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Comments: My family and I have owned an historic old cabin at 21597 Highway 85 for many years. We are adjacent to Spearfish Creek and use a shallow very old water well. I believe test wells proposed will necessarily be deeper than the water table used for my well, and only a very short distance away. This entire area is "wild and scenic", and disturbing the delicately and well-preserved ecosystem is a recipe for disaster, particularly given the fact that so much of the immediate surrounding area is in the midst of the Black Hills National Forest. Unless and until very solid scientifically-proven studies are submitted to demonstrate no ascertainable risk to the entire area and its pristine surroundings, granting these test well permits could themselves lead to irreversible damage to a large recreational and family area, and should be summarily refused at this early juncture. Thank-you.