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It has been brought to many Custer residents that there is a proposal for The Newark Project. As a resident on Upper French Creek I am very concerned. It was explained that thousands and thousands of gallons of water as well as hole drilling will be going on. Has anyone assessed where all that water will go and what neighborhoods will be affected? Will it run into residential wells and contaminate them? Will the water of the city of Custer be affected? Will that water wash out harmful chemicals that will settle in wells, creeks, ponds, city water lines? Has an environmental study been done? And if not WHY. Why would the Forest Service not want to be sure, first. What is the urgency? The Black Hills is a jewel in the State of South Dakota and why would anyone not want to know if after this project is complete and the mining company leaves the state, that it would continue to flourish and be a rich tourist attraction? So many questions and will be attending the meeting on the 16th in Custer.

Respectfully and concerned citizen and American, Kathy Scheibe Custer, SD