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Comments: To the Forest Service in the Black Hills :

My name is Uma Joanne L Wilkinson, and I care about the Sacred Black Hills, which belongs to the Great Sioux Nation and the Bands of the Oceti Sakowin, through Treaty of 1851 and the Treaty of 1868, the Fort Laramie Treaty, and upheld by the Supreme Court. I am a resident of South Dakota and I spend time the Black Hills and go there for ceremonies with Lakota People, for the last 25 years. Pes La is the center of the Black Hills and is a Sacred Site for the Lakota Nation, and the laws of the United States Government they are bound to by Treaty, the Lands within the Black Hills belong to the Lakota People to this day, and they want Pes La and the Black Hills to be protected forever, in perpetuity. I oppose the Rockford Mineral exploratory drilling project, and their proposal. Mining in the Black Hills and up at Pes la, is where the Springs flow up and out of the Earth, and feed into the creeks that feed into Deerfield Lake and all the creeks that derive fro the Springs there, directly flow into the watershed that feeds into the Headwaters and rivers that give Life and provide fresh water and clean drinking water, to All areas in the Black Hills as well as for Rapid City and surrounding regions. I demand that the Forest Service reject their proposal and deny their permit. It would lead to a disaster, puncturing the Aquifers that lay beneath Pes La and it would permanently destroy the Water Quality and pollute and poison it and All Life that depends upon it, which is all aquatic Life, migrating birds, animals and wildlife as well as harm everything including People. I demand that the Forest Service do an thorough Environmental Impact statement and a fully Independent Environmental Study as well, to work with Biologists, Environmental scientists and become fully aware of the dangers to All Life and the disaster that would surely unfold. It is past time to STOP allowing any Mining within the Black Hills, and it's a tragedy to even consider it. You have a duty to Protect the Black Hills, from corporate and private interests, that would harm and irreversibly damage the Environment within the Black Hills. The Lakota Nation opposes this project and I completely Oppose this project in its entirety! I expect you to take corrective measures and actions to uphold the Trust Responsibility you have as Forest Service representatives, to actually Protect the Land and the Life within the Black Hills, that certainly does not belong to YOU.. and that our Future all depends upon.

Thank You for your consideration. We are watching you and will hold you responsible, for what actions are taken going forward, to ensure that your decisions are in the best interest of All People who live and reside here in South Dakota and who call this place Home.