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I object to any mining operation being allowed within a minimum of 7 miles of existing homes, ranches or farms. The area proposed is one of many reasons I just moved here. Good air, total quiet and beautiful views. Should a mining operation be allowed in this area, I will no longer have my quiet and beautiful views. I moved from a suburb to this location to get away from noise. My anxiety needs the quiet. The possible health issues as well as the possible impact to the revenue vacationers bring to Keyhole State Park area could turn this whole area into a ghost town. Bentonite is not so hard to find in the state of Wyoming. It's all over and I'm sure it can be found in areas where no one lives. If wildlife is held so high in Wyoming, then I would think the impact on the wildlife in this wildlife abundant area would be a very huge concern. If the current widening of Juniper Hills Road off of Liberty Lane is any indication of the increase in traffic in this sub division, then I'm sure no one in this area will stay and they will not be able to sell their homes either. If this plan is allowed to finalize, I would like to hold the county of Crook, Wyoming and Black Hills Bentonite, LLC totally liable for any and all health issues and costs that may arise because of the mining. Both parties will also be held to total relocation costs of any residents that wish to move due to the mining operations. All costs will be paid by both parties, Crook County and Black Hills Bentonite, LLC, and the residents that move shall move to a location similar to their current location in size. There shall be no limits in time or cost to find a new home. A request to move must be submitted within 12 months of the opening of the mine should the mining be allowed. If my objection is not taken seriously and the mining is allowed to proceed, this comment and requests shall be deemed valid. I DO NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO MINING OPERATIONS ALL WEEK. IF YOU ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN THEN THOSE THAT ALLOWED THIS SHOULD BE MADE TO LIVE NEXT TO THE MINE. IF YOU DON'T WANT IT NEAR YOU THEN WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE, IN THIS AREA, WANT TO BE NEXT TO A WORKING MINE WITH ALL THE EXTRA HEAVY TRAFFIC NOISE, POSSIBLE HEALTH ISSUES AND DECREASED PROPERTY VALUES ???!@ Please do not let this happen!!!