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Comments: As a frequent visitor to Spearfish where the sole purpose of most trips is to use the mountain bike trails in the area of the drilling I would discourage approval of the exploratory project. While the exploration may only be minimally impactful, any actual mining anywhere along Tinton road would be extremely disruptive to recreation and tourism in the area, including the likelihood of fewer visitors like myself. To even allow the exploratory drilling in that area is the wrong choice if it is clear that any future mining would be too disruptive. Prior to any exploration a clear plan and commitment of how the mining company would not disruptive current uses on Tinton road and not impact recreation in the area should be considered. If it is not possible to achieve zero to low impact, the exploration doesn't make sense if final permits are improbable.