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I am in favor of the Mesabi Energy Project. Our economy is devastated up here and we desperately need good paying jobs and the boom that large scale industrial projects is likely to produce. Other industries are likely to consider our area if they believe they have a chance to move in. The Blandin Paper Mill may choose to shut down instead of building the approved new paper machine if this and other projects do not go through. I don't want us to go back to the days of indiscriminate pollution of our rivers, lakes and forests but neither do I think that a minority group of environmental "fanatics?" should decide what kind of life and standard of living they should have over the needs of all.