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Comments: I implore the USFS to reconsider this!

As I'm sure you are already hearing from others:

Protecting the Pactola Watershed is a huge concern re Rapid City's water source and especially Ellsworth's need for it for it's vital defense mission, no safe water, no air base. Deerfield, Rapid Creek and Pactola are suppliers of water to Ellsworth (and Box Elder)...

Also, recreation and multiple use of the BHNF... Mining will have a huge impact on all user groups, perhaps taking over ALL use of the areas affected. "No grazing, no timber, no OHV use, no hiking, no biking, no fishing and no hunting when and where mining happens."

I am a local business owner and I feel this will impact our tourism and recreation industries, which next to agriculture is our largest industry in the Black Hills!!!!!!!

Thank you for reconsidering this and withdraw from mining the watershed,
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