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Comments: I believe the Forest Service should help protect the sacred lands of the Black Hills. I support this Withdrawal. Too many Native American communities are affected by toxic mining, unclean water, or other environmental pollutants that the United States has directly approved, causing unnecessary harm and death and straining the relationship of the state with the original stewards of this land who still live here. I believe that the Forest Service should help to repair ties with these communities by withdrawing mining operations. I ask that the Forest Service expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.