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Comments: Please approve this withdrawal application. We need to preserve our watersheds and find better ways than extractive, destructive, polluting mining operations to continue our way of life. Water quality is already at issue in so many areas; preserving any watershed from the pollution that is inevitable with mining operations is vital.

An Environmental Assessment is important with any such action, but a withdrawal from mining rights should by all logic return a result of Finding of No Significant Impact. NOT destroying an ecosystem should be impact-free - unlike actually mining it.

Additionally, as with many forests and park-lands, this area was originally Lakota territory, and the people continue to hold it as culturally important. We must respect the sacred nature of the land in question just as much as we treasure it for water quality and recreation.

I also support expansion of this land withdrawal to all neighboring federally-managed lands.

Thank you for your consideration.