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Dear USFS,

My name is Mark Vander Meer. I have been working on natural resource issues in the Black Hills and other places for 40 years. Much of my work is mine site reclamation. I can't believe you would consider a C.E. for this project. It does not come close to meeting the requirements. The impacts of the proposed work are predictable and grim. Kowtowing to the extraction industries will always lead to resource damage. Just look at your credibility issues after the "over story removal" debacle. Please do your job correctly. Do the full E.A. Thanks for considering.

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