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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Newark Project in Custer, SD. As you may already know, this project poses serious threats to our environment, our wildlife, and our economy.

Firstly, the mining activities are likely to pollute the well water and the French Creek, which are essential sources of drinking water and habitats for various aquatic species. This could have disastrous consequences for the health of our community and the local ecosystem.

Secondly, the mining project would lead to the destruction of trees and habitats of wildlife, which will have long-term effects on the biodiversity of the area. The noise pollution from the mining operations will also disturb the natural habitats of various species, leading to their displacement.

Moreover, the project's impact on the local economy is likely to be negative, as it is expected to reduce the number of tourists visiting the area. This will have a ripple effect on businesses that rely on tourism, such as hotels, restaurants, and shops. It will also lead to a decline in property values, which will hurt homeowners.

Lastly, it is concerning that the company proposing the mining project has not provided an environmental impact statement, which is a crucial document that outlines the potential effects of the project on the environment. As concerned citizens, we demand that the company provide this statement so that we can make an informed decision about the future of our community.

In conclusion, I urge everyone to join me in opposing the Newark project in Custer, SD. We must protect our environment, our wildlife, and our economy from the potential harm that this project may cause.

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