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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed drilling above Spearfish Canyon. I feel that keeping the area open for public use and recreation is far more important than another huge mine on the Black Hills. I feel that a full EIS is needed to understand what is at stake if this drilling and future mining happens. I know there are rare orchids and other important and unique wildlife in the area. If the mine does happen, even if is reclaimed it will never be back to how it is today. A mine above the canyon will also cause more pollution in our waterways and surrounding forests. I feel the long term of wild land that everyone can enjoy outweighs the destruction and profit of a mining company. The Black Hills is an important and uniquely area that is not that large of an area. I would love to have as much of this special place protected for future generations!