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Comments: I'm against the cutting of spruce trees as the spruce add much visual variety to the overly abundant ponderosa pine. I don't know why we need more pine. The forest needs diversity : trees, plants, ecosystems, etc. Also, where Spruce grow is some of the most fragile of soil ecosystems with loose hummus soil sensitive to killing hot sun exposure. In these ecosystems is where many of the rare and endangered plants live in the very unique situation of the Black Hills where plants from the rest of the continent are growing respectively in their most northerly, southerly, westerly, and easterly ranges. No where else on the continent do these plants grow together nor do the associated birds, insects, and mushrooms. Many only grow here and nowhere else. Where the spruce grow they create and harbor habitat for some pretty special orchids of which, all told there are at least 18 separate species. So to clear cut the spruce is to remove all of that. Also where spruce grow, on those north facing slopes are found many springs and seeps which also contribute to that rare ecosystem but which is also especially sensitive to the bulldozing machinery used to enter, cut and haul the trees. Please reconsider allowing this project to go forward.