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Comments: I'm writing in objection to proposed mining activities in the Black Hills National Forest. It is crucial to protect these public lands. By obtaining from mining in the Black Hills we protect the region's ecological balance, cultural significance, and economic value. The extraction process poses a threat to biodiversity, disrupts habitats, and risks contaminating water sources. Furthermore, the Black Hills hold immense cultural importance for indigenous communities, and allowing mining would further infringe upon their rights and heritage. Please help ensure the long-term health and integrity of this rare natural place. Public lands should not be used for corporate profits. The peace and solitude found in undisturbed nature, intrinsic to The Black Hills National Forest, is much more valuable than gold.