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Comments: This extensive 50 mile mining exploration of the Northern Black Hills will forever alter our landscape and water quality .

This is NOT a good idea for anyone except the company who will profit . The company is not from SD . Our resources will be taken and our lands polluted with carcinogenic substances that affect the health of all .

As far as jobs that it will create , we already have a very low unemployment rate and many jobs remain unfilled .

We in the Black Hills are still dealing with toxic leach ponds that occassionally overflow and contaminate the water. The mining industry does not police itself. Money is the driving force and only public safety is considered when forced to . Those that own the mines will not live here nor do I suspect would eat the fish caught in our streams or the vegetables grown from the contaminated soil that they can not protect .

One of our local communities is a super fund site , Whitewood SD due to the mining policies of the past.

Please do not allow this to occur. We must learn from past mistakes .