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Comments: RE: Golden Crest Drilling #62590

Dear Forest Service Official,

As concerned citizens of the Black Hills, we are extremely upset to hear of the proposed drilling by the "Solitario Zinc" company. Once again it seems that big business has their eye on our beautiful hills area.

This project would definitely disrupt wildlife and have ramifications for public safety - water quality being a big concern. No matter the guarantees, it is impossible to predict the entire ramifications of a project such as this. They would be felt for years to come.

The Black Hills are a sacred area and Spearfish Canyon is a pinnacle in this space. It has taken years to try and mitigate the damage that Homestake Mining did to the environment in the Canyon and those efforts continue. Mining is destructive and there is no way to hide, correct or overcome the damage created by this practice. Leave the Canyon be and let nature take care of herself.

Respectfully,

Harold & amp; Rebecca Walker