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Comments: My name is Jackie Hartwick. In 2007, I was fortunate to purchase eight acres of land on Wind Song Valley Road. The property showcases the buildings that are the original homestead on Wind Song Valley Road. The historical buildings on this home site include a cabin that is over 100 years old. The land has many underground springs. When we have a wet summer, these springs provide a lush green oasis. I would like to know that it will stay that way. It is nice to have a natural watering system. I have forest service land behind me and in front of me. It would also be nice to know that that land will keep its natural water ways and natural resources. Not knowing how the gold exploration projects in the Black Hills will affect water and other natural resources is a concern.

I have talked to Cathy Craig and Kim Dottle at the BLM office in Billings. They were willing to help me in many ways. One of the things that Kim said is that anytime there is potential for dirt to be moved there should be an Environmental Impact Statement prepared. She said that the company that will be potentially moving dirt should be heavily bonded so that the land will be returned to its natural state.

With this in mind, a categorical exclusion is not appropriate for the F3 Gold's Newark Project.