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523 E. Capitol Ave.
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Re: DENR Hearing, Land Inclusion

Dear People:

I am writing in support of the petitions to nominate land for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, critical or unique lands.

The purpose of the petitions being submitted by Defenders of the Black Hills, Debra White Plume, and the Oglala Sioux Tribe, is to protect archaeological sites, the bald eagles, and the ground water in an area 12-17 miles north of Edgemont, SD which are in danger of ruin if the petitions presented are not regarded.

Old mining sites are still evident, not having been cleaned up by prior drilling, and are causing irreparable damage to the above-noted resources. New permits for further drilling are in the works and these should not be granted in order to protect these valued resources from further ruin.

I request that you honor the petitions being presented; good things can begin with you, and the sites, eagles and ground water can be preserved with your intelligent consideration in this very important matter.

Most sincerely,



Susan Hart Gronwall