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Comments: Hi Wendy,

I'm writing to you today to ask you to please reject Categorical Exclusion for the Newark Project that is starting or has already started in Jenny Gulch. It is so close to Custer, and while my husband grew up in Lead and we are currently residents of Rapid City, we adore Custer, we love Black Elk Peak, we love hiking, we love the sunrises and sunsets and we love the wading with our kiddos in the streams and checking the sizes of the clusters of baby fish we can find and spotting wildlife when we're out and about.

Seeing disasters like what is going on in East Palestine, OH only motivates us more to deepen our commitment to protect the land we call home and the air our kids breath and the water our kids drink. By fast tracking any mining projects in the Black Hills you're taking the chance of that kind of disaster to our land, and risks to our health and devastation to our wildlife happening here.

My family and I thank you for your time and consideration,

Liz Lanphear

Rapid City Resident