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Comments: As an enrolled member of the Live Oak Choctaw Tribe of Jackson County Mississippi, I deeply support withdrawal from any option to mine this priceless environmental, touristic and spiritual resource. Our forests and undisturbed watersheds belong to ALL of us. You warriors of Forest Service know this better than anyone. You are not always deskbound. What does the forest SAY to you when you go outside to do your jobs? Please listen to it. Your role Protecting America's Out doors as a multidimensional resource is one of the most patriotic and selfless jobs in our nation. I ask you to focus on & pamp; emphasize the word "service." The bottom-line desires of companies who seek only dollar profits from the resources you guard must be shielded and PRESERVED, when it comes to an acreage this vast and rare. I work with my Veterans Service Corps outpost on the Cheyenne River tribe's sacred lands in Promise SD. I am a proud member of American legion Post 308 in Eagle Butte SD, and know how carefully they they value the sacred Black Hills. Please send this urgent request to the honorable Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, asking her to place this Withdrawal option at the top of her decision-making today. It is urgent that she reject mining in the Rapid Creek Watershed. Please confirm that my request is made part of official Forest Service record. Thank you. Richard Hobcraft Allan - freemanhobs@gmail.com