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Subject: Environmental Assessment

Hello,

This is to be my comments on the proposed Newark Project to be done by F3 Gold. As we all know that once a project like this begins it will forever change the Black Hills. The environment will be compromised, the landscape will be altered along with the wildlife being displaced. I live close by the area that will be impacted and rely on the ground water for my drinkinking supply. This concerns me if the aqueduct is affected in anyway shape or form.

This area is gated six months out of the year and does not allow motor vehicle access during that time. Allowing heavy equipment, road development, site clearing, drilling, noise and other factors is a complete 180 degree turn from what the average person is allowed to do on USFS Land. Other areas of Federal Lands such as Wind Cave NP has done a three year study on the movement and migration routes of elk by collaring the elk. This same type of study needs to done on this Federal Land also, since the pad sites are strung together for over a mile. Other wildlife will also be displaced and jeopardized.

At the very least an Environmental Assessment for this project if not completely disallowed. The people of the Black Hills, Custer and others that enjoy our FS Lands have nothing to gain from this project but have everything to lose.

Regards,
Peter Shattuck

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