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Comments: Hello,

I am opposed to this exploratory drilling project west of Custer, SD. This project proposal doesn't include an environment impact study, which should be mandatory. History has shown that out-of-state companies are not fully vested in the Black Hills and what is best for preserving our land. We need to preserve the Black Hills for those who live here and enjoy recreating in the Hills, along with those who want to visit. Tourism is a large economy sector in the state. Please do not approve this project. Respectfully, Cheryl Whetham\*redacted\*