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Comments: The proposed mineral withdrawal aims to prevent further negative environmental impacts from future mining operations.

It also evaluates the impacts of future mining on important social, cultural, and economic values, especially those of the Lakota people, who inherently own the Black Hills.

As in the case of the boundary waters, this area should be deemed non-mineable, forever, not just 20 years.