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Comments: I believe we are currently at an environmental turning point. Our first priority must be to protect all natural resources. Ocean/water, air and land must be used wisely and sustainably.

Mining has been continuous in the Black Hills since the 1870s, producing jobs and wealth. But it's also caused environmental damage. Examples of the environmental damages from mining include: Whitewood Creek in the northern Black Hills and the former Gilt Edge Mine southeast of Lead. Both of these left severe pollution and contamination of the environment that required major clean up efforts.

For the above reasons I support the Withdrawal. Please expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.