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Comments:

Given that Senator Thune has been heavily and monetarily lobbied by Neiman timber industry and has put forward federal legislation to mandate increased and unsustainable timber logging in the Black Hills National Forest I think it can be assumed that it is his influence that has put this project proposal forward. I suspect that our local branch of the National Forest Service is not really in favor of this project and is in need of public opinion to support their wisdom. At any rate, it's clear to anybody who really looks at what this project proposes that it's a bad idea and reflects badly on our senator. That needs to be kept in mind. In all transparency if the National Forest Service needs our opinion it could be even more direct in asking for it. The name of the legislation put forth by Senator Thune is below.

"Black Hills Forest Protection and Jobs Preservation Act"