

ECONOMICS

"...we face not a choice between protecting jobs and protecting the environment but rather, a choice about how best to protect the community's long-run economic vitality."

From "In Golden Dreams, Poisoned Streams" by De Rosa and Lyon

Mining can often be categorized as a "boom and bust" economy, as the jobs that a mine does provide will not be permanent. The Eagle project, for instance will create around 100 jobs, lasting only about six years. Research has indicated that towns are twice as likely to experience negative impacts from mining than they are to benefit from them and more specifically for the U.P., tourism and clean water are perceived to be more imperative to the economy than the few short jobs the mine may create. Mining is a dangerous job and miners deserve protection and representation, but Kennecott Minerals is an explicitly non-union company. Beyond this, the Flambeau Mine in Rusk County Wisconsin was also run by Kennecott and proved the company untrustworthy. Although Kennecott states that if a community does not want them to develop a mine, they won't, Kennecott bypassed a local government decision against the mine in order to develop it anyway. During the 4 years that Kennecott operated the Flambeau Mine (1993-1997), Rusk County had the highest unemployment rate in the state and 20-25% of the 50-70 employees of the Flambeau Mine were non-local residents.

SOURCES: Paul Gingras. Mining Operation May Have Major U.P. Impact: Will Sulfide Project Compromise Economy, Water? The St. Ignace News November 3, 2005.; and Save the Wild Up.

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THE WINNERS AND LOSERS OF THIS MINE ARE CLEAR. BUT UNTIL KENNECOTT HAS ITS PERMITS THIS MINE CAN AND MUST BE STOPPED OR MODIFIED THROUGH

- Legislation
- Tribal rights
- Public outcry
- Ballot initiatives
- Legal challenges
- Press campaigns
- Shareholder resolutions
- Grassroots organizations
- Permitting

TAKE ACTION!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Contact your representatives as soon as possible and tell them not to support the Sulfide Mine.
- Visit www.savethewildup.org and click on "ACTION."
- Educate others on the issue.
- Visit mediamouse.org for more information on what's going on in the local area.