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Comments: I support this withdrawal. In Minnesota we've been trying to prevent toxic mining in our sacred, beautiful, Boundary Waters. Like the Boundary Waters, the headlands of the Rapid Creek watershed in the Black Hills should be protected from any kind of mining. We know that no mining can be safe and areas with water will be polluted. A watershed by it's very nature is a place that, once polluted will spread the pollution far and wide. It's time to start protecting nature and realize the value to humans of a place to be in nature. And of the inns, restaurants etc. that earn a living off of people coming to be in nature. We have always enjoyed our time hiking in the Black Hills and have helped the economy with our tourist dollars. How many studies do we need to have that show people being in nature is valuable? How many companies have promised "safe" mining only to say "oops, sorry" after they've extracted what they want? I support this withdrawal. Thank you for letting me comment.