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Comments: The Black Hills hold immense significance to the local community and visitors alike, offering a unique blend of natural beauty, rich biodiversity, and exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities. However, the recent proximity of these drilling activities to our beloved mountain bike trails raises alarming questions about the potential environmental consequences and long-term impacts on our cherished landscapes.

As a 21 year old, who grew up in Spearfish, I have lived my whole life exploring these woods. I am deeply concerned about the project in my home.

In light of these concerns, I kindly request that the Forest Service conducts a thorough and comprehensive environmental impact study of the drilling and mining operations in the Black Hills. Such a study would allow us to better understand the potential risks and evaluate the extent of any ecological harm that may occur as a result of these activities.