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Comments: The Forest Service should do a full Environmental Impact Statement for all exploration drilling and beyond. It is imperative we protect the water in Spearfish Canyon. Additionally, any damage to the canyon itself in the way of fracturing, road traffic of water trucks etc. and the impact on the homes in that area.

I am the current President of the Spearfish Canyon Owners Association and speak on behalf of all members (over 200 cabins) that it is not our mission to "stop" mining. It is our mission to ask that our canyon be protected during the process of mining!
We ask that all measure be taken to insure there will be no damage prarticularly to our water. To the end we strongly ask that an EIS be done and not an EA only.

See attachment below from a study done in 2020 on the potential impact of gold mining in another area of the canyon. Thank you for your attention to this matter.