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Comments: I have a great concern about mining impact upon or Black Hills watershed areas. I strongly support the withdrawal of the ability to explore and to mine in the proposed area to protect our future water resources. Contamination has a huge impact upon livestock, recreation, wildlife, water fowl, fishing, swimming and recreating and individuals consuming water in mining regions. I lived near the Slim Buttes area and have seen directly the impact upon those in that region and the need to drill deeper wells to get clean water. Also all water carried downstream from mining exploration and mining impacts has the potential to damage our water resources for up to a century or more.

I would like to see the withdrawal expanded to cover the entire Black Hills or at a minimum the entire watershed area.