

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

June 7, 2022

Mr. Steve Piragis
Owner
Piragis Northwoods Company
Ely, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Piragis,

I am writing to thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at the legislative hearing on Thursday, May 24, 2022, to present testimony on, H.R. 2794 "*Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act*"

While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply. Please provide your written responses to Charles Olsen, Subcommittee Clerk, no later than Tuesday, June 7th. Committee Rule 3(o) requires that responses be submitted within 10 business days of the hearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charles Olsen, Policy Aide, at Charles.Olsen@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your important contribution to the Committee's work.

Sincerely,



Alan S. Lowenthal
Chair
Subcommittee on
Energy and Mineral Resources

Enclosures: Questions for the Record

Questions for the Record by Republican Members

Questions from Rep. Tiffany to Mr. Steve Piragis, Owner, Piragis Northwoods Company

1. What is the average salary of your employees? How many full time and seasonal employees do you employ? Please specify the total of each type.

Response to Question to Steve Piragis from Rep. Tiffany:

I refer you to my written testimony for a description of my business, Piragis Northwoods Co., including number of employees.

For a better understanding of the economy of the three northeastern Minnesota counties that include the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, see:

<https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/key-log-economics-report>

For the most comprehensive and reliable analysis of the economic costs and benefits of sulfide-ore copper mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters, see:

<https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/harvard-economics-study-summary>