

In The News..

American mining giant to carve road through pristine Boreal wilderness

Last week Ontario and Cliffs Natural Resources announced that they had landed on an agreement for a smelter and private mining road. Wildlands League was quick to denounce the road. See our release [here](#).

With this business deal, Ontario broke all of its commitments to ‘get it right’ in the *Ring of Fire* and pre-empted its own environmental assessment processes. The deal allows construction of a 300 km all weather road, along what Cliffs has called the North South route. The private, all weather road is estimated to cost \$600 million – which will be largely borne by Ontario taxpayers.



PHOTO: There is much clearing of land and disruptive activity already occurring in the Ring of Fire. This is Cliffs mining camp. This is considered part of “Early exploration”. Photo by John Cutfeet, Wildlands League.

The road will cross three major rivers: Albany, Attawapiskat and Ogoki. Costs could balloon due to the technical difficulties of more than 75 bridges over river crossings in bog. The deal has also raised the ire of Neskantaga First Nation Chief who told [CBC News](#), "They're going to have to cross that river [Attawapiskat], and I told them if they want to cross that river, they're going to have to kill me first. That's how strongly I feel about my people's rights here." The First Nation also [says](#) Ontario broke the law with the mining deal.

Read more from our insider [here](#) on how Ontario got it wrong in the Ring of Fire.

Check out our [new map](#) of cumulative disturbance in the Albany River Watershed and see all the proposed developments including the Ring of Fire mining road that will affect the Albany River.

[Contact your local MPP](#) and tell him/her what you think.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lake Sturgeon, Wolverine and Woodland Caribou will all be impacted by the Ring of Fire mining development?