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Comments: I am a resident of Iowa who loves to visit South Dakota. The Black Hills are a very important part of our family trip to the upper midwest. We like to hike through the amazing landscape and look at all the wildlife. We like to walk the streams to see if we can't eye a fish. And most of all we love to hike a ways in and just listen to what God made us. Why would we want to allow someone to come and spoil that? What could possibly be more important than our wild places? Sitting on the hillside listening to drills grinding away at the rock is not what I want my kids to grow up with. I would rather them hear turkeys gobbling and birds chirping and deer grunting. We want to see the fish in the streams get to good eating size and watch them jump. Not look at the stream and say "I remember when there was fish in these waters, but the drills waste water killed them all." We should be protecting this habitat not destroying it looking for money. With America's public lands shrinking every year and the value on everything dropping, we need to put our foot down and say no more. We have direct control over the value of our public lands and wilderness, let's not let it drop too. Please deny the drilling permits. Please put permanent protection on the black hills. On all of our public lands. I pray we make the right decision and thank you for your time.