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Comments: I am writing to ask that we reject any/ every request to mine in the Black Hills and specifically the areas that could potentially cause irreparable harm to our water sources. Rapid City is growing at an exponential rate and water is already a precious commodity. We are also a tourist destination that cannot afford to pollute our air, soil, or water.

I understand that the Jenny Gulch Gold Exploration Drilling Project is for exploration purposes but could cause irreparable harm to the ecosystems, beauty and the serenity of the Jenny Gulch area, where many of us swim, kayak, hike, fish, and hunt. Where wildlife abounds and where the source of our drinking water begins. If the exploration drilling is successful and they strike gold, the mining would begin in earnest and we already know how much damage is caused by mining. It's not worth it to pollute our main source of water, not for all of the gold in the world. Water is Life.

As long as we are also discussing treaties from the 1800's, that are frequently overlooked and conveniently ignored, I would also like mention the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868. It's not their land to begin with.