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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I am a current resident on \*redacted\* west of Custer where the proposed exploratory drilling is set to happen around us.

As someone with a private well, I am VERY concerned with what may happen if the proposed drilling happens to drill into our natural water springs and not only contaminates the water, but depletes our water supply as well. Another concern I have is our property values as this moves forward. As a taxpayer, I do not feel it is right that a company from another state can just move in and deplete our minerals out from under us without having to pay any taxes or compensate the land owners in any way.

This area attracts many tourists and what will happen to that revenue if we destroy the beauty and recreation areas around us.

A categorical exclusion is NOT appropriate for this project and I am asking for an Environmental assessment be done. This project would only be the beginning. There will continue to be more exploring after this proposed project, otherwise, why are they here in the first place?

I am totally against this project and do not agree with the federal government allowing this without debate and further assessments being done prior to a decision being made on this. I also don't want to deal with noise, trucks coming and going as well as extra dust in air. Nothing ever gets put back as it was once its undone.

Trina Mintle

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