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Title: Comments: I am a resident of western SD and wish to provide written opposition to the above project. I have lived in this area over 50 years. I consider Custer, Custer State Park and the French Creek drainage among the more important areas in our state, and believe them to be entirely inconsistent with gold exploration, let alone mining development. The pristine character of these areas are a huge boost to quality of life for residents as they provide year-round recreational opportunities. I personally bike, hike and camp in the proposed areas of exploration. These areas are vitally important to our local economy as a tourist destination.

It would be a grave injustice to lose the fundamental natural character of these areas, and the benefits they bring, by allowing the plan to move forward - particularly without an EIS.

Kindly add my name and comments to the list of those opposing this plant. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Loos