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Comments: I ask the US Forest Service to require all mining companies to leave and withdraw from the Black Hills, to protect the aquifer from toxic mining. Allowing mining in the sacred Black Hills risks serious impacts to the environment, to public health and drinking water. I ask the USFS to preserve the pristine headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed, sacred land that was never ceded by the Oceti Sakowin, the Sioux Nation, preserve it not only to protect the drinking water aquifer but also to allow generations to use it for recreation.

I support the USFS requiring mining companies to withdraw from the Black Hills for environmental stewardship, to preserve cultural sacred lands, to protect clean drinking water aquifer, and to allow for generational recreation use.