

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-011

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO GOLD EXPLORATION

IN THE RAPID CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS, Mineral Mountain Resources Ltd. and F3 Gold LLC have submitted applications to the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic District, to explore for gold in the Rapid Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, Mineral Mountain Resourced Ltd. is drilling for gold in the area near Rochford, SD, and Pe' Sla; and

WHEREAS, gold exploration could lead to gold mining, which involves the use of cyanide and other toxins and often leads to permanent acid mine drainage, which could go into Rapid Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed and its connected aquifers are the sources for Rapid City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed, including Pactola Reservoir, is a major recreation and tourism area, supporting Rapid City's economy; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the quality and quantity of the water supply is of utmost importance to the City and to Ellsworth Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, comments on the F3 Gold LLC project are due to the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic District, by February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City believes that gold exploration in the Rapid Creek watershed poses an unacceptable risk to the source of Rapid City's drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that due to the potential risk to the Rapid Creek watershed, the City's water supply, and the local economy the City expresses opposition to gold exploration and potential gold mining in the Rapid Creek watershed.

Dated this ____ day of February, 2020.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer