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Comments: Dear Forest Service Staff,

First thank you for your service. You are very much appreciated by those of us who are regular users of our beautiful, pristine and historical public lands.

I am writing today in opposition to the Rochford exploratory graphite mining proposal in the Black Hills. While I understand the need for scarce minerals in our modern economy, I believe a proper preliminary study would uncover some objections to this project that outweigh its short term value in light of the much longer term value of the land where this project is proposed. As you know better than me, over-weighing short term gain at the expense of irrevocable longterm damage is a hard thing to measure. But I believe a closer look at this project will show it is not a hard choice between these. Even current residents with a stake in the preservation of these lands show the greater value of preservation over exploitation- never mind future citizens of the region.

Please stop this exploratory project, or at least subject it to as thorough a review of its value as is possible under the law.

Sincerely,

Bob Jones

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