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Comments: I am opposed to the exploratory drilling and preceding mining encompassed in the Golden Crest Exploration Drilling #62590, and any projects similar to it in the Black Hills National Forest. Keeping Spearfish Creek and its tributaries clean is important for the entire ecosystem of the surrounding area, including the people that live and recreate along the creek, as well as rely on it as a drinking water source. I request a full Environmental Impact Report be conducted, including but not limited to the project's possible effects on the watershed, fish, birds including the American Dipper whose habitat is along the creek, larger wildlife and game, forages and grasses, and livestock. This report should include potential contamination assessments as well as noise impacts.

Furthermore, the landscape of the Black Hills National Forest in the given area is important to many Spearfish residents, as well as Black Hills visitors. I grew up in the badlands of North Dakota, so I personally know how disgusting it is to watch a serene, near-to-my-heart landscape become dotted with oil drilling equipment and oil pads. The Black Hills' tourism industry is the beating heart of South Dakota, and ruining the landscape, even if the footprint is considerably minimal, is a step in the wrong direction.

Overall, I urge the Forest Service to consider all factors and all parties that would be impacted by this drilling project and make a decision that sides with the people, wildlife, and beauty of the Black Hills National Forest.