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Comments: As a long time resident of the Black Hills and avid hiker, I would like to disagree with the Spruce Vegetation Management Project objective of cutting, clearing and burning extensive areas of white spruce trees in the Black Hills Forest. I have visited many of the sites close to my house near Rockerville and further in the forest that have been "thinned" by loggers or forest Service staff. These areas have been over cut and cleared to the detriment of plant and animal habitat and diversity as well as damaging the area with access roads and water runoff. The beauty of the area and the ability of carbon sequestration of the older grown trees would also be greatly affected. I am requesting that the Forest Service reevaluate this plan. Thank you.