



Gi-Ganawemaanaan Nibi: We Are Protecting the Water

April 2019

Nibi Akawe Mashkiki, water is the first medicine. **Nibi Bimaadiziwin**, water is life.

Any threat to water is a threat to all life, the Anishinaabeg, **giigoonh** (fish), **mashkiki** (medicines) and all of our other relatives. As industry continues to try to destroy the **aki** (land) and **nibi** (water) people continue to resist.

Line 3 Updates:

- A proposed Tar Sands pipeline crossing the heart of Manoomin beds and over 200 water ways from Cree, Chipewyan and Metis territory in what is now known as Alberta, Canada to **Oodenaang** (Superior, WI)
- Enbridge is awaiting final approval for the Certificate of Need from the MN Public Utilities Commission , expected to be granted in April
- Enbridge is awaiting a Wetlands/Water Crossing Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers
- On February 4th, 2019 four individuals shutdown the current Line 3 and Line 4 in defense of our **inawemaaganag** (relatives)
- Enbridge continues to store pipe, clear cut the right of way, build access roads and most recently is taking core samples for Horizontal Drilling under the Mississippi River without having the necessary permits



Left:
Enbridge
exposed for
clearing the
proposed
Line 3 route
in the Fond
du Lac State
Forest



Left: Enbridge
contractors on
the shores of the
Mississippi River
preparing to take
core samples for
Horizontal Drill-
ing underneath
the river



Line 5 Updates:

- Enbridge's 66 year old pipeline transport oil and liquid natural gas from **Oodenaang** (Superior, WI) to just outside of the Aam-jiwnaang First Nation near Sarnia, Ontario
- Line 5 has accumulatively spilled over 1 million gallons of oil in more than 30 incidents
- Red Cliff has been in discussion with the US Forest Service regarding an expired Right of Way permit (land lease) through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, observed a maintenance repair in February 2019 and commented to the Attorney General of Michigan regarding proposed legislation to approve the construction of a tunnel for the line beneath the Straits of Mackinac (where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet)



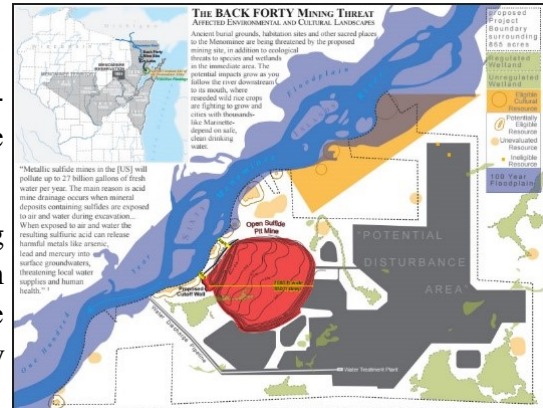
Right: An image from the Line 5 maintenance dig in early February



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Back 40 Mine Updates:

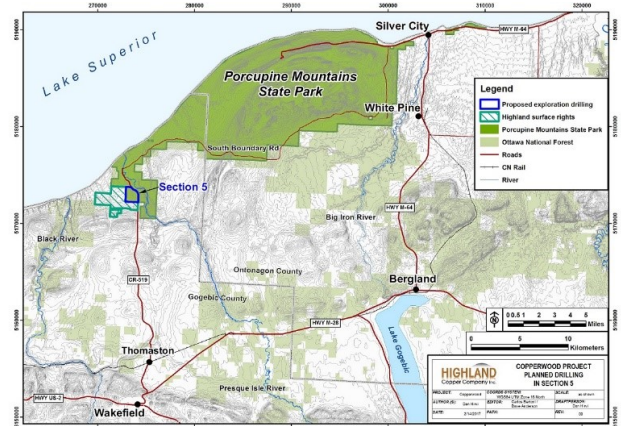
- A proposed sulfide mine on the shores of the Menominee River (upstream of Green Bay) near the birthplace of the Menominee People
- Red Cliff has commented on the recent amended mining permit application and the dam permit application in support of our Menominee inawemaaganag through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
- The MDEQ might hold a public hearing for the two remaining permits (dam and air quality permit applications)
- The proposed dam model (to store mining waste) is the same as the recent dam failure in Brazil



Above: noback40.org/Documents/MineSiteMap.jpg

Copperwood Mine Updates:

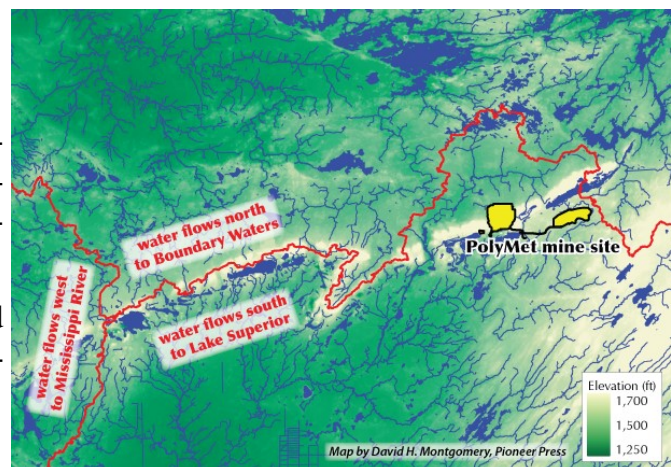
- The Copperwood Mine is a proposed copper mine near the shores of Anishinaabewi Gichigami (Lake Superior) just outside of the Porcupine State Park
- Red Cliff recently commented on the permit application in opposition to pumping 500,000 gallons of nibi out of Anishinaabewi Gichigami each day
- Several Lake Superior Chippewa tribes are consulting with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding their concerns with this project



Above: https://www.juniorminingnetwork.com/images/news/Highland_Copper_2-14-2017.jpg

PolyMet Mine Updates:

- The proposed sulfide mine located just outside of the Boundary Waters received its 404 Wetlands Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers on March 22nd, 2019
- This was the last permit the company needed to begin building Minnesota's first copper-nickel mine



Want to get involved and protect the Nibi?

- **Save the Date!** May 4th, there will be an educational event about the Back 40 Mine from Menominee Ogichidaag fighting the mine!
- **Stay Tuned for Updates!** We are working with Ogichidaag and Ogichidaagwe fighting Enbridge's Line 3 to come to the community and share their stories of resistance!
- Interested in learning more about Line 3, Line 5 or the Back 40 Mine? The **Ginanda Gikendaasomin** Red Cliff Library is hosting a series of events on these topics!
- Minnesota DNR is accepting comments on all of their Line 3 related permits until May 17th, 2019. More information can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/line3/index.html>
- The U.S. Forest Service is **still** accepting public comments regarding the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Line 5 Right of Way Permit, for details go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44889>
- The MDEQ is considering a public hearing regarding Air and Dam Permits for the Back 40 Mine, stay tuned for updates!