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Comments: The current law governing mining was passed in 1872. In the intervening 151 years, much has changed, including the scope and methods of mining as well as mining's environmental, cultural, and economic impact. Until the law is updated to reflect modern understandings, I am opposed to allowing any mining or mining-related activity in the Black Hills. The potential impact on the water, landscape, and natural recreation has not been adequately explored. Additionally, I am concerned about the full life of any mining project. All such ventures should include a full environmental study and a long-term plan and commitment to resolving mining activities in ways that best protect the land.