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Comments: I am a long term resident of the Northern Black Hills, where I have been a business owner, tour guide and newspaper editor/publisher. Throughout my more than 40 years in the region I have enjoyed the relatively unspoiled natural environment and multiple opportunities for outdoor recreation, particularly cycling and cross country skiing. I am also a long time member of the Eagle Cliff Ski Association, a non-profit organization that works to preserve, protect and enhance the Eagle Cliff Ski Area in upper Spearfish Canyon. The qualities of this recreation area are likely to be detrimentally impacted by the proposed Golden Crest Project. I am also very concerned about the potential impact of the project on the water resources of the Spearfish Canyon watershed. I urge the Forest Service to consider the cumulative effects of the Project on water quality in the Northern Black Hills and the detrimental effects of the project on outdoor recreation in the affected area including Eagle Cliff, Timber Gulch, Big Hill and adjacent lands. At a minimum a full Environmental Impact Statement for the Golden Crest Project should be required and NOT a shorter Environmental Assessment. George Ledbetter