



Wisconsin
Resources Protection
Council
Box 263, Tomahawk, WI 54487

July-August 2009

**Please help WRPC with a contribution to address
water pollution at the Flambeau Mine**

(At certain donation levels you can also receive a **free gift! – see back)**

Despite the ongoing pollution of the Flambeau River from the closed Flambeau Mine at Ladysmith, WI, the owner of the mine, Kennecott Minerals, has been promoting the mine in **Michigan's Upper Peninsula** and **Aitkin County, MN** as an example of how mining can be done in an environmentally responsible fashion. Poly Met, a Canadian mining company, has been doing the same in promoting its NorthMet sulfide mining project at **Hoyt Lakes in northeastern Minnesota**, and so has Aquila Resources when promoting its "Back Forty Project" in **Menominee County, MI**. In all of these places there is significant public opposition to new metallic sulfide mining.

The Flambeau Mine has also been cited by Tamerlane Ventures, a Canadian-based mining company that is trying to resurrect the Lynne mine project in **Wisconsin's Oneida County**. At a recent county board meeting, Tamerlane's president and CEO, Ross F. Burns, told WRPC's treasurer, Karl Fate, that the Lynne site, which is part of the Ladysmith-Rhineland-Crandon Greenstone Belt, is comparable to the mineral-rich Timmons mining district in Ontario, Canada.

On June 18, 2009, WRPC put both Kennecott and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on notice that **the truth about the Flambeau mine is going to be brought out in a lawsuit** over water pollution caused by the partially reclaimed mine. Thanks to WRPC member Laura Furtman's careful collection of the company's own monitoring data, and with the help of three scientists (Dr. David Chambers, Dr. Kendra Zamzow and Dr. Ken Parejko), plus WRPC attorney Glenn Stoddard of Eau Claire, we have given Kennecott and the DNR 30 days to address the continuing pollution of groundwater and the Flambeau River from the mine site.

Copies of WRPC's Notice of Complaint, along with the scientific reports from our consultants and summaries of all the relevant documents are posted on the WRPC website: www.wrpc.net We urge our members to visit the website and then write letters to the editor of your local paper responding to Kennecott's claim that these concerns have already been addressed "with facts and science." If you read our scientific reports accompanying our lawsuit, you will see that Kennecott's monitoring is inadequate.

This lawsuit will have **major consequences** that extend far beyond the Flambeau River. WPRC is **bound and determined to see this through** to the end and, rest assured, **we are in no mood to compromise** with those who would despoil our landscapes, destroy our clean water and change our way of life.

Please help us by sending a contribution to WRPC today (At certain donation levels you can also receive a **free gift!** – See form on back for details).

Thank you for your support. Stay tuned.

Al Gedicks
Executive Secretary

P.S. While WRPC is a non-profit organization, we are not tax exempt. Your contributions are not tax-deductible.

Yes, I will help WRPC by making a contribution to the WRPC legal defense fund!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone/Email _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____

Please make your **check payable to WRPC** and mail it along with **this form** to the following address: WRPC PO Box 263 Tomahawk, WI 54487

THANK YOU !

Might you consider a donation of \$100, \$200, \$300 or more? WRPC is offering the following incentives (please check whichever option might apply to you):

1. For contributions of **\$300 or more:**

WRPC is pleased to announce that its attorney, Glenn Stoddard, has offered to match any contribution of \$300 or more with a pro bono contribution of legal fees to WRPC, up to a total of \$1,500! In other words, if WRPC can solicit five donations of \$300 each, WRPC will get \$1,500 worth of hourly fees from Attorney Stoddard for free. Won't you meet his challenge?

_____ Yes, please accept my contribution of _____ (\$300 or more) and apply it toward Attorney Glenn Stoddard's match.

2. For contributions of **\$200:**

WRPC is pleased to announce that WRPC member Laura Furtman has offered to give an autographed copy of The Buzzards Have Landed! – The Real Story of the Flambeau Mine (Roscoe Churchill and Laura Furtman, Deer Tail Press, 2007; \$48 value) to anyone making a contribution of \$200 to WRPC's legal defense fund. You can read about the book by going to: www.deertailpress.com.

_____ Yes, please accept my contribution of \$200 and send me a copy of Buzzards!

3. For contributions of **\$100:**

WRPC is pleased to announce that WRPC Executive Secretary Al Gedicks has offered to give an autographed copy of Resource Rebels: Native Challenges to Mining and Oil Corporations (Al Gedicks, South End Press, 2001, \$18 value) to anyone making a contribution of \$100 or more to WRPC's legal defense fund. You can read about the book by going to: <http://books.google.com/books?q=Gedicks>.

_____ Yes, please accept my contribution of \$100 and send me a copy of Resource Rebels!