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Comments: As someone who has been spending significant time in the Black Hills for over 30 years plus having lived in Rapid City for 6 years, I strongly support the ban on mining and any assault upon the water shed, Pactola Lake and associated streams . The Black Hills are a sacred place to our Indigenous Peoples of many tribes and it is time treaties are honored and SD realize that water is far more valuable than gold or any other rock mineral. It is high time to realize the gem that the Black Hills are and to PROTECT the lands, water and wildlife from greedy hucksters who don't live there and care zero about Climate Change or environmental health. Once spoiled you cannot fix the kind of damage done by modern mining technology. Please be pro active and PROTECT not EXPLOIT!