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Comments: My name is Paul Sauser. I have lived much of my life in *redacted* and I'm writing to register my opposition to any new mining in the Black Hills.

I'm sure you will entertain many technical comments that specifically address these proposals, but my comment has more to do with my hopes for how we treat our environment.

I've watched over the years as mineral wealth has taken precedence over the life-giving water, soil, plants and animals that we must protect to pass on to future generations. I want that to stop. I'm sure we can live well without extracting more gold from the earth. I'm particularly concerned about the downstream effects of testing, exploration and mining on water.

Thank you,

Paul Sauser