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Comments: I am writing this in support of the proposed Mineral withdrawal and to ask that it be expanded to the entire Black Hills. The Black Hills are the most important and sacred place to the Lakota nation, the entire Black Hills has immeasurable cultural significance. In addition to that for generations we have helped create a healthy ecosystem that many Native and non-native alike continue working to keep in balance, every mining claim is a disruption of that ecosystem and has the chance to completely destroy it and the homes of many plants and animals. They are just as important to the Black Hills as anything else and we need to do everything we can to continue to keep a healthy ecosystem in the Black Hills.