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Comments: I am writing to implore that the mineral claims withdrawal be upheld and expanded to include the entire Rapid Creek watershed. The fact is, mines and outdoor recreation just do not mix well. The argument could be made that one industry does not have to come at the exclusion of the other. However, almost every major mining claim throughout history has had at least some level of ground water contamination, often times reaching levels threatening the life of wildlife and humans in the surrounding areas. In addition to the arguments that we ought to protect this precious life, mining in the Black Hills just does not make economic sense. The Black Hills bring in millions of dollars in outdoor recreation revenue, making up 2.1% of South Dakota's GDP. In comparison, mining only makes up about 0.2% of the state's GDP. Increasing mining claims in the Hills WILL have a negative effect on the outdoor recreation industry, making the Black Hills less attractive for tourists and harming our way of life. Lastly, it is worth stating the Black Hills are still sacred and holy to the Lakota people, who have called this land home long before our modern country established itself here. If we are serious about turning over a new leaf, finding a new way forward that includes the desires of our most historically marginalized communities, we must consider with extra weight the desires of our indigenous neighbors, imagining with empathy what it would be like for an outside invader to occupy and intend to destroy our most sacred national and spiritual sites.