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Hi my name is Veronica ludwig and I am a South Dakota resident that visits the Black Hills, has a father-in-law in the family that lives in Custer and my sister and brother-in-law own land in Custer.

We are not in support of any mining in the Black Hills of any kind.

The area is a state treasure and mining inevitably damages landscape, creates pollution and usually doesn't benefit local or state economies but enriches the outside companies and shareholders whoever they are. Minnesota is close but let's be honest, this is a for profit venture.

The Black Hills generate alot of tourism revenue and should be left unspoiled.

I remember Idaho? blocking mining that would have affected their tourism industry not that long ago as area residents and business leaders banded together to protect their land and their local industry.

On another note the Black Hills are sacred to our 1st Nation relatives. No mining project should be approved without their consent.

Thank you for your consideration,

Veronika Ludewig