

Dear Sir

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We need to protect our fresh water world wide. Some day there will be wars over water and we do not want that to happen here. Along with water we need to improve our riparian areas and watershed. The mineral claims withdrawal is a good start.

I am old enough to remember the condition of Whitewood Creek and the Belle Fourche River. I do not think that would happen again but if steps are not taken it is possible.

We fish the creeks, hike and bicycle along them and I want my great grandchildren to enjoy them also.

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