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Comments: It is my firm belief that laws concerning mining on public lands are antiquated and obsolete. What may have been viable in the 1800's has no bearing on today's public lands. One only has to look at the Lead area and the devastation that mining has done to the creek. See what mining has done on Castle Creek near Mystic or Rapid Creek near Rochford. Has any reclamation ever been done? Is there any agency that looks out for OUR public lands? All a corporation needs do is declare bankruptcy and it's liability is removed, and we are stuck with the consequences.

It is time to stop all mineral exploitation from in the Black Hills.