Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/24/2023 3:33:43 PM First name: Kellie Last name: Peotter Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hello- I was born in Deadwood and have lived in Spearfish the majority of my life. My husband and I specifically chose to raise our children here, as well. This will always be our home. We use the hills to hike, bike and recreate. We are strongly against Solitario coming into our beautiful Black Hills. We do not want any exploration or mining. The impact is so far reaching - it would impact our tourism, the beauty of the hills and our natural resources (keep our water clean!). The traffic and noise pollution alone would be extremely hard on the wildlife. The main reason the Hills are so loved is because they are mostly untouched and clean. We have so few amazing places like this in our State and the country - we need to protect it at all costs. We need to be able to preserve it for our future generations. Please do not let them explore or mine in the Black Hills.