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Comments: Our unspoiled natural resources and the businesses and citizens that depend on and enjoy them are being jeopardized by a new gold rush in the Black Hills. These new interests usually come from out of state and sometimes from places like Canada, Scotland, and Australia. More often than not, the people behind these interests have never set foot in South Dakota, let alone in the Black Hills. These companies rely on a law from 1872 to perfect their claims which are usually on public land. Things have changed since 1872. Using modern equipment, mining companies today can dramatically alter the land in a way that was unimaginable in 1872. We already have too many environmental sites in the Black Hills that require remediation at taxpayer expense. We don't any more. Clean water is worth more than gold.