

Protect The Wolf River Watershed From Metallic Mining

The Problem:

For the past twenty years, the Wolf River has been threatened by a proposed sulfide ore metallic mine under the main aquifer of its headwaters. An Exxon engineer, first surveying the area, described it as “the most difficult place in the world to ever attempt to conduct environmentally safe mining.” That industry’s history reveals that: there has NEVER been an environmentally safe sulfide-ore copper mining operation in the world!

The upper Wolf River is “Outstanding Resource Waters” and twenty-five miles is “National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.” State laws mandate that THE PEOPLE’S waters shall be “PROTECTED AND ENHANCED and NONE shall BE DIVERTED to the detriment of public uses. The Wisconsin Mineral Policy Regulations provide that metallic mining SHALL BE RESTRICTED in areas TO PROTECT surface and groundwaters, unique natural features, sensitive wilderness and scientific areas, wild & scenic rivers, wetlands and endangered resources. The citizens at Conservation Congress hearings, over the past nine years, VOTED 9006 to 248 TO PROTECT THE WOLF RIVER WATERSHED FROM SULFIDE MINING.

Nevertheless, under well-financed pro-mine lobbying, state legislators and the DNR have ignored and violated their PUBLIC TRUST responsibilities to accommodate a foreign mining corporation.

The Solution:

Citizens demand strict adherence to the PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE mandates and CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES to ASSURE RIGHTS.

The Question:

Should sulfide ore metallic mining be prohibited in the headwaters area of the prime Wolf River upstream from the Shawano-Menominee County Line, henceforth?

Submitted by: _____ in the County of: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

County Vote: _____ Yes _____ No Phone #: _____