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Comments: The Treaty of Fort Laramie should be reason enough to not allow mining companies to further desecrate this culturally-significant area. The Sioux's rights to their ancestral lands were violated by the United States in 1876. Congressional bills introduced in 1987 and 1990 that would partially or fully restore the treaty were killed. The least we can do is preserve as much of this beautiful and sacred area as possible, not allowing further development and mining. As someone who has traveled to a number of natural spaces in the US, I found the Black Hills to be one of the most beautiful areas in this country. I fully support the withdrawal and urge lawmakers to protect the 20,000 acres of the headlands at Rapid Creek Watershed.