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Comments: I oppose the deforestation of spruce trees in the Black Hills to gain space to grow more pine and aspen trees. The spruce are a beautiful addition to our land and provide yearly Christmas trees for many. They provide shelter for birds and animals in the winter. And as obvious by looking at your map, there are much fewer spruce than pine in our hills. Between beetle kill and over thinning/timber sales our forests have been gutted. While I understand a certain amount of thinning is necessary, I believe this has been way overdone. There is less than a third of the trees today from when I was growing up. It is heart-breaking. This is a NATIONAL Forest. It does not exist for profit. It exists for the the enjoyment of us all and must be preserved for generations. Please reconsider this plan!