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Comments: I grew up in Spearfish. Spearfish Canyon was always a place to go to appreciate nature. As an adult, I now realize what a gem it is. It's a beautiful and unique and home to so much wild life. It's also incredibly important to the community. It attracts nature lovers, climbers, bikers, hikers, and tourists.

Natural places all over the world are being used and destroyed for resources without any thought to the future impact. We need to protect and preserve what little natural spaces we still have. You can't put a price on the Canyon. If mining is allowed, it will be a slippery slope ending in greed and tragedy.

Let's preserve the Canyon as it is for future generations, for the flora and fauna, and for the health and betterment of all.