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Comments: As someone who grew up in Spearfish, I can say pretty definitively that this project will not serve the community. Spearfish Canyon draws visitors from all around the world, and allowing a company to even entertain the idea of exploiting the area around it creates a dangerous precedent, that could potentially create a toxic wound where once was forest that everyone could enjoy. Exploration is the first step towards that. Mining doesn't belong here anymore.