Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/22/2022 5:05:24 PM First name: Scott Last name: Guffey Organization: Pennington County Natural Resources Title: Director Comments: I would recommend doing a staggered and strategic approach when thinning the white spruce

stands. These stands provide protection to several wildlife species now that the ponderosa pine stands have been thinned by insects, fire and harvest in the Black Hills. The white spruce stands may provide crucial thermal protection in the future for wildlife and watersheds from elevated temperatures and drought.