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Comments: Dear Black Hills Nationals Forest

I am writing to express my dismay for the proposed Spruce Vegetation management Project. There is nothing wrong with some thoughtful forest restoration, heck, I do it for a living. My first forest restoration project was on private land in the Black Hills, 1973. The problem is the BHNF has lost all credibility for completing good work. It is clear to me that the Forest Service is cow-towing to the local lumber monopoly. With this being the case, no work should proceed, as the work will be tainted with greed. Debate this if you like. I've walked the units. Your work is damaging to long term ecologic trends and integrity. Until you clean house, I suggest you do nothing for a time.