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Comments: First of all, I would like to express my support for this withdrawal. Also, I request the Forest Service to expedite the withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

While growing up in Gary, Indiana, which sits on Lake Michigan, I had the opportunity to take Red Cross swimming lessons, go on family summer vacations, eat fresh caught fish. Many tourists visited this same area. The clean outdoors, water activities and visitors to our area provided jobs and funded our recreational activities and resources.

These same activities and resources can continue being available to the people who inhabit and visit the sacred He Sapa if it is protected from toxic mining. 20,000 acres is such a small area to request protection for when we consider how much land we have in this country of ours.