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Comments: I would like to express my opposition to the proposed withdrawal of 20,574 acres in the Black Hills National Forest. Modern hardrock mines are subject to stringent environmental, labor and safety laws and regulations such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and dozens of others. The proposed withdrawal won't provide any benefit, but it will deprive South Dakotans of jobs that pay well above average, and will make our entire nation more dependent on minerals from foreign sources.
I have personally seen the mines of Indonesia and Zambia which have a total disregard for the environment. Mining in the United States is a good choice for our country, citizens and the environment. I am in total opposition to any more public land withdrawals

Best regards
Mark