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Comments: For over 40 years, I have valued and appreciated the public lands of the Black Hills as a hiker, biker, and a cross-country ski enthusiast. I currently serve as a board member of the Eagle Cliff Ski Association. The mission of this non-profit, all-volunteer group is to promote, protect, and maintain the trails of the Eagle Cliff area as a cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and recreational experience. This area is a special and precious resource, and I am deeply concerned about disruptions the proposed Golden Crest Project would have for both recreation users and wildlife of the Eagle Cliff area. In addition, I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts of the project on water quality of the area. To ensure protection of this public resource, I would urge the Forest Service to require a full Environmental Impact Statement. We are all very fortunate to have access to public lands and resources, and I strongly feel we need to do all we can to protect and preserve them for future generations.