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Comments: I live two minutes from where the trucks and drilling will be coming in. I'm right in the middle of it. I'm writing to tell you my opposition to the disgusting proposal to the F3 Gold Drilling Project. I live in the diamond subdivision less than a half mile from four drilling sites. You don't live here, so let me fill you in. From my house, you walk about three to five minutes to either one of the drilling sites. They can be seen and heard 24 hours a day, the road they are using.

I bought property in 2000, built my house in 2002, my garage and shop in 2005. Retired in 2007. I put my life into my project. This is my retirement. I buried my dogs there. Raising another one in the hopes she'd have a great place to live. I put my life into my property. I planted trees, put in the fencing, I did everything a good homeowner is supposed to do.

I just wanted people to leave me alone. It's peaceful, it's quiet, good neighbors. Great town. You don't realize what you're doing to the people that live in the area, not to mention Custer all the way down to Pine Ridge, You can't guarantee safe drilling no matter what you do. One of my concerns is that when they drill these exploratory wells they could possibly hit uranium and that hole could open up and let radon into the water and if that happens the whole area from upper French Creek all the way to Pine Ridge will be contaminated and un-cleanable, killing the town and the residents who live here, and the people who have been here for over 200 years maybe 2000 years.

This is an elk management area, I can't imagine why you would allow drilling here.

Which your first step should've been was to do an Environmental Impact Study and I for one am demanding that you do this as the very next step before anything else takes place. You say your responsibility is to the people, to the environment, and to your own conscience. Your first option is to be responsible to your self, not to your employer. There so many things that I could address, too numerous to mention. I can't think of it all right away, too many to cover in a one or two hour session. Please do the right thing, take care of the EIS that should've been done in the first place. I'd like to say thank you very much.