



8/18/22

Mystic Ranger District  
8221 Mt. Rushmore Rd  
Rapid City, SD 57702

**RE: F3 Gold/Jenny Gulch Exploration**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have reviewed the documentation for the referenced project(s). Based on the information provided, we would like to notify you that the Yankton Sioux Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation Office does not agree with this project. HeSapa (Black Hills) is sacred to the tribes and to determine that an undertaking will have no adverse effect is not possible, due to the fact that the entire HeSapa is a cultural landscape along with water ways down from the project and any undertakings that occur in the HeSapa have a major adverse effect on our sacred Black Hills. We are opposed to any projects that continually erode the Black Hills cultural landscape.

The Yankton Sioux Tribe has adopted the Ihanktonwan Consultation Wo'ope (Protocols for Consultation with the Yankton Sioux Tribe). Accordingly, in order to go into consultation with the Yankton Sioux Tribe the Mystic Ranger District must follow the process set forth in the Ihanktonwan Consultation Wo'ope which has not been met yet from previous comments on this project. Also, there are treaties and international law that should allow these comments to be understood at a more extreme level. Failure to meet with us as a "government-to-government" is a violation of our protocols and from our perception legal consultation has not been met.

Please retain this letter in your files as compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at our office by phone at 605-384-3641 ext. 1032/1033 or by e-mail at [yst.thpo@gmail.com](mailto:yst.thpo@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Colten Archambeau, THPO Director  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota