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As of Monday, July 24, 2023, we have received your request that the proposal be deferred from a decision pending further consideration of project design, and coordination with the three Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage) that hold treaty rights on the impacted lands under the 1854 Treaty of La Pointe.

The Forest Service is honoring this request and will hold on moving forward with the analysis and decision until the proposal is modified or withdrawn. At this time there will be no changes to management of the National Forest System lands included in the original proposal.

36 CFR 251.54(g)(2) requires that the agency evaluate the proposed use including effects on the environment in accordance with Forest Service NEPA procedures. Given the request that a decision be deferred pending further considerations including potential changes to the design of the proposed facilities, **all further analysis and a subsequent decision will be held** while we await further details regarding your proposal.

Sincerely,

THOMAS HALL  
Forest Supervisor

