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Comments: Good morning,

I support this Withdrawal.

I understand that the Black Hills Clean Water Alliance has been working for a few years to preserve more than 20,000 acres at the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed.

As you know the planet is rapidly heating bringing more high temperatures, intense hurricanes and tornados, more wild fire and more drought. Water is an essential element to preserve life. With all the pressure and intensity of rapid heating happening on this planet, the preservation of our clean water sources is more necessary than ever. In addition, you as an agency are in the work of preservation, keeping our forests healthy and hence our water resources must be protected.

As you know this is also sacred land to tribal people and you know the maxim, "Water is Life." I am not a scientist but I am a grandmother who wants her grandchildren, some of whom have visited the Black Hills, to have clean air and water and the beauty of the natural world and I want that for all the children in the Black Hills and the surrounding area. Do not endanger the Rapid Creek Watershed! Please expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Thank you, Lenore