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Good afternoon Ms. Schuyler,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Newark Project proposal for Categorical Exclusion for drilling sites near Custer and French Creek.

Given the large scope of the project and proximity to the community of Custer as well as the water source of French Creek, I feel it impossible to adequately protect the natural resources in this area.

Further, I think we can agree this is just a small step into our National Forest in this area, one that will have devastating long term impacts to tourism, wildlife and the residents currently in the area.

This is an inappropriate request, and should be denied.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Best,

Kimberly Traphagen