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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Golden Crest exploration project. The proposed project will cause almost no disturbance, and what little disturbance is necessary is temporary in nature. The proposed activities pose no threat to our land, air, or water. If anything, they will improve the drilled areas by restoring beneficial vegetation through application of approved seed mixes and weed control. The EA is more than adequate, and an EIS would be inappropriate. Solitario has a long history of environmentally and socially responsible exploration. Their willingness to endure the excessively long and expensive EA process to conduct an initial exploratory drill program is evidence of their commitment and responsibility in the Black Hills. The decision making process should be based on sound environmental science and land management practices, rather than reaction to fear based propaganda from activist groups.

Regards,