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Comments: Hello,

As a long-time Black Hills resident and frequent user of the trails and recreation opportunities in the Big Hill/Savoy/Iron Creek Drainage/Eagle Cliff areas, I am strongly opposed to this exploratory drilling project! Allowing up to 25 drilling sites, and the equipment & infrastructure required to perform the drilling, into one of the "crown jewel" areas of the Black Hills for scenery and recreation is a terrible idea! In addition to that, I am very concerned about the environmental impact this could have to the area and watersheds.

The bottom line is that the area of the proposed drilling is one of my favorite places on earth to get outside, exercise, and mentally refresh. I know that this is true for many, many others as well. Allowing drilling on these public lands would severely impact that enjoyment and quite possibly ruin it.

I strongly object to allowing this project to proceed! Thanks for your consideration!