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Comments: My grandparents lived in Custer, SD for all of my childhood and I gained a deep respect and appreciation for the Black Hills over my many years of visiting them and taking in the beauty of the area. My experiences in the Black Hills instilled in me a lasting appreciation of nature, as well as a nostalgic attachment to the state of South Dakota (a state I otherwise never had a reason to visit).

I am alarmed by the current logging proposal and reports of the logging that has already been done near Custer. I strongly urge the Forest Service to reconsider this proposal in favor of protecting the lands as they currently stand. Further damage or alteration to these lands risk preventing current and future children from forming the kinds of attachments and experiences to the Black Hills that I was privileged to do. I also fear for the long-term tourism and nationwide appreciation of the beauties of South Dakota should this region further be logged for shorter-term gain. Thank you for your time and attention.