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Comments: Hello,

I am a concerned resident of Spearfish. My wife and I have recently purchased a home near downtown - we are very excited to be a part of this community after moving here a little over a year ago. We were drawn to Spearfish because of its great natural beauty, resources, and all of the recreational opportunities that come with those. We (and our rescue dog, Pippin) are avid hikers (we've got a book of the best hikes in the Black Hills that we're working our way through) and I am a passionate trail (and road) runner outside of that. We have, as a family, spent countless hours in the beauty that Spearfish has to offer. Additionally, one of the highlights that we share with our visiting friends and family is the natural beauty of Spearfish Canyon.

Allowing exploratory drilling of this incredible area opens the door to destroying the beauty of Spearfish, Spearfish Canyon, and the Black Hills. Hundreds of thousands of visitors come to our neck of the woods (or rather, National Forest) each year to experience nature, not to experience drilling.

Thank you,
Stephen P Bohn