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Comments: Perhaps instead of logging the spruce forest, the industry and the NFLS (National Forest Logging Service) should enlist the help of their favorite lobbyist, Senator John Thune (certainly with his rank in the senate he can do something other than hang like a mute puppet behind McConnell) and come up with funding for a program to thin the forest of saplings that are overcrowding many areas of the Black Hills. This would serve to keep the loggers employed and allow time for the over-logged forest to recover, with the additional benefit of reducing the threat of fire and disease.