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Comments: While I believe in managing a resource, I do not like clearcuts, in general, and this proposal to remove spruce in favor of pine and aspen should not be undertaken. The Black Hills should not be a tree farm. It's a unique ecosystem with a wide variety of habitats. Wildlife depend on diverse habitats and creating a pine tree farm is not in the best interest of Black Hills wildlife or the millions of people who recreate there.