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Comments: Disrict Ranger Hoelscher,
I am writing concerning the Newark Exploration drilling project by F3 Gold, LLC of Minneapolis, MN, and the Categorical Exclusion in NEPA.I am living on property purchased in 1987. This property boundary is shared with the Black Hills National Forest. Numerous drill sites proposed by F3 Gold in the Newark Exploration Project appear to be within one mile of my home.MY CONCERNS:1) Noise - Noise from drilling 24 hours per day will impact my home 24 hours per day2) Water - My water supply is from a well that could be contaminated. 2022 was the driest year in over 128 years. Our water supply is already in dire danger as the Custer Water Pool is extremely stressed right now with the drought.3) A categorical exclusion is not appropriate for this project. I am requesting an Environmental Assessment specifically for the F3 Gold Newark Drill Project.In conclusion, I am concerned for the following reasons:Air pollutionSound pollutionLight pollutionSurface aquifer pollutionWater poisoningFurther creation of water shortagesAgain, I am requesting an Environmental Assessment specially for the F3 Gold Newark Project before this project is approved.