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Comments: I am requesting an EIS (the full NEPA study) for the Golden Crest Project based on my grave concerns of the impact any mining in the Northern Black Hills could have. Especially how this could affect the all-important watershed in the Northern Hills and the Spearfish area. The potential release of carcinogens into the waters of Spearfish creek and any tributaries could raise cancer rates for generations to come. Mining requires large amount of water which would reduce the flow of the creeks and levels in the reservoirs. Wildlife and fisheries would also be negatively impacted by mining operations. As a homeowner in Spearfish, any such impacts on the environment, wildlife and national forest of the Northern Black Hills would affect property values as well as tourism. In this day and age, we should have learned from the history of mining in the Black Hills, neighboring states like Montana and Wyoming and not repeat the same mistakes. Please help us protect the beautiful Northern Hills.