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Comments: I write to you to take action and protect a beautiful part of the sacred He Sapa (Black Hills) from toxic mining. I support the withdrawal of mining interests from the 20,000 acres of Rapid Creek Watershed. Short term mining interests should never trump long-term environmental and water quality interests. I urge the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to require mining companies to withdraw from this pristine and sensitive area.