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Dear Wendy,

I write as a concerned Black Hills land owner and funder in the Dakota region. Please do NOT approve a categorical exclusion for the Newark exploratory drilling project. We do *not* need to fast track more corporate extraction in the Black Hills. This is a dangerous risk to water, especially to beautiful French Creek! There is no excuse for compromising more water quality in today's world. This could involve up to 390 drill holes + unnecessary road work. There may be cultural resources in the area that would need to be protected. Simply put, it is your obligation to **protect our lands, water and communities first and foremost**. This does not mean appeasing the interests of outside corporate interests.

Thank you,  
Sonja

Windrose Fund & Red Earth Ranch LLC