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Comments: I strongly don't support mining in the Black Hills. Mining and rare earth metals extraction can cause extreme pollution and contamination to the environment and water supply. Heavy metals are incredibly dangerous and can cause birth defects, developmental delays, and other intense health issues. I study environmental engineering and have studied extensively how difficult and complex the remediation of these toxins can be and the cost - both human and financial - of this contamination far outweighs the benefits of this mining. I urge you to not restart this practice in the Hills and value our people and our water above all else.