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Comments: Thank you for your kind attention. I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service with my public comment regarding mandating that mining companies withdraw from the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed in the Black Hills. The history of the effects of mining on the environment is well known and well-documented, going back to the Gold Rush era where many areas are still, over 100 years later, poisoned by the toxic chemicals utilized. Please do not let this happen here, it must be stopped as soon as possible. These are sacred and ancestral lands. Additionally the preservation of pristine lands must become our highest priority, to protect the land, water and air from unnatural toxicity, and to preserve the existence and possibility of recreation in the wild.