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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to this resource extraction project. As a lifelong resident of the Black Hills and outdoor enthusiast, I see first hand every day the impact that resource extraction leaves on our public lands. The vast majority of the Black Hills have been significantly degraded by logging, mining, and grazing. These activities all hold a vital role in our society, but we must preserve natural areas and clean water as well. Iron Creek Drainage, and the entire Spearfish Canyon area deserve preservation instead of extraction. Clean water, natural beauty, and natural solitude should take precedent over resource extraction in this area.