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Comments: Ever since reading John Fire Lame Deer' s autobiography in 1976 I have supported returning the Black Hills to the Sioux nations . A gold rush broke treaties and threw life out of balance. A withdrawal of mining operations would be a good step in right direction. Mining leaves even longer lasting scars than clear cut logging. Mining always affects water quality.

I hope the forest service will expedite the withdrawal proposal to the secretary of the interior.

sincerely , Todd Dell