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Comments: I find allowing this project and others like it are detrimental to the Black Hills. History already showed us that gold mining causes widespread pollution and years to recover if it ever does. The former Homestake Mine is proof of this. Sure this project is a exploration via drilling, but it will ultimately impact the area in a negative way. The Black Hills thrives on outdoor tourism. By allowing this project this project puts that income stream in jeopardy along with the ecosystem, water depletion and quality. Again to reiterate this and other projects should not be allowed. We have plenty of evidence on the negative effects it will cause. And history should not be repeating itself.