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Comments: I support the drilling/mining project:

For many years the radical environmentalist opposed gold mining "adjacent" to the rim of Spearfish Canyon. They use a litany of extraneous excuses including recreation, wildlife, water, peace and quiet, public safety among other things. Forest Service knows through extensive research in the many years in managing the area, these excuses are erroneous on the merits. Gold mining is an historic Black Hills, including surrounds of the Canyon, economic activity, and with new federal and state environmental regulations are safe and responsible.

The only valid concern is the aesthetics of Spearfish Canyon. Urge the Forest Service to restrict Drilling/Mining within 500 feet of the rim for visual protection of Canyon. Rim is defined as line of sight from Scenic Byway to the sky.

Thank you,

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