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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Please require all mining operations to withdraw from the headlands of the Rapid Creek watershed in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This land is a significant religious and cultural treasure to the indigenous tribes of South Dakota. Returning the lands to pristine, natural conditions is needed on so many levels. We need to preserve our wild lands and keep them safe from toxic mining pollution and encourage the natural ecosystems to thrive and return to historic levels.

Thank you for your consideration, Erin D