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Comments: I keep wondering why the US Forest Service went this direction with this gold exploration drilling operation when they should be discussing gold recovery plant they want. Since they didn't include any discussion on using chemicals like mercury and other acids for gold recovery which has a history of contaminating downstream rivers and streams, leaving piles of acidic sand, useless for other purposes, just waste and poisons, that is the history of gold mining.

Is this part of a gold recovery mining operation, why are they segmenting public involvement? Is the US Forest Service using the protracted community involvement to identify folks opposing gold mining, or opposing the polluting the Black Hills from improper mining practices. I keep seeing this as sort of publicity campaign, involving speculation, trying to drive investment in the main gold mining operation, using negative publicity for a chance to demonstrate how safe their gold mining operation would be, no use of mercury for gold amalgamation separator plate on the sluice box or other harsh poisonous acidic chemicals.

We need to know the gold mining operation and the owners, whether are foreign or part of that suspect BlackRock mining that might sanctioned for involvement with Russian Federation. This is the only reason why I don't see the gold mining operation and owners being mention, just the exploratory drillers.

My concern other than the foreign ownership issue (Canadian or Russian Federation is suspect to me) is that the drilling company is able to restore and plug their drill holes when they strike out, protecting groundwater from contamination through unplugged drill coring holes.

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