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Comments: Dear Ms. Schuyler,

We have just built a house in *redacted* SD on *redacted* that runs along French Creek.

It has come to our attention that the forest service is considering to grant a 'categorical exclusion' to Newark gold mining that is considered by many to be a fast tracking way to expedite their prospects.

Our land tax has gone up 3x from \$1,200 for our city lot in 2021 to \$3,200 in one year. Next year there will be a house on it completed and we chose this place because of the natural beauty, peace, quiet, clean water, wildlife and air.

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 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.

Thank you Wendy for hearing me.

I'm studying to become a SD master naturalist and would to come and meet you and volunteer with you in Custer upon graduation in summer.

Best regards,

Susan McPhail Pang

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