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Comments: I am a landscape architect and also previously worked for the forest service out of Hill City helping with timber thinning for fire reduction. I am concerned that this project is focused on reduction of Blackhills Spruce that is a tree unique to the Blackhills and that also tends to grow in those areas not suited for pine trees. I am also concerned about how slow trees grow in the Blackhills and that this site will lose any habitat value for many years. Tourism is a huge industry in the Blackhills and the selective logging of trees in the Blackhills has been a model for the rest of the nation on how to manage forests. Please reconsider the level of thinning you are considering.