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Comments: I fully support this mineral claims withdrawal and it's intention to protect the drinking water source for the majority of the population in Western SD. The Rapid Creek Watershed encompasses 198,000 acres approximately and recharges both major aquifers that supply Rapid City, Rapid Valley, Boxelder and Ellsworth AFB. This mineral claims withdrawal is a national security imperative.

Ideally to meet the stated goal of the cali s withdrawal the area would be expanded to the entire watersheds 198,000 acres.

The economy and wellbeing of our population is dependent upon this watershed.