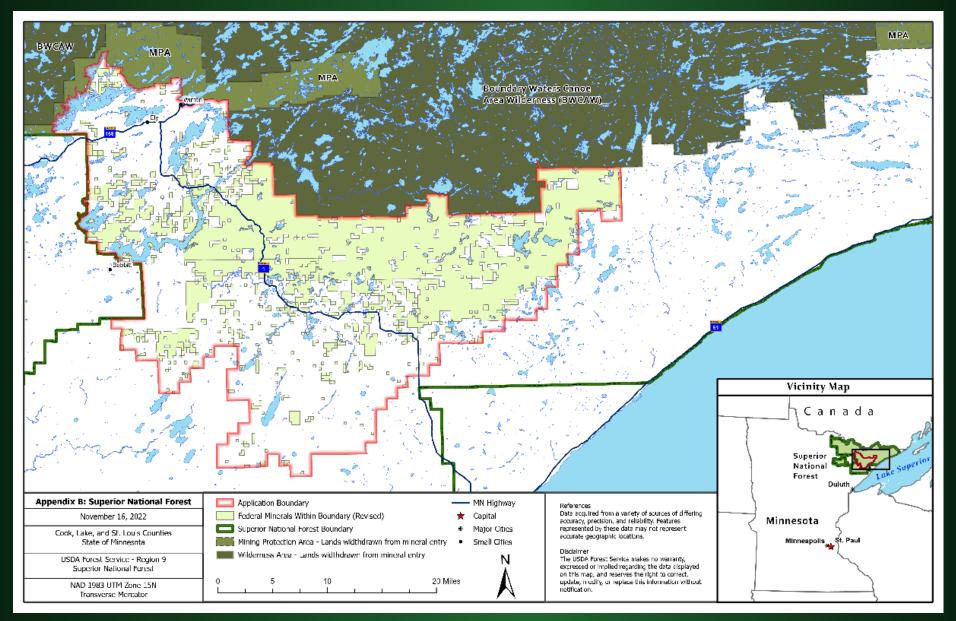


Withdrawal Decision

- Following the Secretary of the Interior's decision, no new proposals or applications for federal mineral development within the mineral withdrawal boundary will be considered by the Forest Service or BLM, on Federal Lands. All other national forest activities remain unaffected by the Secretary's decision.
- Effective 20 Years from January 26, 2023.











Questions?

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