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Comments: Spearfish Canyon and the surrounding forest service land is a major outdoor recreation area for my family, my friends, and the communities of Lawrence County. I strongly object to exploratory gold mining in the proposed area as it will affect wildlife habitats including those of the Black Hills Mountainsnail and a small family of Mountain Goats that call Spearfish Canyon their home. It has the potential to affect water quality and the ecological sustainability of the area if they were to find any gold because of this exploration. Any minerals that could potentially make Solitario a lot of money to retrieve from the ground are not worth the impact and long term affects that mining would have on this area. Please do not grant this permit to explore for gold in this area. If they want to find some, they can go down to the creek and get out a pan and start shaking.