Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/6/2023 6:35:09 PM

First name: Luke Last name: Hahn Organization:

Title:

Comments: As a frequenter of the Black Hills to camp and ride single-track, this project would do much harm to the area. Not only would it impact the outdoor recreation that this area is known for, but it would also harm the natural aspect the hills have to offer. In a world filled with technology, buildings, and noise, there are few (and becoming fewer) places to be able to escape into nature. Spearfish and the surrounding areas are unique in that you can go from city to country quickly to enjoy the nature... undisturbed. Mining operations would severely impact this convenience and quality would decrease significantly.

As stated on the Forest Service website, the Forest Service is here for "Caring for the Land and Serving People". Caring for the land would be preserving the land, and serving people is providing access to that land. Protect the land from private monetization, and preserve the peoples' access to quality land!