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Comments: Stepping back from this "spruce vegetation management project" would be a good first step to restoring some measure of sense and sustainability to forest management in the Black Hills.

Removing spruces in order to make room for ponderosa pines does nothing for the health of the forest, and especially will not reduce fire danger. In the process, it will remove valuable, shade-producing habitat from the Hills.

Please reconsider this project, for which there is no real need.