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Comments: I do not agree with the mining activity in this area. This land has a lot more to offer to the people of this area than gold and minerals. Big Hill and Spearfish Canyon have the ability to change people's lives and get them outside and experience what the Paha Sapa has to offer. Thousands of plants, orchards, wild berries, and animal habitats will be destroyed in the effort to mine. I do not support this claim because it will destroy thousands of opportunities for people and wildlife to experience life in this area. There are natural springs in the area that will be contaminated and will flow into spearfish creek and surrounding creeks. That contamination will destroy habitats for multiple wildlife and cause issues with surrounding plant life. This mine will destroy and contaminate deep underground aquifers and will put a risk at the natural flow of life that is given from the black hills.

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