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Dear Ms. Schuyler,

I writing to object to the "categorical exclusion" for the F3 Gold's Newark Exploratory Drilling project. I would prefer that no gold mining continue in the sacred Black Hills area. But, the least the Forest Service can do is to ask for an environmental assessment before allowing the drilling to begin. The reasons are many but the environmental damage to French Creek and the water in this area would affect those residents living in Custer. Cultural resources also need protection.

I urge you to reconsider this categorical exclusion, which is not appropriate in this case.

Respectfully,

Gayle Marsh

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