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Comments: Supervisor Rob Hoelscher and To the ultimate powers that be in the Forest Service concerning this matter. I implore you to do what is really right and stop this gold mining scheme, which is an environmental travesty. Martha Studt Forest Service Supervisor Hoelscher, I am one of your constituents. I have lived in Custer 76 years. Do I want a Minnesota gold mining company to drill 39+ places down 2-3000 feet near Upper French Creek, etc., and use many thousands of gallons of water in the process, and everything else involved, in order to accomplish this? NO Do I feel betrayed by the Forest Service? YES, What happened to the Forest Service's mission to protect our environment? Do I think you can stop this gold mining from happening? YES. Whether this goes forward or not is POLITICAL. Do I believe what this company is telling me? (reclamation, historic artifacts, environmental impact, etc.) NO Do I think soliciting the public's opinion will change their plans? NO. They will wait till the furor dies down and do what they want to. Who BENEFITS? Minnesota Gold Mining Company and the many contractors and others involved: \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ WHO SUFFERS? WE DO: The people of this area, the Black Hills, the State of South Dakota, our children and grandchildren and most of all, the land and the environment: WATER POLLUTION AIR POLLUTION NOISE POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION = the LAND THE HEALTH OF the PEOPLE Where this mining occurs. We love our isolation and sparse population and the land. DON'T ALLOW THIS