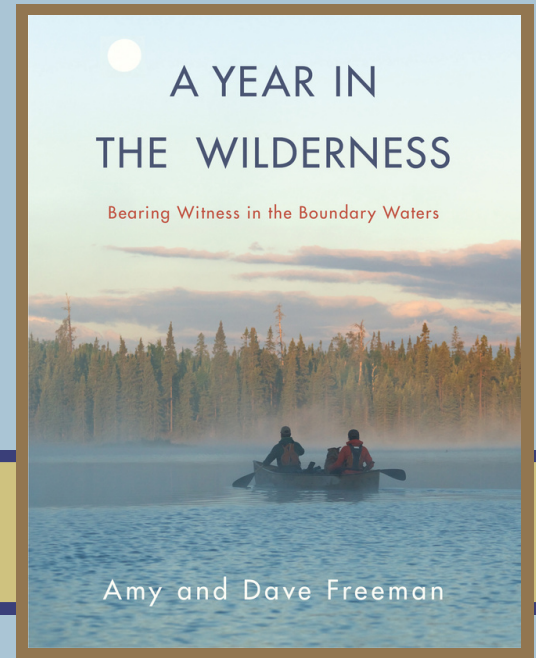


Adventure and Advocacy

A Year in the Wilderness: Bearing Witness in the Boundary Waters,
Amy and Dave Freeman, Milkweed Editions, 2017, 320 pages

“We entered the wilderness to listen to it”

In 2015, “National Geographic Adventurers of the Year” Amy and Dave Freeman, began a year’s expedition to help build a national movement to protect the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota. Canoeing, skijoring (their toboggan pulled by sled dogs and the Freemans on skis), and snowshoeing, they recorded the abundance and beauty for followers on social media. Their *A Year in the Wilderness*--told with stunning photography and compelling text-- is an inspiring record of that journey.



A Brief Conversation with Libby London Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters

***A Year in the Wilderness* showed the beauty of the Boundary Waters and the need for its preservation.**

What can you tell us about its importance?

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, located in Northeastern Minnesota, is the most visited Wilderness in the United States. Animals like moose, beaver, bears, deer, bobcats, distinctive fish, and aquatic animals rely on the undisturbed ecosystems of the Wilderness for survival. Not to mention, it’s a shelter for endangered species. The Canada lynx, gray wolf, and northern long-eared bat all rely on the thriving forests of the Wilderness for refuge.

Can you give us an update on the status of The Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters?

We’re a national coalition of 400+ conservation, hunting & fishing organizations & businesses united to achieve a permanent ban on sulfide-ore copper mining in the headwaters of the Boundary Waters. This kind of risky mining threatens Minnesota’s environment, local economy, and way of life.

What are the current threats, and what can be done to protect the ecosystem?

The Biden Administration recently signed a 20-year ban on mining next to the Boundary Waters, but unfortunately, this win was short-lived. Right now, there is dangerous federal legislation aimed at reversing the recent protections. The Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters is working tirelessly on the expert legal, scientific, and policy work required to truly protect this precious Wilderness permanently. Wilderness advocates and volunteers help to fuel this movement and are passionately fighting to protect this irreplaceable Wilderness.”

--Libby London, Communications Director, Save the Boundary Waters

Learn how you can volunteer and support the movement at: [savetheboundarywaters.org](https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org)