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Comments: I am a Rapid City Resident and my family uses the black hills regularly for recreation. The beauty of the black hills must be protected at all costs for the future generations. The extortion of the black hills for the mining project would absolutely diminish the natural beauty of the area we enjoy. It would be a small gain for the individuals mining the area and a huge loss for the impacts of tourism in the Custer area.

I am very concerned about the impacts to the French Creek as well. I am requesting for an Environmental Impact Statement to fully understand the impacts of the mining proposal. Additionally, allowing the mine would only be the start of more requests for mining operations. All future drilling projects should be assessed first before we consider this project.

We have too much to lose so a small minority of people can profit off the black hills.