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Comments: Im opposing Solitario Zinc's 'Golden Crest' gold exploratory drilling. This project would take place in a special area that feeds directly into Spearfish Canyon, a National Scenic Byway. The Forest Service should do a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on this project, not just a short Environmental Assessment (EA).

All potential cumulative impacts of this project should be considered, including the possibility of mining in this area, the fact that Solitario Zinc has proposed a second project just to the south, the impacts of the nearby Wharf Mine, other existing gold drilling in the area, etc.