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Comments: To District Ranger Rob Hoelscher,

In regard to the proposed Newark Exploration Drilling Project, please ask that an Environmental Impact Statement be completed.

We all know the Black Hills National Forest has been impacted by increased traffic in the last few years. New roads for mining exploration will only increase that impact. The impact will be felt by wildlife and the natural water system that we all depend on. I am concerned about water quality and availability to animals and humans. I am concerned about the loss of wildlife habitat and quiet areas for human recreation.

An EIS is necessary for the proposed drilling project.

Thank you,

Sue Hey,

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