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Comments: Hello,

I'll keep this short and sweet. Obviously exploratory drilling is to see if an area is suitable to mine - whether it be oil, coal, or a precious mineral. If the exploration leads to positive results, the next request is for more exploration or all-out mining. Jobs will be had, the mining will get completed, and the company will move on. It is a temporary boost to the economy that could last a while...or for a very short period of time. Either way, the boost is finite.

Conversely, natural beauty abounds in the Hills, and will continue to attract visitors, well, forever...if left unspoiled. At some point, we have to some conceding the wishes of large corporations at the expense of our natural beauty and resources. We have to keep some shred of pride in our forests, meadows, lakes, and streams. If we keep these resources available and free from drilling and mining, we send a message that the natural beauty we enjoy today should be enjoyed for generation after generation.

Please, send that message and choose no to Golden Crest Exploration Drilling.