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To:

Rob Hoelscher

District Ranger

Dear Mr. Hoelscher,

My name is Tim Tennyson, I own property in the Custer area, I recently became aware of the Newark exploratory drilling project proposed on the upper French creek Road near Custer SD. It is my understanding this proposed drilling was not vetted through an EIS process at the local proximity. It gives me great concern that the USFS would allow such a project without a proper EIS regarding the possible future degradation of one of the main drinking water sources of the Custer area. How the USFS would even consider this sample drilling and/or future projects without first examining the environmental consequence in this day and age is nothing short of shocking. I encourage you to take a step back and reconsider the sample drilling and/or future mining projects in this area until a proper and thorough EIS has been completed.

A concerned citizen, Timothy Tennyson