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Dear Mr. Hoelscher,

I urge you to demand a more complete environmental assessment for this project (before it begins) instead of the Categorical Exclusion in place now.

It is my understanding that it is your job to protect our forests and a responsibility you take seriously.

This project is literally in my backyard and in hundreds of my neighbors as well.

If this project does begin and they do discover the minerals they are looking for, WHAT THEN ???

The mining would have long term devastating effects on the National Forest and the residents of the beautiful Black Hills.

Please do the right thing and stop this project.

Yours truly,

Rosalie Placco

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