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Comments: To whom it may concern,

We cannot allow mining to occur in and around the Spearfish Canyon. The Black Hills should be treated like a national treasure and preserved as such. Wildlife enjoy the increasingly rare space to thrive within the forests, canyons and streams it provides. Residents also enjoy opportunities to hunt, hike, bike and do other outdoor related activities. Allowing exploratory drilling and potential mining in the area of Spearfish canyon will result in permanent damage to the precious land, vegetation and wildlife in the area and will directly affect locals and tourists who have limited areas to recreate. Please do everything in your power to prevent money and power from taking away land that makes the black hills such a special place.

Sincerely,

Kara Weigel