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Comments: I have serious concerns regarding the proposed Golden Crest Project exploratory drilling. I fish in Spearfish Canyon on a regular basis my first concern centers on the noise pollution that will be generated by the drilling and or support equipment. During the past few years, I have witnessed an alarming number of "day flying" bats in Spearfish Canyon, with white-nose syndrome closing in and possibly already here in the Black Hills I can't help but wonder what impact this drilling will have on the bat population in the area. How can the noise and vibration of drilling bore holes through solid rock not be a disturbance to the fragile bat population? Clean water is my other main concern. The area that Solitario Zinc has proposed for exploration lies within the watershed for Spearfish's drinking water. I can foresee zero benefits that this project would offer to our precious clean water. Trucks driving in the watershed on newly established routes will leak oil, hydraulic fluid, and fuel. To me, this seems to be an irresponsible use of our public lands. Please take my concerns into consideration. Thank you.