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Comments: Dear Staff-

First, thank you for the work you do on behalf of all U.S. citizens and residents. Our future is much brighter because of you!

This comment is a very happy one. I support the mineral withdrawal application in the Black Hills with great satisfaction! What a great idea it is to put even a short, 20 year moratorium on mining in this area with irreplaceable, essential resources to keep humans alive- mainly the waters draining this area. As a Montanan, I certainly understand the importance of mining, but mineral wealth should never be gotten at the expense of water, air, and a very few other resources that we and our future planetmates must have just to survive. Please uphold this withdrawal application!

Best regards,

Bob Jones

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