



July 12, 2017

Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited Statement Opposing the Back 40 Mine

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited is opposed to the construction and operation of the Back Forty Mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The proposed mine poses great risk to the water quality in the Menominee River as well as Green Bay and Lake Michigan into which the Menominee waters flow. The proposed mine is a sulfide mine which, if permitted, would operate within 150 feet of the Menominee River. Ore would be processed on site which would involve the creation of waste that would need to be contained for many years. This type of mine creates acid drainage and involves the use of cyanide to process the ore. Wisconsin Trout Unlimited feels the risks to water quality, property values, and recreation far outweigh any potential benefits that might possibly be created by the mine. We feel this mine in the proposed location is a bad idea and the project should not proceed.

Linn Beck
Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
State Council Chair

The Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited ("WITU") is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization which consists of approximately 5,700 volunteer members in 21 chapters in Wisconsin working to ensure that future generations have access to cold, clean, fishable water. In a typical year, WITU and its Chapters report over 50,000 volunteer hours, working on conservation projects, education and outreach events, and operating Veterans Service Partnership programs to support veterans in our communities.