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Comments: Although I've never had a chance to visit the Black Hills myself, as a former Minnesota resident, I have long hoped to visit the area. When I heard that there are plans to increase mining for gold in the area it worries me because I believe it could cause irreparable damage to the ecosystem, water, wildlife and potentially destroy the integrity of lands that are sacred to the Oceti Šakowi?-the Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota Peoples who call those lands home. For that reason I oppose the Categorical Exclusion and demand a that full Environmental Impact Statement be issued and that no project goes through without the approval and involvement of the Oceti Šakowi? tribal governments and members in the region.

In order to ensure that we can protect our environment, I also ask that the Forest Service to extend the comment period by 60 days so that the community has time to respond to the proposal