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Comments: I lived in Trojan, SD (Terry Peak) in the 80's when mining permits were issued to explore and mine the Terry Peak area. The life of the mine was projected to be 10 years. It is still operating and the area is totally unrecognizable. I understand the economic value of mining to the local economy. However, at some point the benefits are far outweighed by the negative impacts. The proposed area of exploration sits right in the middle of one of the finest outdoor recreation areas in the state, if not the country. Due to the hard work of dedicated volunteers over many years, this area and its trail system are a huge draw for hikers and bikers from around the country. It is easily accessible from Spearfish, Sturgis, Lead and Deadwood. I almost always run into people from other states that are enjoying those trails and they are always overwhelmed by their quality and the scenery. I believe we have reached a point where the economic advantages of keeping this area pristine far outweigh the good impact of mining. If you are in doubt go stand on the top of Terry Peak and take a good hard look. If the drilling is successful and you are faced with the prospect of this area being mined, the view from Terry Peak will tell you exactly what you have unleashed.