Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/20/2022 6:00:00 AM First name: Caryn Last name: Lerman Organization: Title: Comments: No new large-scale mines in the Black Hills! This project would be in an area where water flows into Pactola, which is the water supply for Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and reservation and rural communities along the Cheyenne River. The possibility of a large-scale mine in this area - with its toxic substances and likely leaks - is a real threat to health, (the possibility of a large-scale mine in this area - with its toxic substances and likely leaks - is a real threat to) wildlife, and (the possibility of a large-scale mine in this area - with its toxic substances and likely leaks - is a real threat to) our tourism, (the possibility of a large-scale mine in this area - with its toxic substances and likely leaks - is a real threat to) agriculture, and (the possibility of a large-scale mine in this area - with its toxic substances and likely leaks - is a real threat to) outdoor recreation economy. The Black Hills and our clean water should be protected as water is an essential element to all of life. Please deny this project. Thank you,

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