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Comments: Silver City road and Rochford Road are major access points for recreation within the Black Hills National Forest. The proposed activity would restrict this access and make it more difficult for individuals to recreate.

The proposed exploratory site is located above the rapid creek watershed. The creek flowing through the canyon west and east of Silver City is one of the most pristine fisheries and wildlife areas in the Black Hills. Introducing new water from an unknown source along with industry standard drilling additives will have an adverse effect on the fisheries and wildlife that rely on them. More specifically, trout populations and bighorn sheep will suffer!

Mineral exploration will lead to mining. Mining in this part of the Black Hills will have devastating impacts on wildlife, fisheries, tourism, and natural resources. We need to be proactive about protecting our natural resources! Please deny F3's profit seeking initiatives within our beautiful black hills. Nothing good will come to the Black Hills or its residents. Thank you.