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Comments: Hi,

I am writing in response to the Golden Crest Exploration Drilling proposal. I believe that a full NEPA Environmental Impact Study (EIS) should be conducted. I have been all over the world and in my travels have seen many large-scale mining operations and the devastation that they cause to the surrounding areas. While a mine in the northern Black Hills would likely benefit the owners and some of the employees, the local residents and wildlife would be negatively impacted by the operation that is helping to get some fat cat rich elsewhere. The increase of large trucks, toxic water runoff, and tailings would destroy the local trails and ecosystems that thrive in the area.

The Black Hills are for the people to love and enjoy, not to use and exploit, keeping them as a wonderful recreational area brings countless tourists to the area and lets be real, other than the Badlands and the Black Hills, South Dakota is a pretty bleak place.

thank you for your consideration,

Dan