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Comments: This project has caught my attention solely due to the fact that a mine will be opened. Historically, mining in the black hills has been frowned upon, but in reality it has had a major positive impact on the communities. Talking with people who grew up with the Homestake Mine, they only talk positively. People were better off when the mine was operating as the mine tended to help communities better than the municipalities did. It is no longer the 1900s aswell, the mining industry has drastically improved over the last century. Mines are safer, more efficient and cleaner than ever. I support this project because a gold mine in the black hills will have a positive impact on the community, both economically and socially. If we choose not to open a mine in the black hills, then gold will be mined somewhere else. In other countries, the mining industries are not up to a socially acceptable standard. In other countries they use slaves, indentured servitudes and even children to operate their mines. Plus other countries do not hold the environmental safety as paramount. I want a mine in the Black Hills because then we have control over the environment and social health of the Black Hills. Solitario should be allowed to drill as it will boast incredible opportunity in the future both economically and socially.