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Comments: We believe the Newark exploratory project is NOT appropriate for a categorical exclusion.

The Forest Service needs to do an Environmental Impact Statement.

This is a huge project that would affect many different ecosystems!

It would affect the local towns and property owners that are downstream.

Why would you want to jump into a project of this magnitude without following the proper procedures to make sure that you don't ruin the beautiful Black Hills for us and future generations?