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Comments: I support the withdrawal of mining companies from the Black Hills.

The proposed mining operation is in 20,000 acres at the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed? Surely there are enough other places to mine? And even if there weren't, this is a place sacred to the Lakota. Where is the respect that, after all that they have suffered, is surely due to them? And where is the respect due to this place, which all by itself deserves it?

I urge the Forest Service to expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.