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Comments: I hereby object to this project and ask that you withhold or rescind its permission. First and foremost, though the US Forest Service (USFS) refuses to acknowledge it, the 1868 Treaty of Laramie acknowledges that the Black Hills are to be reserved exclusively for the "Sioux." Therefore, no activities may take place on these lands without their permission. Since that minor fact might be easily dismissed by your office, here are some others reasons to refuse permission to F3 Gold:

-The impact on geology and wildlife of drilling holes from 1,000-6,000 feet is unknown.

-Dispersal of waste water on the ground is likely to also spread the hazardous materials described in the project plan, petroleum products which are known carcinogens.

-The cutting of trees for gold exploration is irresponsible under the dire situation of our greatest threat, climate chaos. President Biden's Executive Order 14072 and many other declarations of the current administration must be enacted by the USFS.

-Environmental justice priorities of our current federal Administration disallow inequities like the disturbance of Lakota homelands with 24-hour a day noise and vibration, deep drilling, tree cutting, new road building and especially the extraction of minerals, with which this project must be associated, even while it is only the precursor and prerequisite of the last and greatest impact listed above.

-I know and dearlove these lands.

Please give careful consideration to all the objections received.

Thank you,

Gia Neswald

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