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Comments: I am a user of the trails in this area--this summer will be my 10th consecutive year riding the Dakota Five-O. I support the proposed exploration drilling project. The project indicates that no new road or trails will be constructed and that drill sites will be located on previously disturbed areas. The exploration drilling is less impactful than residential water wells (i.e., they are smaller diameter holes and are sealed afterwards). No mining or processing is proposed. The proposed exploration drilling project will have much, much less impact to the recreational trails of the area than other existing activities in this multi-use forest, such as logging and grazing. On this basis I see no reason why the drilling project should not proceed.