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I am a landowner near the proposed exploration site proposed by F3Gold. I understand that the 1872 Mining Law allows for mining in the Black Hills, but there should not be a Categorical Exclusion for the exploration.

I strongly request that there be no Categorical Exclusion for the mining exploration by F3Gold for their claims north and west of Custer, SD. An Environmental Impact Statement or at least an Environmental Assessment should be done. I would also like more specific information about the drilling technology they might be using.

I am very concerned about the deleterious impact this could have on my livestock, water supply, wildlife (Black Backed Woodpecker, Big Horn Sheep, Elk, Turkey, Red Belied Snake and Deer). This would also have a negative impact on the Mickelson Trail and other recreation in the southern hills and may cause economic issues for Custer community.

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