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Comments: If this goes through, I oppose this action as proposed, and I ask the agency to weigh the specific harms below. The Forest Service says it will not publish a draft environmental impact statement and will not conduct an objections process for this mine. This 30-day scoping window is therefore the only formal opportunity the public gets, and I am asking the agency to publish a draft EIS for comment before any decision. The notice states this project is not subject to the project-level objection procedures at 36 CFR 218, because the responsible official is the Under Secretary, and that his approval is the final administrative determination of the Department under 36 CFR 218.13(a). Removing the administrative review that every comparable mine receives is itself a decision the EIS should justify on the record. The proposal requires a project-specific forest plan amendment to exempt the mine from the Black Hills Forest Plan's scenic integrity standards. The agency should analyze whether the standards can be met rather than waived, and disclose what the waiver costs the viewshed this forest is managed for. The notice identifies northern long-eared bats, a species listed as endangered, among the wildlife that could be affected. The EIS should independently verify presence or absence through current surveys rather than rely on the proponent's characterization. The notice lists seven cooperating agencies, all federal, state or county, and not one Tribal Nation, while acknowledging that mining operations may impact cultural sites and historic properties important to Tribal Nations. Formal government-to-government consultation should be documented in the EIS before scoping closes. This is an open-pit mine on National Forest System lands with acknowledged risks to stream flows, water quality standards, and downstream beneficial uses. The EIS should quantify those effects on named streams rather than describe them in general terms.