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Comments: Dear Ms. Schuyler,

My wife and I have recently moved to Custer, SD close to French Creek. We moved here because of the natural beauty, peace, quiet, clean water, wildlife and air. It has come to our attention that the forest service is considering granting a 'categorical exclusion' to Newark gold mining that is considered by many to be a fast tracking way to expedite their prospects.

Our property tax has doubled over the last couple of years. Please consider residents both people and resident wildlife that are becoming more impacted negatively by our actions and choices that can't be reversed once made. People are leaving other states such as Colorado in droves because of less than desirable environmental decisions made in the past. Please let's love our land here and not allow this categorical exclusion because people are coming here to escape from past mistakes made elsewhere.

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Sincerely,

Kei Pang

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