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Comments: Hello,

First of all, thank you for listening to the voices of the many people who spoke up about this issue and requesting the withdrawal. It is the right call.

I am asking that during this two-year study you continue listening to those voices as you collect data and consider the future impacts on our water supply from potential mining. I am asking further you not only expand the scope of the mining ban to include all of the Black Hills, but also that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management work with Congress to extend the period indefinitely.

The Black Hills are a sacred land with an intricate water network which nourishes and supports a complex ecosystem, humans being just some of the many beneficiaries and parts of that system. We believe that clean and safe water is too important to risk with drilling and potential mineral extraction.

Thank you,

Christopher Roth