

Minnesota School Trust Lands

Approximately 261,426 acres of state school trust lands overlie the Duluth Complex outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. While state lands are excluded from the proposed federal mineral withdrawal, a small percentage of school trust lands are “enclosed” by federal lands included in the proposed withdrawal, or else are bounded by the BWCAW. Totalling 2.9% of the school trust lands overlying the Duluth Complex, or 7,610 acres, enclosed school trust lands may present additional challenges to mineral leasing. The remaining **97.1%, or 253,817 acres**, of school trust lands overlying the Duluth Complex would remain accessible to mineral leasing.

