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Comments: I am against any drilling for mining in the Black Hills. If we don't want mining, we should not allow drilling either - allowing it to start makes it easier for them to push their way through and continue. Our above ground AND below ground water needs to be protected, as does our native wildlife, many of which have the potential to be threatened. The Black Hills also is precious to us as it is so critical to our economy as tourists come through to see its natural beauty. Additionally, the local tribes with sovereignty in this area ought to be consulted with before any decisions of this variety are made. And in addition to all of this - what makes the drilling and mining idea worse is that we have folks coming from out of state to attempt at it, so the money from drilling our local natural resources won't even be going to locals.