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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

Please protect all waterways that lead into our local water supply in Rapid City and the Black Hills region.

My family and I moved here ten years ago from Northern California. One of the biggest appeals of this region was the many waterways filled with clean water. I'm an avid camp kayaker and open water swimmer, and having clean waterways where I live is a HUGE priority to me and all my neighbors. If our water becomes polluted, we will be forced to move, and I know many others who would follow.

I grew up in a location with polluted water from years of mining. Our local waterways were high in Mercury, and one could not and still cannot safely swim in or eat fish from those waterways. I had to drive six hours to get to safe lakes. I am posting a link to just one of those waterways, so you can see what our future in the Black Hills holds if we don't put a stop to all mining and toxic behaviors in our waterways.

I'm begging you to please stop all risks by saying no to future mining on our watershed and connected waterways. You will be protecting both our livelihoods and also our recreational opportunities which we are so very lucky to still have.

Thank you for your time,
Tirah and Family