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Comments: I support this Withdrawal.

I have never been to the Black Hills and may never have the opportunity to go, but I would like to know that this land is preserved for future generations, and especially for the people who hold it sacred. They have already lost so much to development and exploitation of their land. Mining is destructive and polluting activity. It cannot be otherwise. Ecosystems are a delicate balance, and once destroyed, they can never be fully restored to their original state. I strongly urge you to require the mining companies to withdraw from this area, in order to protect and preserve the land, the waters, and the wildlife, and to preserve this area for the people who depend on it. Ideally it should be in perpetuity, not just for the next 20 years. Once gone, it is gone forever.

Please expedite this Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Thank you.