

## How Do You Define What Is In The Public Interest And How Does It Square With Corporate Profits?

### It's No Idle Threat, Property Owners Across Minnesota Stand To Lose All Home And All Real Estate Investments

The State government of Minnesota on the behalf of new mining interests, many of them of foreign origin, is declaring war on the very heart of the American dream and the middle class.

Just when property owners thought the threat of foreclosure was beginning to recede and have begun to feel some relieve that the Wall Street induced deep economic recession and national housing market crash is turning the corner, the State government of Minnesota comes along and throws a big monkey wrench into the local economic engine by gearing up for a private land giveaway the likes of which has not been seen in America since the 19th century.

### It Is A Part Of Minnesota Law, The State Backs The Mining Companies . . .

Under present state statutes the State of Minnesota can, at anytime, at its discretion, lease those severed mineral rights to a mining company. The State of Minnesota can then execute eminent domain and cede complete control of the leased private property directly to a mining corporation for the purpose of exploring for and the extraction of the minerals below the land surface without having to provided the legal surface land owner with any recourse to realize fair and just compensation for any loss of value, loss of investment or expenses incurred due to the hardship this action might bring.



### . . . Leaving Property Owners To Fend For Themselves

It is not a balanced, level playing field. As it now stands the present state statute leaves the legal property owner at the mercy of the mining corporation's interest which, as everyone knows, is to maximize profits as much as possible from the least investment necessary. Having to not make fair and just compensation for property stolen at the behest of the state is in the best interest of the mining corporation's bottom line and profit margins.

### This Land Grab Action Negatively Impacts Property Values And Economies Of The Entire Region

Bad enough that the state is giving your neighbor's property away but the action effects all property values within the region pushing them to devastating levels. Worse, those land owners and businesses not directly impacted have an even greater uphill battle through the courts for any chance of recouping their losses.

### Evaluating The Economic Voodoo Spewing Forth:

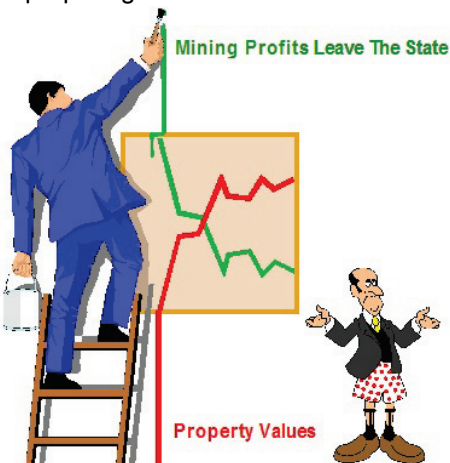
The so called, from out of whole cloth, job creation foo foo they are throwing out into the public forum to justify this land grab/giveaway has no basis in fact. There is nothing that they can point to, no past historic examples, nothing to substantiate their blue sky claims that ever before in this industry have jobs been created in this manner at these greatly exaggerated numbers.



The fact is, like manufacturing, automation technology has taken the majority of jobs out of the mining industry so they won't be coming as promised anyway. Only a few highly skilled workers will be required from this point moving forward.

### For A Real World View Of The Future For Mining Jobs In Minnesota

Look at the BMA-owned Norwich Park mine in Central Queensland. After laying off 1400 workers, the mining Goliath is preparing to roll out automated machinery within the next six months.



The description of the project sounds distinctly similar to the description of mining projects planned in Minnesota. Only in Minnesota they are being less forth coming about the automation aspects and instead, like a bunch of snake oil salesmen, are foisting the project schemes off on the promise of job creation.

### Fully Automated Mining Is Here Today And Thanks To The MNDNR, Coming Soon To A Neighborhood Near You

For all the talk about new job creation, the facts are that the new normal for the mining operations is the same kind of automation technology that decimated jobs across the manufacturing sector in the last decades.

Today suppliers are offering mining systems and equipment being billed as

***Totally Automated Miner-Free Operations.***

## Mineral Rights Lease Sales Drop Property Values To \$Zero\$

### Job Creation Speculation Gamble

Why should Minnesota property owners bear all the burden of a job creation speculation gamble when the profits only go to the mining companies to be taken out of the region, even out of the country?

All indications are these endeavors will be Miner-Free Operations. Pray Tell. Where Are The Jobs In That?

Remember, the sale of mineral rights leases negatively impacts all property values across the entire region *For Fifty Years* rendering them all sub-prime toxic assets.

### The Actual Full Long Term Impact On The Health Of The Local Economy

What is a sure thing though is the economic havoc that these mining projects will render up front with the massive personnel losses in real estate investments, the collapsing real estate markets, the job losses when businesses are pushed off their lands and forced to close and the home building market dries up. The negative impact will be astronomical in scale, inevitable and irreversible.

Adding insult to economic injury, all the profits made from the mining ventures, as has always been the case, leave Minnesota. Use to be the money went out east, but in today's global economy, much of the money from mining activities leaves the country. Where's the benefit in that to Minnesota's economic health and well being?

### Already Been There, Already Done That:

Lastly let us not lose sight of the catastrophe that is left behind once the ore is all gone, the mining company has cut and run with all the money, dissolved itself to avoid responsibility and repercussion and the mining executives have all left town. We've been there, done that many times before and the story is always the same. So let's all get real and stand up and challenge the phony rhetoric.

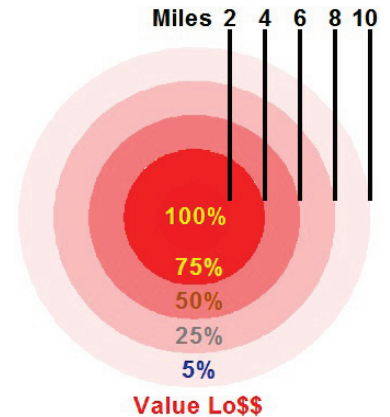


### Negative Region Wide Economic Impact:

The negative impact to a region's economy wrought by the threat of mining moving in, grabbing private property and rendering the regional property values worthless is horrendous to contemplate.

Properties under the direct threat from mining aren't the only ones though to suffer catastrophic value losses. All properties within a near distance will be impacted by plummeting real estate values.

Who in their right mind wants to purchase a piece of property that is under the threat of being taken over by a mining company at anytime over the next fifty years?



Who in their right mind wants to purchase a piece of property where mining might start at any moment somewhere in the neighborhood? A buyer would have to be brain dead to want to invest in a piece of property where the value of the property and all assets on the property could be rendered worthless over night on the whim of some mining company. Beyond that, no bank is going to make a loan on a piece of property under those unstable conditions.

### The Adverse Impact Lingers Long After Mining Operation Have Closed Down

Once the threat hangs over a region, local businesses and trades start to lose the economic engine that drives their businesses income. As the financial resources of residents and property values start to plummet business income takes a dive too.

This is not voodoo economics, this scenario has played out in region after region where a thriving economy has been assaulted by significant reductions in property values and income levels.



Thank You MNDNR!

## Already Having A Negative Impact On The Only Proven Growth Economy Of Northeastern Minnesota

### Thanks To Governor Dayton Eagles Nest Township Property Owners Have Lost \$125,000,000

The MNDNR order to sell mineral leases on almost 5000 acres in Eagles Nest Township was signed by Governor Dayton's on May 31, 2012 and is now in effect.

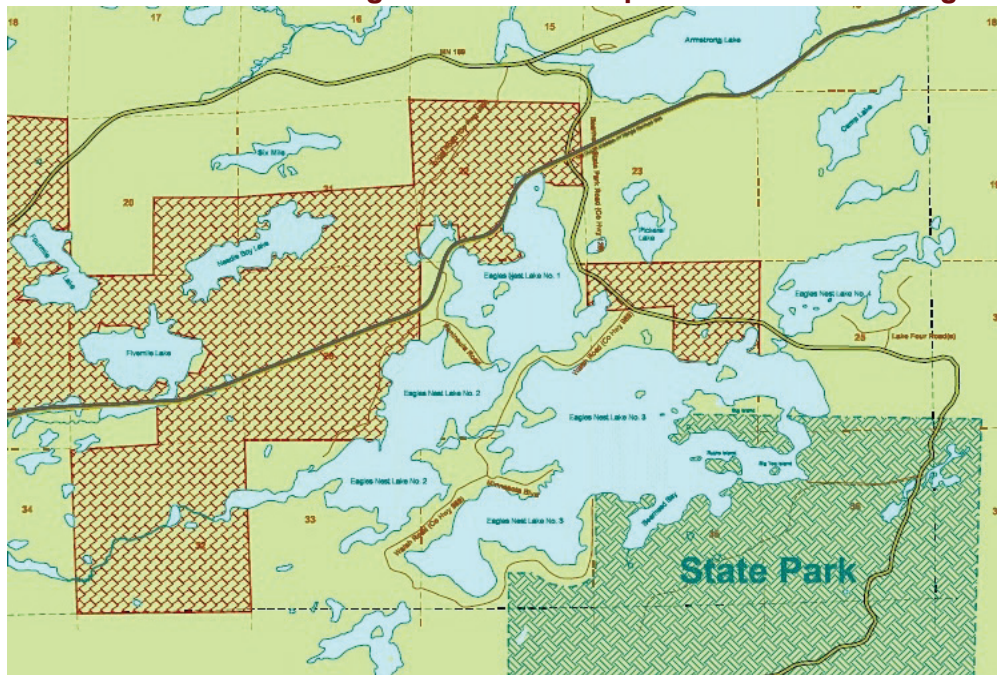
Most of these 50 year mineral leases are on privately owned properties.

Exploratory drilling is scheduled to start within months with mining to follow beginning next year.

### Eagles Nest Township Property Owners Now Hold Unmarketable, Valueless, Toxic Assets

The mere threat of the lease sale had rendered all Eagles Nest Township properties unmarketable, valueless, toxic assets. In the months since the lease sales where, the only three potential property sales in Eagles Nest collapsed when the potential buyers were informed of the lease sales threat.

## State Of Minnesota Okays Sulfide Mining Right Up To The Shoreline Of America's Favorite Park Over 5000 Acres Of Eagles Nest Township Scheduled For Mining



### Bear Head State Park Voted Most Popular In The Nation Under Threat

### Eagles Nest Township Property Owners Receive No Compensation For Their Loses Or Suffering. Future Bleak. Could Be Moved Off Their Land At Any Time.

The total loss in real estate property values for Eagles Nest Township property owners is estimated at just under \$125,000,000. That's a loss in personal wealth that will stay gone forever if these mining lease sales are not revoked.

As written, Minnesota laws presently offer no protections for property owners when the mining company moves onto their land. For the next fifty years they can be moved off their property at anytime without any compensation for their loses or suffering.



**Note:** An independent MPCA study has prompted the Minnesota Department Of Transportation to curtail a proposed southward relocation project for the highway just north of the area due to the high sulfur content discovered in the same granite that these mining want to start digging in this fall.

### Most Popular Park In The Nation

Also note the mining to the shore line of the much touted "Most Popular Park In The Nation" Bear Head Lake State Park.

### The Death Of A Community

By the time it's all over Eagles Nest Township will exist in name only.

***It Ceases To Be A Viable Community And Becomes A Ghost Town.***

## **Time Proven \$8 Billion Dollar Annual Northeastern Minnesota Regional Growth Economy Under Threat:**

The Eagles Nest and other areas that fall under the recent mineral rights sales are great examples of how the State of Minnesota is moving to totally destroy one healthy, middle class based economy and life style for the benefit of corporate profit and the greed of a few.

Over the past quarter century, while all other traditional regional economies have been in decline, there has been only one true, market driven, steady growth economy in Northeastern Minnesota. One that has annually brought countless million\$ to the region and large numbers of people who came, not looking for jobs but for a quality of life bringing their five to seven figure jobs and financial reservoirs with them.

### **Fact:**

#### **People Moving Into Northeastern Minnesota Bring Their Own Jobs And Income With Them**

To emphasize the point, many replants to the region have brought their own, out the area, jobs and five to seven figure incomes along with them. Incomes that are continuing to be spent on the purchase of goods and services to support their life styles from local, Northeastern Minnesota businesses and tradesman. Not only did these people bring their own jobs and incomes to the region, at the same time, many spend their clients money purchasing goods and services from Northeastern Minnesota businesses and tradesman in support of their jobs and for their own conveyance.

All this additional spending represents even more money being infused from outside regions for the purchase of goods and services within the region. Goods and services that would have otherwise been sourced somewhere outside of Northeastern Minnesota.

The life style that draws this affluence to the region is one centered on the unique and desirable environment of the area. Countless billion\$ have been infused from outside the region into the regional economy over the past quarter century because of the desire for the incomparably unique experience of the region.

#### **People Investing In Northeastern Minnesota Bring A Substantial Infusion Of Cash:**

People incoming to the region have invested heavily in real estate generating large profits for developers, real estate agents, builders, businesses and incomes for the trades of the region.

Construction of ever increasingly larger permanent and seasonal homes, "cabins" and other recreational structures and supporting businesses have infused massive amounts of cash into the local economy through the purchases of building materials, large ticket items like appliances and the hiring of the services of tradesman and contractors. These long term investments assure that money will continue being infused into the local economy for many decades to come in support of this kind of life style.



#### **The Imported Money Stays Bolstering The Regional Economy:**

All this money that is spent in Northeastern Minnesota, goes into the pockets and bank accounts of Northeastern Minnesota businesses and workers. It is money being respent and circulated around in the regional economy. Unlike the profits made locally by out of state corporations and taken out and away from the region- never to be seen again.

These facts have largely been ignored by those engaged in the nonferrous metal (sulfide) mining and mineral leasing debate.

Why? One has to asked oneself, would anybody in their right mind advocate to put that, a time proven successful, still growing, and long term sustainable market and economy in direct jeopardy is beyond all comprehension.



#### **Full Disclosure Puts All Land Sales At Risk:**

Now ask yourself, what buyer in his or her right mind wants to invest money into property where there is a high chance that all that money will go down the drain when the mining company shows up to announce, sorry but you have to move off your land. Oh, and by the way we don't have to compensate you for your losses.

Even if your think you can escape all this by selling out and moving to a state with property owner rights protection not offered you in Minnesota, think again. By law you are required to reveal everything. That means that for the next fifty years or until property owner protection laws are enacted, if mineral lease have been sold on your land or any non governmentally owned land in you vicinity, you must inform prospective buyers of the fact before the closing of the sale.

**Why?** One has to asked oneself, would any elected official, a so called representative of the people, be vigorously pushing an exclusively corporate agenda for something that is guaranteed to destroy a time proven growth economy of the region and replace it with one without proven merit and a long history and track record of economic and environmental catastrophes in other parts of the world?

## Great State Of Minnesota Land Grab And War On The American Dream And The Middle Class:

To add insult to injury, the State of Minnesota DNR is now threatening to sell fifty year mineral rights leases out from underneath private land owners rendering their significant investments and the entire northeastern Minnesota region's multibillion dollar real estate market worthless if fell swoop.

Not only does this course of action catastrophically threaten the homestead, seasonal, recreational and environmental based real estate investment and support markets, it has already devastated real state activities and wiped out the value of all of the regions privately owned real estate properties through this period of uncertainty.



Long term real estate and life style investment markets are in grave jeopardy as long as there is a threat of mineral lease purchases for the pursuit of nonferrous metal (sulfide) mining and extraction. Especially more so when they involve privately held land holdings.

Unlike the long history of cohabitation, cooperation and compatibility between iron mining, forestry and environmental usage and concerns, nonferrous metal (sulfide) mining across the world has a long proven history showing itself incompatible with healthy forestry, environmental life style and outdoor recreational activities.

## Quick Reference Severed Mineral Leases Fact Sheet

| The Issues              | Mining Advocates Claims      | The Actualities  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Jobs                    | Thousands Of New Jobs        | <b>Totally Automated, Miner Free Operations = FEW JOBS</b><br>Only a few, highly skilled operators and maintenance personnel.  |
| Regional Economy        | Generate Millions In Revenue | <b>Almost All Mining Profits Leave The State</b><br><b>Potential Property Owners Losse In The \$Trillions</b><br><b>Potential Annual Economic And Income Losse In The \$Billions</b><br><b>Thousands Of Jobs Lost When Property Values Plummet To Zero And Regional Economies Collapse</b><br>When properties become unmarketable, toxic assets, real estate markets collapse along with other regional markets forcing thousands to lose their jobs, incomes and property investments.<br><b>Worth of all, there is no plan for compensating property owners.</b> |
| Mineral Leases          | Rush Through Mineral Leases  | <b>Newly Formed Mining Companies Have No History Or Track Record</b><br>No case history of operational past practices and obligation fulfillment!<br>Non ferrous mining has an abysmal record of leaving behind toxic waste.<br>No set aside money budgeted for cleanup and property owner compensation.<br>It's nearly impossible to hold foreign based companies to their obligations.   |
| Property Owner Concerns | Unfounded                    | <b>FACT: The Mining Company Administers Eminent Domain</b><br>Property owners have no legal protection from the ravages of corporate profit motive and greed. If the mining company chooses to refuse property owners fair and just compensation for loss and hardship, the only legal recourse open to the property owner is a protracted battle through the courts.  |



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## Separating Facts From Fantasy

### Facts Coming From Within The Mining Industry Itself Repudiate The Job Creation Claims

#### Available Today

##### Mining Sector Automation:

- Crushers, Breakers and Grinding
- Locomotives and Rail Systems
- Loaders, Trucks and Haulage
- Sorting Machines
- Remote Robotic Control

##### Smart Mining Today

##### Machines Automated To...

- Collect, Transmit And Sample Data
- Do Mapping
- Set Explosives
- Do Boring And Drilling
- Extract Materials
- Transport Materials

##### Complete Miner-Free Operation

#### The Future Of Mining Is Total Automation: *Miner-Free Operations*

Mining and mineral extract covers a wide range of activities from traditional iron mining in the Arrowhead, sand and gravel quarrying to the newly proposed, highly disruptive, totally untested negative impact operations across the State of Minnesota involving silicon sand extraction for use in the Dakotas and Canadian oil fields and massive non-ferrous mining projects.

The justifications given for the new mining and renovation projects across Minnesota is that they will create thousands of new jobs and boost local economies.

#### Facts From Within The Mining Industry Refute The Claims Painting A Very Different Future:

It's just that the justification claims are in direct conflict with the facts coming from within the mining industry itself.

#### From Manufacturing Into The Mining Industry:

The now proven automation technologies incorporated into American manufacturing over the last decades, those very same technologies that caused thousands of factories to consolidate or close, thousands of companies to fail, devastated the economies of the northeast and Midwest and caused millions of Americans to lose their jobs, retirement savings and pensions, are now rapidly moving into the mining industry at an alarmingly pace.

#### Quotations From Within The Industry:

Automation And Control Systems, The Future Of Mining  
Automation Major Factor For Coping With Spiraling Labor Costs  
Every Area Of Mining Is Set To Use Automation Within The Next Few Years  
Automated Processing Technologies For Mineral Sands And Metal Deposits  
**Pray Tell, Where Are The Alleged Thousands Of Jobs In That Future?**

### Push Back For Your Property Rights And Protection For Your Real Estate Investments



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