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Comments: I just want to express my concern about mining in the Black Hills. I am against mining for many reasons. The most important is that the public currently has access to hike, bike, snowmobile and enjoy Spearfish Canyon both on and off road. A mining Company could restrict access to the public. I am also concerned about the environmental impact, particularly the water supply and the amount if water that would be required. Those of us with wells, may dry up if excessive water is pumped out of the current aquifers. For these reasons please do not allow mining in the Beautiful Black Hills, most notably Spearfish Canyon.