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Comments: Writing to voice my opposition to the proposed golden crest exploration drilling. The location of this project is in the middle of one of the the most pristine and beautiful areas of the Black Hills, and also right in the middle of one of the prime recreational areas for outdoor activities such as cross country skiing, snow shoeing, mountian biking, hiking, horse back riding and hunting. This proposed location is in the middle of one of the well established trail systems and would cause destruction of this well established infrastructure and the beauty that makes it so enjoyable. This area also is prime habitat for abundant wildlife. Active drilling and subsequent mining activity presents a serious threat to the wildlife populations in the area. There is serious potential for contamination of the water resources in this area to include aquifers that provide residential water for many residential properties in the local area and the community of Spearfish. The project also would impact water shed into Spearfish canyon and affect all of those people that rely on the water resources that Spearfish creek provides. There are known and documented contamination issues from mining activities in the areas surrounding Lead and Deadwood and much more careful consideration, to include full scale EPA impact studies should be required before any mining or exploratitive activities are permitted, not just an environmental assessment. This project would heavily impact traffic on Tinton road with is already a major issue. The heavy equipment movement required would create significant wear and and tear on the road and there need to be requirements I'm place for the company proposing this project to share in the cost of repair and maintenance of this road if they are going to use it for access.