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Comments: I grew up in the Black Hills and have spent alot of time hiking, biking and backpacking through out the hills. I am a hydrogeologist that has worked on mine reclamation projects an know the long term negative impacts that mining has on surface and groundwater in the surrounding areas. Impacts include changes to the geochemistry of surface and groundwater, dust, noise, and those impacts tied to roads installed to support the mining. These impacts will affect nearby Spearfish Canyon and Spearfish Creek. The Forest Service must do a full Environmental Impact Statement to fully explore the possible impacts.