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Comments: Though I do not live in the Black Hills, I have visited the Black Hills several times to enjoy the natural beauty of western South Dakota. It is truly a unique place where the locals take pride and enjoyment in the land through hiking and mountain biking.

Spearfish and the Black Hills is home to the Dakota 5-0 mountain bike race that brings in thousands of people each year, and the location of the proposed exploratory drilling. I imagine this event has lots of economic value to the city of Spearfish, as I know I have spent my dollars at the local breweries, coffee shops, restaurants, and more. This proposed project would take away from the local economies in these old towns only to put more in other people's hands.

I have lived in Iowa my entire life, and this is a place where nearly all natural beauty was been turned into private commercial land for agricultural use at the expense of clean water and very minimal access to land that is available for all to use for recreation. Do not let this same thing happen to the Black Hills of South Dakota.