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Comments: Dear Sirs,

I'm interested in this project because I'm a member of the community who likes to visit the area and go hiking, etc. If approved, this project would take place in a special area that feeds directly into Spearfish Canyon, a National Historic Byway. Therefore, I'm opposed to it for several reasons as noted below:

1.) The Forest Service must do a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on this project, not just a short Environmental Assessment (EA). An EIS will be able to take into account potential cumulative impacts of this project, including the possibility of other mining in this area. For instance, a company called Solitario Zinc has proposed a 2nd project just to the south. Plus there will surely be impacts from the nearby Wharf Mine, as well as other gold mining activity in the area.

2.) Whereas the Forest Service is required to do full, complete, and meaningful tribal consultation, tribal consultation on this project has been totally inadequate to date. Plus, environmental justice concerns are not considered in the Draft EA.

Thank-you for considering my comments in this matter.