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Comments: Hello, I just learned about the possible exploration for gold in the spearfish canyon and eagle cliff areas. I do not believe this is good for us people who live in spearfish and enjoy the canyon.

Mining will endanger the water supply as well as so many other things. Please do not allow mining in this area where so many of us live, drink water, enjoy the beautiful wildlife. Do not even give exploration rights!! PLEASE!!

And, also, please, please keep us informed about the research involved in determining environmental damage with regard to any potential mining project.

thank you,

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