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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Withdrawal to protect over 20,000 acres at the headwaters of the Rapid Creek Watershed in the Black Hills. This land is not only sacred to Indigenous peoples but also a crucial part of our natural environment that provides clean water and supports diverse ecosystems.

Mining in this area would put these irreplaceable resources at serious risk, threatening the quality of water for downstream communities and compromising the health of the land and wildlife. Preserving these pristine lands is essential for ensuring future generations can experience their natural beauty and benefit from their ecological importance.

I urge you to expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior and take swift action to prevent any mining activities in this sensitive area. The protection of our water, land, and sacred spaces should take precedence over short-term industrial gains.

Thank you for considering my comment and for your commitment to preserving our shared natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Sara Ann Wright