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Comments: I am concerned this project would have a number of significant impacts on recreational opportunities, water quality, wildlife, and the economy of the surrounding region.

Drilling would cause critical damage to aquifers that provide water to local residents and potential pollution to Spearfish Creek that runs through Spearfish Canyon. It is important to the Black Hill's elk herds and the turkey populations, both of which have seen recent declines. It is likely that the additional development of roads and 24-hour activity at the drill pads will impact the wildlife. Additional disturbance could further harm these populations. Not only could the project have detrimental effects to hunting and fishing opportunities and wildlife populations, but could impact hiking, camping and mountain biking, all of which contribute to the local and regional recreational economy.

Thank you for your support of public lands, waters, and wildlife of South Dakota, and to your commitment to the hunters, anglers and outdoorsmen and women that recreate there. I appreciate you taking these concerns into consideration.