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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed gold mining exploration in the Jenny Gulch area near Silver City. My previous objections centered on concerns for water quality as well as the uniqueness of this area of the Black Hills. I do not want gold mining here. Exploration leads to mining. Exploration within 30 miles of Rapid City makes no sense. Gold exploration within a major watershed in western SD makes no sense. Water quality and the amount of water itself makes a huge difference out here. I would prefer this permit be denied straightaway. Please stop this before this gets away from us.

Please listen. This is our home. We have enough pressure from population growth as it is. We do not need the added pressure from gold exploration next door to Pactola and Rapid City. The Black Hills is a relatively small part of our country. We can only support so many people, only so much industry, before we lose our very unique Black Hills and the wonderful quality of life we treasure here. This is our precious and very delicate home. Please end this.