

Defenders of the Black Hills

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Eric Holm
Natural Resources Project Engineer
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SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol
Joe Foss Building
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

Dear Mr. Holm,

The "Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, critical, or Unique Lands" including all the required information and exhibits that was sent postmarked Dec. 26, 2008, should be considered from both the Defenders of the Black Hills organization, and myself, Charmaine White Face, as an individual.

Per our telephone conversation of Dec. 29, 2008, you informed me that if Defenders of the Black Hills wishes to pursue this nomination, the organization needs to be represented by an attorney. At the exploration permit hearing held Nov. 18th, I requested a copy of the state law from which this requirement is taken. Rich Williams, the Attorney for the Department stated that a copy would be sent. To date, we have not received the information. Hopefully, you will be able to provide that information. If it is simpler to use email, my email address is bhdefenders@msn.com.

If you require further information, please call me at 605-399-1868. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Charmaine White Face, Coordinator
Charmaine White Face as an Individual