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Comments: Hello there. My name is Shila and I was born and raised in the Black Hills going to Pactola and using the surrounding area and the reservoir for recreation. I especially love hiking and kayaking around the lake, and it really is a special place to many that deserves protection from mining. This mining project comes with a chance of water contamination, something that would be disastrous for Rapid City and Ellsworth AFB and something that the US government has already proved that they won't help small communities rectify. Beyond health concerns, the area is sacred ancestral lands for the Oceti-Sakowin tribes, and many other tribes throughout the Western Great Plains. This mining project will never have a place in this or any other ecosystem, and shows how easy it is for man to sell out nature when he can make a quick buck. Thank you for your time and I appreciate these comments being accepted.