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**Flambeau Mining
Co. wants the DNR
to reduce
expectations for
monitoring**



**The Flooding
Flambeau River Near the Mine**

**Please write a commentary to the DNR at the link
noted below in the letter from Laura Gauger,
Duluth, MN. Laura worked closely with others to
stop the mine and has dedicated her life to
protecting the area and the environment there in
Rusk Co. and Ladysmith, WI**

**Comments are due July 8, 2019, so if you have
some time to write between now and then it would
be appreciated by many people who fought
against that mine and for the safety and health of**

many. The mine still continues, according to authorities, to impact the Flambeau River, its fisheries, and residents downstream.

Recently people had the opportunity to sign on to a letter to the DNR asking for thorough review of ALL the facts when considering the Flambeau Mining Co.'s request to update (downgrade) monitoring requirements.

Here is a letter you will want to read.

From: LJ Gauger

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:41 PM

Subject: Flambeau Mine Sign-On Letter

Hello!

I am writing to let you know that a new Flambeau Mine report documenting water contamination and inadequate monitoring practices at the mine site has just been completed. Thank you to everyone who supported this project and helped make it happen!

Timing is good. Right now, the Wisconsin DNR is accepting comments on a proposal from Flambeau Mining Company (FMC) to drastically scale back monitoring requirements at the Flambeau site. Information regarding the company's proposal is available on the DNR's Flambeau Mine webpage: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Mines/Flambeau.html>

I plan to submit the new Flambeau report to the DNR, in defense of a request to deny much of what FMC is proposing to do.

Attached is a sign-on letter addressed to the DNR that I am hoping you will sign. It includes a brief summary of the findings of the new report.

If you would like to add your name to the attached letter, all you need to do is hit the "Reply" button (to kettu2010@gmail.com) and send me a message with your name and address. If you are signing for an organization, please give me your name & title and the organization's address.

The DNR has stated that comments must be received by July 8, 2019. If you are willing to sign the letter, could you please get back to me ASAP?

Thank You!

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<https://deertailscientific.wordpress.com/>

P.S. You will notice that the attached summary is on Deer Tail Scientific (DTS) letterhead. DTS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that was founded in 2017 to help pay for projects like this one. As stated in our bylaws:

The mission of Deer Tail Scientific is to educate the public, government officials and tribal sovereign nations with fact-based information on: (1) the permitting, development, reclamation, environmental performance and economics of Wisconsin's Flambeau Mine; and (2) how the Flambeau Mine compares to other mines (closed, currently operating or proposed) in the Great Lakes region and beyond.

Laura Gauger
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Read the letter [HERE](#)

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