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Mr. Underhill

I called the Custer office today and asked how to comment on this project. I was put on hold for 10 minutes, then it rang to someone's voicemail. I left a message with my phone number, but nobody called me back. I found the portal to comment by myself, but when I went to the portal it was closed.

I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS PROJECT!!

I WILL STATE MY CASE BY MAIL TOMORROW AM BY MAIL.

- 1. There are over a million acres of Ponderosa Pine in the Black Hills according to the USFS. To keep a diversified forest, I think a top of 50,00 acres of White Spruce is a very small acreage to keep it diversified.**
- 2. Bur Oak do not grow well at higher elevations. They are very slow growing tree in optimum conditions. They usually only grow to 3500 ft. White Spruce is predominantly at higher elevations in the Black Hills 5-7,000 ft.**
- 3. There would be more Aspen if timber sales were policed. Ponderosa Pine timber sale loggers routinely run over, knock over and cut down aspen in these sale sites.**
- 4. Tourist come to the Black Hills to see scenery, which most of the best is the spruce areas. Spruce are what makes it aesthetically pleasing and photogenic, especially with snow.**

Thank you for your time

Sharing is half the fun of birding!

Ricky D. Olson

