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Comments: I am a native South Dakotan expressing my concern about Solitario Zinc Corp. and their potential mining claims near Spearfish. My sister and her family live in the Black Hills and it is always a highlight of our summer to travel from Sioux Falls to visit her and enjoy hiking, fishing, and other outdoor activities in the Black Hills.

When I learned that an out-of-state mining operation was planning to come and potential destroy and poison one of the jewels of the Black Hills, I was outraged! The land, water, animals, and interests of local citizens and tourism should absolutely be protected. We are a state that prides ourself on our wild places and we have a duty to protect them for all people to enjoy. Our state also thrives on tourism and the destruction, noise, and toxic by-products of mining will irreparably damage Spearfish Canyon and its waterways.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be thoroughly investigated and Solitario Zinc Corp. should not be allowed to conduct any mining or exploratory drilling near Golden Crest or any other areas in the Black Hills.