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Comments: I am a concerned forest adjacent home owner who is against any mining in Spearfish Canyon or adjoining areas. I love the beauty of the forest land and I work very hard to be a care taker of my land for future generations. Our forests are not infinite resources to be exploited for the few to the detriment of us all. Shouldn't the forest service have the same regard for our shared forests?

The area where the proposed mining would occur is invaluable to our community, locals and tourists alike, who enjoy the many trails, hiking, skiing, fishing, and snow mobiling opportunities available to us. Additionally, the very trees that would be removed are the same trees we trek out to in order to find our annual Christmas tree. These are the shared experiences of Spearfish citizens that are irreplaceable.

There are obvious environmental concerns for the air, the animals, and of course, our water supply as well. If our water supply becomes polluted, our community would never recover. Water is life. I work hard to conserve my water, so why shouldn't the forest service?

Please put an end to this disastrous project and save our bit of heaven, Spearfish Canyon.