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This comment will not be the only one I make. My US Legislators will get their own comments.

The Forest Service District's handling of this issue is an "open field fumble on the one yard line"; an unforced error. To have an open meeting without any pre-education of "an archaic mining act" and to be unprepared for resistance and negative feedback is professional malpractice. To allow an out of state proponent to "skate" when the going gets tough is cowardice. To solicit comment with no purpose is disingenuous.

So, the mining act requires Federal Lands to allow exploration..... What are the requirements for recovery of the damage done to the forest and terrane? How are folks compensated for their property value depreciation, or is that just a "tough luck" scenario? Exploration and mining permits are two different things. We all expect that if sufficient quantities of gold potential are found, permits will become "easy" to acquire as we all know what motivates...

What trust can we put into a company that cannot tolerate scrutiny?

The Black Hills are already rife with unsightly and unrecoverable explorations and gouges. Please stop the plundering!

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