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Comments: Dear US Forestry Service,

Mining lithium in a natural resource region makes absolutely no sense.

Lithium is mined in two different ways in which tons of carbon are released, clean water used, and brine levels are depleted.

One can just read the cost on the environment reported by MIT from this article. <https://climate.mit.edu/ask-mit/how-lithium-mined>

Lithium is not easily recycled and when it is done there is another cost to the environment. As of last year, there were only 2 recycle plants in the US. There then is another cost of transporting the lithium to the recycle plant. The cost of such mining is not worth the damage of the cost to the life-giving water and the cost of additional carbon in the atmosphere.

Other ways of propelling cars down the street need to be looked at.

Car manufactures have made it difficult to encourage public transportation.

I also believe that cars like electrical buses could be propelled by electricity without a battery.

I asked that you reject any mining actions that have a negative impact on the environment in the Black Hills or any other community of natural resources that people depend on to live.

Thank you for taking your time in considering my request.