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Comments: We like the spruce trees as they are now, please preserve these old-growth stands and preserve the beauty of the Black Hills. These spruce shelter wildlife and rare plant communities including orchids and other plants only found in these places. The idea that we need to "increase pine trees" by cutting spruce does not make sense...pine are already dominant in the Black Hills. Heavy equipment traffic while cutting spruce in the moist areas where they grow will damage the sensitive environments of these places. The proposal mentions "fire reduction" as a reason to cut spruce trees....spruce are not nearly the fire hazard that pine trees are, as they tend to grow on moist, north-side slopes. Unlike pine trees, spruce have very little value as timber; this project will cost taxpayers millions of dollars; why waste it on this project?