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Dear Mr. Manning

My husband and I at ended the public meeting last Thursday night in Custer hos ed by Hells Canyon Distr ct Ranger Rob Hoelscher regarding the Newark Explo a ion Project.

As Project Leader where we e you?

In fact where was any F3 Gold representati e? We were old they actually were present but left shor ly after he meeting started w thout e er being introduced.

We fully expected we would learn the plans and details of the Newark project at this meeting hop ng o make an informed opinion. Instead we we e shown immediately that our presence there was not really wanted by the i l-preparedness of the forest ser ce's choice in a meet ng place lack of adequate seating and neffic ent PA system. The ranger apologized and told us they were o erwhelmed by he number of people that showed up. How did he expect people o react when hey learn a project that could potentially destroy l fe as they know it is in the works for just a few miles west of the town?

Then af er be ng old in Ranger Hoelscher's opening statement that this project would go through desp te public opinion we lost all espect for he forest ser ce F3 Gold and their parent company Big Rock and any other local state or federal official who should ha e been there in he in erest of the people hey ser e. We were fortunate to ha e he indigenous people here o point out how the forest ser ice has already broken he rules of the treaty of 1868 and he General Mining Act of 1872. The categor cal exclusion amendment in the 1969 NEPA is not appropriate in this s tuat on yet the forest ser ice is going ahead with t.

Based on the misconduct of the forest ser ice and lack of transparency and lack of common courtesy demonstrated by F3 Gold we a e most def n tely opposed o this project and any other p o ect introduced by ei her party n the fa u e.

Since ely

John and Valerie Ziolkowski
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