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Comments: Hard NO! on any mining of any kind (exploration or otherwise) on the rim of Spearfish Canyon, or anywhere else on public land anywhere in the Hills.

The Black Hills has endured almost 150 years of "mining exploration"- the scars of the first rush are still rusting/rotting all through the Hills over a century after most have closed.

As for the second round-since approx. the 1980's-have produced oozing eyesores, and at least one Superfund site, still being paid for -by us! Little community benefit for all that destruction.

And, of course, what happens if they find gold, or any other mineral in paying quantities?

Strip mining, heap leaching, water and air pollution, increased hazardous traffic , in a word, disaster-and, of course, No effective oversight or enforcement of any rules.

Absolutely opposed to allowing any such mining in the Hills

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