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Comments: This must not occur! Tearing up our beautiful Black Hills is horrrific! Spruce grow in relatively moist areas (the whole "fire" arguement is pathetic) and are an integral part of the ecosystem. As a Biologist (PhD), I was appalled by the entire proposal. It is scientifically unsound to put it mildly. It is also economically ridiculous to damage what many tourists come here to see, a forest--unmolested. This area is unique. That uniqueness supports our tourist industry. Harvesting spruce is extremely destructive. Find another way to line you pockets with money. Stay out of our forest. I am a voter in Custer County and was notified by Republicans and Democrats of this tragic greedy idea. We all vote and we love our forest.