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Comments: I am against the spruce vegetation management project 61599. It is not clear that the spruce threaten the ponderosa pine in any way as they prefer different growing conditions. We also have plenty of pine trees and the diversity of plant life is important to Black Hills ecosystems. In this case, certain plants and animals thrive in the pockets of spruce where they would struggle in a pine forest. I would like to see research that shows how this project would mitigate fires when a much bigger fuel source are the dry ponderosa pines. Additionally, I do not support overstory removal as a logging tactic unless it is called for near human habitations. The devastation overstory removal causes to the landscape is a long term detriment to established ecosystems and extremely unpleasant to look at and recreate in. The proposed area for this project is full of recreational opportunities that would be hindered aesthetically and physically by this project's approval. Please do not move forward on this project