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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter to request and support an Environmental Impact Survey for potential mining activity at the area near Spearfish known as Big Hill. Private mines will destroy public lands at the expense of farmlands, hiking, biking snowmobiling and cross country ski trails in this area. An EIS is important to determine how detrimental mining would be to the precious ecosystems for the animals and humans who use that area for numerous reasons. Since there is no serious reclamation requirements for mines, the devastating impacts would be swift permanent., and irreversible. Too much of the Black Hills has fallen victim to short-term profit interests of rapacious industries. Let's give future generations the gift of future enjoyment of Big Hill.