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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Golden Crest Exploration drilling. I have lived in Spearfish for many years and am very concerned about the impact this project will have on our community and on the environment. This area of the Black Hills is truly one of the most beautiful areas in the world. One of the things I love most about living here is the access I have to hiking, running, and mountain biking in the quiet of the forest. The natural beauty of this area is also one of the main reasons people visit Spearfish and the Northern Hills.

I am concerned about the impact this drilling is likely to have on recreation, but I am also concerned about the impact these drilling sites may have on water quality and on the environment. The proposed drilling sites will affect the immediate areas in which they fall, but if this project proceeds the risk to water quality is something that is greatly concerning to me.