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Comments: Good Afternoon,

I APPROVE of the proposal, and want it to pass. I understand it will result in the withdrawal of federal mineral rights, meaning no mining can happen in the proposal area. Mining activities pollutes the watershed and drinking water of 100,000 people with cyanide, arsenic, uranium, mercury, and a host of other toxic "forever" chemicals. Additionally, the Black Hills is illegally occupied treaty land, as ruled by the Supreme Court, and any claims to mining rights are illegitimate. This area is also sacred to Oceti Sakowin and 2 dozen other tribes, and the pollution would result in the loss of cultural resources that can never be recovered. Please pass the proposal and withdraw all mineral rights in the Rapid Creek Watershed immediately.