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Comments: I have been a Spearfish resident for nearly 10 years now and regularly visit the canyon to experience its world class fly fishing streams and excellent hiking. There are so few places in the world that aren't exploited for profit, and I hope you will see that Spearfish Canyon should remain unspoiled so generations can continue to enjoy its beauty and wonder.

It is imperative that the Forest Service require Solitario Zinc do a FULL Environmental Impact Statement on this project, not just a short Environmental Assessment. Environmental Justice has not been considered in the Draft EA. All potential cumulative impacts of this project should be considered, including the possibility of mining in this area, the fact that Solitario Zinc has proposed a second project just to the south, the impacts of the nearby Wharf Mine, and other existing gold drilling in the area.

It is within your power to protect Spearfish Canyon. Thank you for your time and consideration of the precious water that feeds Spearfish Canyon, our National Historic Byway.