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Comments: I am writing that I am in support of the US Forest Service request to "withdraw the Rapid Creek Watershed in Pennington County, South Dakota from settlement, sale, location or entry under the public land laws, location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for up to 20 years". In my opinion, having been a Spearfish, SD resident since I was 6 years old, what matters most is protecting the Black Hills from mining. It is becoming more and more evident that biodiversity is the solution to maintaining homeostasis on our planet. Also, recreation and tourism brings in more money than mining to the state. We need to protect our people and our land. We need to change our mindset from what we thought was right in the 1800's when the mining laws were passed in this state, to the 2020's. This earth is dying because we continue to strip it's resources. The solution is not easy, but it is becoming more and more obvious. Please, give my 5 year old daughter the Black Hills to play in and while she is growing up, as I did. It is a gem here, we need to keep it that way. Mining is not the answer.