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The Black Hills are a ery special place with a unique beauty and at rac ion that mi lions of fellow Amer cans lo e to enjoy e ery year. The residents of South Dakota a l cherish the Black H lls as especially do the landowners of h s magnif cent place. In fact e e yone that I know that has had the opportun ty to isit he e lo es t!
Please do not a low this rich and at rac i e place to become spo led by la ge ndustries hat will only take away f om the natural clean and beautiful Black Hills. If the the Black Hi ls which benef t from literally m llions of people s ting and hi lions of do lars of re emue are not worth preser ing and protecting what place in our country is?
Years of h story ha e pro en how harmful large mining operations for gold I thium and uranium are and we must not allow this place to be ruined by damage hat is not only dangerous o our commun ty but permanent and rre ers Mr. Ha e personally seen commercial mines where the water and land are so contamina ed with chem cals poisons and or acidic condi ions that no hing li ng can sur i e. We ha e a responsibil ty for the f ch plants animals and people that we manage or are associated wi h and f the wellbeing of this planet or peoples li es are n ured there w ll be bad consequences that we all wi l ha e o face. Resou ces hat are essent al to life like fresh water clean air and a heal hy functioning en ironment are not infinite but f ni e and must be managed acco dingly.
If our waters become con amina ed w th high le els of cyanide wi l he m n ng companies that a e responsible for ruining the water be held responsible and requi ed o install water pipes to supply our homes and bus nesses w th drinkable water? If so where would this water come f om as much of this rig on s experiencing drought? I mining companies see that t is prof table here are they going to be able start e en mo e strip m nes?
How much des ruc ion and mining of the Black H lls is acceptable? Should we stop and consider if the damage loss and destruction is greater than he benefit of some out of s a e e or country company mak ng better profi s for a year or wo? Why has the F3 Gold LLC or Big Rock Exploration been gi en a "ca egorical exclusion" o a osd the necessary step of doing a en i onmen al assessment study? Are he li es of our friends and fam ly in this commun ty for no aliac o the go emment? Who is taking responsibili y when h ngs go wrong and damage is done? Is there any compensat on for loss in property aliars or other injury that occu s such as our li es ock getting sick from drinking the water out of he creek? Is damag ng peoples businesses property and/or wellbeing considered a crime?
Please make the choice to do what s right for he e tizens of SD for he great di ersi y of wildl fe for the nati e Amer cans hat we l ed o broke our agreements and treaties with for all the people of the USA and for the world who all lo e and en oy he Black Hills.

Thank you for your t me and assistance
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