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Comments: I am from MN and I married a native South Dakotan and moved to Sioux Falls l. I am expressing my objection to Solitario Zinc Corp. and their potential mining claims near Spearfish. My wife's 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. In particular, the disc golf in Spearfish Canyon is one of our favorite courses to play in the entire state.

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. With a mining operation existing in Spearfish Canyon, no one will be able to safely enjoy the outdoors anymore. Noise, dangerous machinery, and toxic heavy metals and other by-products will spoil the Canyon. Tourism will decline and local communities will suffer, all for the greed of an out-of-state corporation with no reason to be concerned about South Dakota citizens.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be throughly 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.