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Comments: I urge you to withdraw the Rapid Creek watershed from all mining. The theft of the Black Hills from the Lakota peoples continues to this day, in the form of mining claims staked under the larcenous and antiquated 1872 Mining Law. After decades of feigning apology, regret, or lessons learned from the genocide and land expropriation from Native Americans, those pretensions are belied by the casual reassignment of more of the Black Hills any time a mining company smells valuable minerals there.