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Comments: Please reject the mining application. Mining and recreation are diametrically opposed. Extracted resources once gone, will not provide a future for the inhabitants of the Black Hills and the environmental legacy of the mines will last for centuries. Extractive companies like this one rarely stick around to clean up their considerable messes even when contractually required to.

In comparison, recreation is a sustainable future for the community. People will always need places outdoors to see beautiful things, especially as we are continued to be pushed tighter together on this finite Earth.

This is a zero-sum game. By choosing to allow explorative mining, the USFS is directly hampering recreation for decades or centuries to come. Not to mention the environmental risk this project presents in the first place.