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Comments: I write to you in support of the action to withdraw 20,574 acres of NFS lands to all forms of entry and appropriation. These acres are in the Rapid Creek Watershed in Pennington County, S.D.

I write to support the action to withdraw the 20,574 acres because of area residents' concerns about the potential impacts of mineral exploration and development on the area's cultural and natural resources, as well as the municipal water supply. I fully see and appreciate their concerns.

I also appreciate the care taken with this request. The future use of this land and its resources would be endangered and limited following any such mining or testing or exploration efforts for future mining.

I live in Massachusetts and have witnessed the success of careful regulation in preserving natural resources for future needs. I fully support this effort.