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Comments: I'm asking the NFS to REJECT Solitario's Golden Crest gold exploration project. It's another instance of the private mining entities practicing their Rape and Run tactics. They have no stake in the preservation or reclamation of the area where they dig. Often they pay a paltry fine and leave the mess to the taxpayers to deal with.

The greater Spearfish Canyon area is a tourist mecca and brings in thousands of folks annually. Locals enjoy the recreational activities in the area. It is one of the most beautiful but fragile areas of the Black Hills.

Water pollution and over- usage are grave concerns. We area residents will be adversely affected.

Again, please REFUSE Solitario any access to this beautiful area.

Thank you.