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Comments: As an avid forest user of the proposed area, I strongly oppose this exploratory drilling and will oppose any future mining in this area because it will likely have many negative impacts. This mining exploration will greatly disrupt wildlife herds; especially local elk and deer populations. The proposed area serves a wide variety of forest uses such as hiking, hunting, cycling, skiing, and off road use which would all be negatively impacted from the disruption of drilling. Another major concern is the potential for downstream pollution of spearfish creek which could have huge consequences for fisheries and tourism in spearfish canyon and beyond. The cons largely outweigh the benefits on this one. I will also support any groups who fight against this mining endeavor.