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Comments: Dear Brian et al, - as a 27 year real estate professional, I've seen the risk to property "downstream" from mining activities. The federal fund programming in place to clean up properties like this are proof that the risk to downstream serious contamination is much more than negligible, regardless of what the mining operations have promised in the past.

The Rapid City metro area is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We have great water here and it's really imperative that all of us do what we can to maintain this status. Protecting the Rapid Creek watershed area is crucial to this end.

In my day, job of a real estate professional, I've seen a number of things that have snuck under the radar of the governing authorities over the past decades. It would be a very wise federal decision to not put this entire municipality's water supply at risk of contamination in a multitude of ways by allowing the mineral mining within this crucial 20k acre drainage basin.

Thanks much for your consideration.