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Hello

Attended the meeting at the high school and was shocked and disappointed at the blatant lack of responsibility that you have for your duty as a director of the forest service. You are a federal employee yet you claim that you have no authority in the matter of the land and water being destroyed on forest service property and suppose that you and the forest service will also not claim

any responsibility for the damage to he lives and property that occur because of the gold mining that you approve and allow? This is astounding to me that you can even delude yourself into believing that you have no role to play in the out come of this matter.

Please do what is not only the sensible thing to do but also the mortally right thing to do and stop the destruction of the Black Hills before it starts.

Do our fellow Americans want to come camp and catch a fish from a place that is polluted and unsafe? Do the people that love living here want unhealthy water to drink? Has not history proved gold mining to be destructive? Are the Black Hills even worth protecting from large industrial mining? Have we not done enough injury against the native peoples that lived here before us? Be a director and take the responsibility that you have been given and conduct a full environmental study to be aware of the impacts to not only the forest service land (that you manage) but also the harm that will be done to the community and residents of our beautiful town of Custer.

Thank you

Oliver Stubbs