



Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board

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Key Activities and Issues Report for June 19, 2019 Laurentian Vision Partners Meeting

Mining Industry Developments:

People are carefully watching Western Mesabi mining industry developments, which greatly impact the Keewatin to Cohasset area and the broader region, especially with regard to developments involving the former Magnetation facilities, new developments on and near the former Butler site, and related transportation activities. WMMPB passed a resolution stating that it desires to have more information about and involvement in key decisions being made regarding these and other large projects.

State-level developments:

WMMPB is reviewing results of the 2019 legislative session: rising pit water concerns in the Canisteo and Hill Annex open pit mine complexes and the St James pit, extending the life of the Hill Annex Mine State Park, and improvements to Highway 169.

Strategic and Critical Minerals:

WMMPB continues to pursue its resolution recommending designation of northeastern Minnesota as a strategic and critical minerals district.

Land Use Planning involvement: WMMPB continues involvement in comprehensive planning by local government units, tax forfeit land classification, use of mine lands when not being actively mined, and other actions in the western Mesabi corridor, especially from the perspective of protecting mineral resources so they are available for future production.

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