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Dear Mr. Donohue:

We have reviewed your proposed Soo Line 40 Exploration Program project Notice of Intent/ Plan of Operations submitted on December 2, 2025, as modified by GreenLight's letters to the Wisconsin DNR on 1/8/2026 and 1/21/2026 and to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest on 1/14/2026. Your project involves constructing and operating up to 15 exploration sites (from 18 possible sites) on your private reserved mineral rights within the Soo Line 40 (T33N R2W S35 NWSW).

A resource review has been completed on the proposed project. No major concerns were identified and we have determined that the operating plan is consistent with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. We recognize that your operating plan has included many provisions for the protection of forest resources. Also, the company has operated and completed a very similar project in the past on the Forest that was successful in minimizing impacts to resources.

The operating plan is acceptable to the Forest Service and we concur with your plan.

At this time, you may proceed with operations as outlined in your plan and subject to the following:

- Operations must follow the provisions from the Secretary of Agriculture's rules and regulations contained in the deeds conveying land to the United States Government.
- The Forest Service intends to monitor operations to ensure compliance with the operating plan.
- GreenLight must notify the Forest Service 60 days in advance of any major modification in the operating plan.
- Any unapproved deviation from the operating plan may be construed as unlawful, and the United States may take appropriate legal action.
- This concurrence is subject to Green Light obtaining all permits and approvals required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources before starting work.
- This concurrence only covers drilling into the privately-owned minerals underlying the Soo Line 40. It does not cover drilling into federal minerals from the Soo Line 40, which requires a Prospecting Permit from the Bureau of Land Management.



We appreciate your cooperation with the Forest Service in your plans to exercise your valid existing mineral rights to access and explore for minerals on National Forest System lands.

If you have any questions, please contact Minerals Program Manager Megan Luick at (715) 362-1330 or megan.luick@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

JANELLE CROCKER
Forest Supervisor

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