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Comments: My family has lived in California, Washington D.C. area, and Traverse City Mi on Grand Traverse Bay. All very beautiful places, but Spearfish is as beautiful as any of them and much less unspoiled. Spearfish's primary attraction is the outdoor recreation offered by her hiking and biking trails and fishing streams. The best of these are located in and immediately around Spearfish Canyon. Mining exploration in these areas would seriously damage the serenity of the natural setting, an irreparable loss for the residents and the thousands of tourists who visit yearly.

Spearfish Canyon has been compared to the most beautiful of the national parks and should already have protected status, The water supply for the entire area will also be jeopardized by mining in the Canyon. Please do not let this happen.