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Comments: The clear cutting of spruce is highly unlikely to provide suitable ground for pine to grow as is stated in the intent for the white spruce treatment plan. Spruce and pine prefer very different habitat. As you know, spruce prefer the shaded north facing moister slopes while pine choose the south facing sunny slopes. So pine are not without expensive encouragement measures going to move in to fill where spruce were happily growing. To remove the spruce is to remove the cornerstone of a very fragile ecosystem that harbors a plant, bird, insect and mushroom community famously unique to the Black Hills and which draws people from all over the country and the world. Clear cutting the white spruce to feed the mills to make pulp would destroy a large part of that draw. And that draw also makes money for the greater Black Hills community but would be greatly jeopardized for decades to come if ravaged by this proposed plan. The quality of life sought by the citizens choosing to live here would be greatly reduced if the multiple use advantage offered by these special areas of the Black Hills forest were to be destroyed.