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Comments: The Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawal is important to support for many reasons, including the following:

Rapid City and the Black Hills' economy is largely dependent on clean water/air/resources of the area for tourism, recreation, and local use including drinking water. A regional area including eastern WY, eastern MT, western NE all depend on this watershed along with western SD.

The historic claims of the Native Peoples need to be respected and honored for the future of the seven generations. The Ft. Laramie Treaty of 1851 was signed in 1851 before mining laws violated it.

Protecting this watershed is a national defense issue. Ellsworth AFB depends on clean, safe water to perform its mission to serve our national defense. The US needs a strong national security and national defense as we are the freedom for the whole world.

Thank you.