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Comments: This last month I got to go fly fishing for my first time in the black hill specifically the spearfish canyon region. As I fished down there I fell more and more in love with the great beauty of this canyon and the amazing wildlife that reside in it, but the one thing I noticed is that every stretch of creek I fished I kept finding empty pop/beer cans plastic bags etc. the only thing that went through my mind is how all of these animals and nature would last another 20 years with this much of a foot print being laid down by humans. I live in North Dakota and I work in the oil field as an electrician and I have figured out one thing in the years working up here that DRILLING/EXCAVATION = no wild life and no habitat for them to even live in. Drilling and operating machinery is extremely impactful on everything around it no matter how conservative you are about it! Save Spearfish canyon! Save the Black hills before the damage is irreversible and you lose your entire tourism, fishing, wildlife economy. There's to much to lose for such little gain! Keep the Black Hills the Black Hills don't try to push your industrialism on such a beautiful part of South Dakota.