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Comments: Ms. Schuyler,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to both the F3 proposal generally as well as to the possibility of them receiving a categorical exclusion for the project.

At a time when the need to protect natural resources, particularly water, as well as natural habitat, I am disappointed this project is being given consideration at all. Fast tracking it seems to be beyond all reason.

I am a property owner in Custer County. This project needs to be rejected on its face. Knowing that this is just the exploratory phase of what could be a much bigger effort to mine the Black Hills is even more reason to stop it now.

I know there are many who feel the same way as I do and have no doubt we will explore every option available to us to oppose this effort going forward.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Purdy