Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/24/2024 3:58:03 PM First name: Robert Last name: Hand Organization: Title: Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I am in full support of the complete withdrawal of all mining companies from the Black Hills. Having lived in southeastern Montana for several years and making frequent trips in and through South Dakota and especially the Black Hills, I'm intensely interested in the preservation of this priceless natural wonder and sacred ground of native America. Moreover, the protection of its clean water is paramount to the well-being of both natives and nonnatives in the region and beyond, in terms of the commitment of the US government to the natural environment.

Once again, please require all mining companies to withdraw from the Black Hills. Thanks for this opportunity for democratic involvement in this crucial national issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Hand