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Comments: The proposed area for exploration is an incredibly important area, both culturally and ecologically. This would be right above one of the most incredible waterways in the Black Hills, Little Spearfish Creek, that is pristine and rich with biodiversity. This needs to be left intact and protected by and for the public - not for the benefit of a private industry. Therefore, no mining should not be allowed in this area now or at anytime in the future, as the communities that are tied to this area value it more for its intact ecological communities than for the minerals that, if extracted, would hardly benefit communities here. If mining and exploration were to happen in this area, it should be done with the utmost knowledge and care. Thus, an Environmental Impact Statement needs to be done in this area to make sure that, if exploration was to occur, it would happen in a way that does not pose a risk to the waterways, aquifers, and unique ecology of this area.