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Comments: Mr. Hoelscher:

The experiences of the past in the Black Hills should be evidence enough to deny or at least require an environmental study prior to allowing exploratory bore hole drilling by F3 Gold. Our water is the most important factor to consider, but the other factors such as property value, traffic, damage to roads and to the forest, and possible fire danger are other very important considerations. Also, it is time to change the 1872 law!

I completely disagree with gold mining of any sort in the Black Hills. All we need to do is look at the ugly scar in the Northern Hills to realize why this is simply unacceptable.

Thank you,

Linda Fennell

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