Northeastern Minnesota: Public Lands & Past/Present Mineral Exploration, Preference Rights and Lease Sale Areas

Key Points:
- Concern for new exploration/expansion of mining activity in/adjacent to public lands and designated wildlife.
- Less than 2% of the surface waters have been assessed by MPCA for contaminants in this region.
- Sensitive areas, public lands and public forests are downstream from many new exploration/expansion sites.

Data Sources:
- This map was created from GIS shapefiles available from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Department of Administration

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