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Comments: I support this Withdrawal.

Please expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

As a grant writer working mostly with the Alaska Native community on infrastructure and remediation, I see how policy negatively impacts the environment and indigenous peoples daily. The Black Hills hold a special place in my heart but the stunning beauty of that sacred land has already been marred. Mining here will add to the desecration by polluting the Rapid Creek Watershed and the surrounding land. I don't want to write a brownfield proposal to the EPA in 20 years to clean this up. Please consider the ramifications of mining. We know this hurts our environment in ways that are never predicted by engineers.

Thank you for your time.