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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion concerning the Solitario Golden Crest gold exploration project in the Spearfish Canyon Watershed area. While this out of state entity is wanting to perform sample drilling at many sites in the Spearfish Canyon watershed as an exploratory measure there is concern about their drilling practices. Will chemicals affect the water and everything the water means to the wilderness and community? Their drilling and testing will certainly introduce harmful chemicals and solutions to the watershed potentially causing issues that will be long lasting. While this is a slippery slope to even entertain, the long play of companies like this is to find a precious mineral and then mine it for profit and for out of state interests. This is certainly not acceptable and would be an irreversible measure to the Black Hills and Spearfish Canyon watershed and various aquifers in the Hills area . I would encourage you to stop this before it even gets traction by not permitting this out of state company to start sample drilling or furthering their agenda.

Thank you for the consideration and taking time to hear my voice of opposition to this project and others like it!