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Comments: The Eastern Oregon Mining Association is opposed to the proposed withdrawal of 20,574 acres in the Black Hills National Forest. When the National Forests were allowed to be reserved from the counties by Congress, people were promised that the National Forest lands would be open to access, and used for timber production, grazing, and mining. There have been way too many withdrawals of National Forest lands already. Our country needs to wisely use its resources and this blanket closure of thousands of acres puts stress on our ability to provide needed minerals. Please reconsider and do not withdraw these acres from resource use by the people.