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Comments: I oppose this withdrawal in the Black Hills. This type of withdrawal process, without an open, transparent, and thoughtful engagement process is counter to what is required by all others working on federal lands. This withdrawal will further accelerate and amplify the negative impacts with regards to ever increasing foreign reliance on the minerals we need in our tech-heavy world. And it further amplifies negative environmental, safety, and social impacts by closing down access here in the U.S. where our laws, regulations and standards ensure protections. The result: minerals being developed in other countries with less focus on these ... resulting in environmental impacts, safety infractions, and social wrongs being advanced and these being 'transferred' into the products we buy.

Currently, nearly two-thirds of all federal land are off-limits or severely restricted to mining. The proposed Black Hills withdrawal will only exacerbate the problem. Let's instead reverse this trend, and responsibly produce minerals from within the U.S. and export products made with minerals produced here under our world-respected regulations and protections.