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Comments: I am writing to express my approval of the proposed mineral withdrawal in and around the Rapid Creek watershed in the Black Hills region of South Dakota that was recently announced by your agencies. Mining and the processing of the raw materials it extracts pollute watersheds with cyanide, arsenic, uranium, mercury, and a host of other toxic "forever" chemicals. Why should we have to drink toxic chemicals for the sake of foreign companies profits?

This is the spiritual and ancestral home of the Oceti Sakowin peoples along with many other tribes, and the cultural resources we will lose if these mining projects are allowed to continue can never be recovered. On behalf of my family and myself, we respectfully ask that you pass the proposal and withdraw all mineral rights in the Rapid Creek Watershed immediately.

Sincerely,

Tawny Wilson