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Comments: I would like to request that the Forest Service implement an EIS (full NEPA study) before approving the mining of Big Hill near Spearfish, SD. This is an area that I have personally enjoyed for many years. During the winter months, my family and I use the trail system for winter recreation. During the summer months, we like to drive through the area to relax, enjoy the beautiful scenery, wildlife and peacefulness of a more remote area. The fall colors are another wonderful benefit of this area.

The Black Hills of SD has a declining number of areas that can be enjoyed in their nearly natural beauty. Mining this area would destroy the benefits enjoyed by many people year round. Preserving areas for the enjoyment of many instead of the brief benefits of commercial usage is important to consider. The long-term benefits to many should outweigh the short-term monetary gains of a few.

Please consider this request to carefully study the impacts before approving mining in this area.