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Comments: I have grown up in the Black hills my entire life. I'm a passionate outdoor enthusiast and I pursue multiple activities a year that would not be possible or as enjoyable without the amazing access we have to our untainted black hills public lands. The thought of watching these public lands being taken and harvested into unrecognizable landscapes make me very sad for our future generations. Theodore Roosevelt the father of our national parks couldn't have said it better " Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." If we start to chip away and maim the beautiful lands that have been set aside for public use and preservation we will soon deteriorate the lands in which have been our honor to occupy. I refuse to let these lands be forfeited and watch more of our landscapes dwindle into wharf mine views. Please take these thoughts into consideration and do not deny our public lands the protections they deserve.