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Comments: Dear Wendy,

I write as a concerned Black Hills land owner and funder in the Dakota region. Please do NOT approve a categorical exclusion for the Newark exploratory drilling project. We do not need to fast track more corporate extraction in the Black Hills. This is a dangerous risk to water, especially to beautiful French Creek! There is no excuse for compromising more water quality in today's world. This could involve up to 390 drill holes + unnecessary road work. There may be cultural resources in the area that would need to be protected. Simply put, it is your obligation to protect our lands, water and communities first and foremost. This does not mean appeasing the interests of outside corporate interests.

Thank you,

Sonja

Windrose Fund & Red Earth Ranch LLC