Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/23/2024 12:05:36 PM

First name: Jean Baldwin Last name: McLevedge

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear United States Forest Service:

I am a retired senior citizen with a law degree and a career in law and in technical writing. My father was a geologist working at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and I was born in Sioux Falls, SD.

I support this withdrawal as an effective means of protecting our lands, water and spaces from mining activity in this headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed. I value the welfare of our Native Americans, who provide historical perspective and recognize the importance of leaving key areas of land unaltered. Water sources are diminishing and significant ones such as that in the Watershed warrant our care and preservation.

Please expedite this proposal to the Secretary of the Interior.

Knowing of the many demands on your time, I appreciate your attention to my request.

Sincerely yours, Jean Baldwin McLevedge