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Comments: I am writing to ask that you withdraw the Rapid Creek Headlands area of the Black Hills from the areas that can be used for mining. This beautiful area has, to date, escaped the destruction that comes from any form of extraction including mining. It is also especially important to the Lakota peoples for whom the Black Hills are a sacred place. Indigenous tribes like the Lakota have suffered terribly since settlers first approved in this country. They have experienced massacres, abusive boarding schools, and the loss and destruction of sacred lands. They should not have to suffer any more of these abuses. I support their plea to recognize the Rapid Creed Headlands as sacred and spare it the irreparable damage and destruction that mining would bring.