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Comments: Exploration does not exist in a vacuum; the next logical step is defining financial profit and then going forward with petitioning to mine the area. Exploration has the potential to impact our water and actual mining will devastate our water impacting generations to come. We are already in water trouble in many places in the US and in SD with shortages, drought and pollution. We must insure our water is safe and available for our great-grandchildren, agriculture, tourism and recreation. Enough damage has been done in the quest for gold in the Black Hills region with examples of the open cut and land that cannot be reclaimed and repaired to its original splendor. We have seen the end results of promises to restore mining sites in the Black Hills. We don't need gold, it is only wanted. Let's stop this project before it continues to grow. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to halt exploration in the proposed Jenny Gulch Gold Exploration Drilling Project.