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Comments: I am completely surprised at the notion that your agency is considering this exploration as viable. This is a fight you do not want to have. All, (like me) who've expressed their feelings on this exploration have advised that this watershed CANNOT be compromised. You do no favors for any mining company that thinks actual removal/processing of ore can or will be tolerated by our people.

EAFB, a national defense installation, just went through a real problematic time whereby their water supply was in jeopardy due to a malfunction in Rapid City's delivery of Pactola water. This was a good trial run for what would be an indescribably larger disaster if that water was tainted with any mining related chemical intrusion into the entire supply.

As a former mayor of Rapid City, a lifelong resident of Rapid City, and an American citizen, I object strenuously to any forward motion that could ruin our water supply. This project is a direct threat to the security of my country and my city.

Therefore, a full and true environmental impact statement that outlines the interconnectivity and fragility of the Madison Aquifer must be done and the public must have ample and repeated chances to understand the threats posed by this assumptive activity that mining may actually occur. Then you shall feel the full effect of their objections as well as mine.