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Comments: I strongly support the withdrawal of mining corporations from the Rapid Creek Watershed. This area is not only sacred to the indigenous people of the region, but is also provides irreplaceable clean water to residents of the area. Wild areas are shrinking and clean water is an increasingly scarce necessity. We cannot survive without protecting wild areas and the ecosystems they encourage.

If we have learned anything from history is that our environment is not a renewable resource if we treat it poorly and with consumption at the forefront. Mining areas destroy wildlife habitats, contaminate soil and water runoff, and create literal wastelands for generations afterwards.

With this in mind, I strongly urge you to expedite the withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.