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Comments: I support the proposed mineral withdrawal and would like to see it expanded to include the entire Rapid Creek watershed. Mining projects will contaminate our water supply here in Rapid City and surrounding communities. It impacts wildlife habitats as well. I am especially concerned about the effect of mining chemicals on wild brown trout populations in Rapid Creek. I am very concerned about the contamination of Rapid Creek and associated aquifers. The safety of our water supply is very important. Please move quickly to implement this withdrawal. Expand the withdrawal to protect the entire watershed. We need clean water for our water supply and wildlife, and to protect our tourism economy.