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Comments: Greetings,

I would like to register that I wholeheartedly support the withdrawal of mining companies from the Black Hills area. My family have been long time supporters of the US Forest Service and National Park Service because we believe in their mission "to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the National forests and grasslands". The health of our environment directly impacts the health of the people and biodiversity in our country. Keeping all beings healthy starts with protecting the land from which our water and food come from.

I urge the National Forest Service to protect these lands and stop the mining. You are the defenders of the earth and we count on you to do that to the best of your abilities.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. Nancy VerNooy