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Mystic Ranger District

As a landowner and resident of the Black Hills for over 43 years, I ask you NOT to approve the Pete Lien and Sons proposal. Reynolds Prairie has long been an historical stage stop and homestead, as well as a ceremonial site for the Lakota people. It offers current and future residents and visitors a rare look at one of the largest natural meadows in the Black Hills.

Gifford Pinchot advocated for sustainable resource management. Mining for graphite is not. With the growing population here, and increased tourism, there is more pressure on these beautiful Black Hills for recreation. An open mine is certainly not what the public wants to see, and it is your mission and responsibility to be "Caring for the Land and Serving People." Please do not lose sight of your mission.

Sincerely,

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