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Comments: I am writing to ask you not approve the Rare Element Resources Inc. application for a Mine Plan of Operations to the Black Hills National Forest which proposes to develop an open-pit mine with associated infrastructure and support facilities. This project will negatively impact the location through the local air quality; potential exposure to radioactive or hazardous elements; desecration of the sacred site; affect wildlife species and habitats, including northern long-eared bats; and impacts on local water resources and quality, acid rock drainage, and radiation risks associated with processing rare earth-bearing mineral deposits.