

Photos from Hay Lake tell the real story: wild rice here is not abundant; it is dying due to pollution that exceeds the legal limit.

MPCA: The sulfate standard should be enforced and variances rejected; it must be upheld to protect our waters and wild rice from polluting industries.

Photos of Hay Lake vs Healthy Rice beds



Hay Lake September 10, 2025-Photo-[Credit Wldflwrgrp](#)



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Elevated sulfates lead to fewer seeds, weaker seedlings, and long term wild rice decline ([Pastor et al.](#))



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Hay Lake– aerial footage taken same day as image below September 10, 2025 Photo Credit: [Wldflwrgrp](#)



Flowage Lake—Abundant healthy wild rice aerial footage; waters are a mere 9 miles from the proposed Talon Tamarack Mine. September 10, 2025 Photo Taken Same Day As Hay Lake photo above Photo Credit: wldflwrgrp



Leech Lake Wild Rice Harvest–September 7, 2025