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Comments: The mining act that allows this atrocity was intended to allow for small placer mining, not massive mining operations. New roads to get drilling equipment to locations will leave permanent scars and impede recreation. Animal corridors will be detrimentally affected. The black hills are a treasure and should be treated as such, road construction and drilling activities will erode the tranquility that makes this place special. Once these large companies get there foot in the door, open cut mining will follow. The Wharf mine is a great example of how bad things can get if left unchecked. On private property sometimes there is little that can be done, but on public land this erosion of nature should be obviously avoided and I ask for full assessment of all risks associated with the planned mining activities. I ask the forest service to do what is right and protect these public lands. Photos: natural beauty vs hideous scar.