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Comments: I am writing to address my concerns and thoughts against the F3 Gold Newark exploration project in the Black Hills.

There has not been enough information given to the residents regarding plans for the roads, water impact for Custer and French Creek, wildlife, outdoor recreation, residents quality of life etc. let alone, future consequences and impacts on the area should they find gold.

Previous mining in the Northern Hills resulted in heavy metals in they water supply and environmental damage. I fear the same for the Custer/ French Creek area.

My Dad was born and raised in Hot Springs, SD where his family settled after immigrating from Norway. It was his dream to retire there which he made a reality outside of Custer, close to the area being considered. I have visited the hills every year of my 52 years. My husband and kids also think of it as home, even though it is a vacation for us. It is the one place that is so peaceful, naturally beautiful and serene. We love seeing wildlife around my Dad's home and the silence hearing the wind in the trees. I fear mining there will not only disrupt the animal habitat and tranquility of the area, but also negatively impact the residents as they deal with road repairs, potential water issues, noise and numerous other disruptions.

We need more answers, research and detail regarding this project. DO NOT APPROVE