

STAND IN UNITY TO PROTECT BLACK HILLS WATER!

NEED HELP WRITING YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT TO FOREST SERVICE ON F3 GOLD'S NEWARK PROJECT?

Join us - Noon to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28th
Custer Library - Pine Room - 447 Crook Street, Suite #4

NDN Collective, Black Hills Clean Water Alliance, and Dakota Rural Action will be there to help you write your comment to the Hell Canyon Ranger District. We will bring laptops and a printer. We hope to see you there. Bring your family and friends. **Together, we can Protect Black Hills WATER from drilling and potential large-scale mining.** →

Here are some things you can say. Use your own words! Add as much other information as you want.

- Say who you are and why you care about the area.
- Write about any special characteristics of the area that you are aware of. What would we lose if this area is partially cleared, driven over, and drilled – and maybe turned into a gold mine?
- Say that a categorical exclusion is not appropriate for this project. Ask for an “Environmental Impact Statement (EIS),” as has been done for other recent gold exploration projects in the Black Hills.
- Talk about impacts on French Creek drainage, Custer, Custer State Park, and our tourism and outdoor recreation economy.
- Tell the Forest Service to respect Lakota treaty rights and to do a complete, and meaningful, tribal consultation.
- This project would only be the beginning – the company will want to keep exploring after this proposed project is over. All potential future drilling should be described and assessed now, before this project is considered.
- Attach any documents and/or photos to verify potential impacts to wildlife, endangered species, historical sites, etc.

COMMENT DEADLINE:
MARCH 8th
(An extension was requested, but no decision posted.)

To submit a comment:

- Email at: *comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-hell-canyon@usda.gov* with “Newark Exploration Drilling Project” as the email subject;
- File your comment online at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=63527>
- Hand written comments can be mailed via US Postal Service or hand delivered to: Rob Hoelscher, District Ranger 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730 (M-F 8am-4:30pm)

Comments, including names and addresses, are public information.



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