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Comments: As a 31-year resident of Spearfish, I am very against the proposed mining exploration. Spearfish Canyon and the entire Black Hills is what brought me to live and raise a family here.

Our family, extended members (parents, siblings, cousins, children), all benefit from the Hills. Spearfish Canyon, Big Hill Trail System, Crow Peak, Cement Ridge, Annie Creek, etc..., are places that we utilize year round. Activities include biking, hiking, skiing, and even site seeing.

I am also worried about the long-term effects of mining and how it may effect our ground water and creeks. Mine tailings have a history of heavy metals, mercury, cyanide and arsenic -- all toxic and lethal.

I am totally against an out-of-state company destroying our trails and ecosystem for pure profit--especially when they don't live here.