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Comments: As a member of the Cherokee Nation Warriors Society, A Viet Nam era veteran and a concerned citizen, I support this Withdrawal. I also urge the Forest Service to expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior. This withdrawal will help preserve and protect 20,000 acres at the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed, a beautiful part of the sacred He Sapa (Black Hills) from toxic mining, as it is a very pristine and sensitive area.

I have lived and worked in this beautiful Black Hills area. Sacred sites such as these are very important to me and most peoples; for various religious, cultural and personal healing issues. I also believe it necessary to provide natural native habitat for wildlife and outdoor recreation. Another serious issue is the negative effect it would have on the water quality of this major water source. It would be shameful and very inappropriate to allow destructive mining operations in this or any other sacred site.

Once again, please do the right thing and expedite the Withdrawal proposal to prevent needless destruction and desecration of He Sapa.