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Comments: Good evening,

I am writing to oppose the Golden Crest Exploration Drilling Project in the Black Hills of South Dakota due to the potential for significant impacts on recreational opportunities, water quality and wildlife.

Like many others who recreate outdoors, my big concern is that drilling would damage aquifers and pollution to Spearfish Creek that runs though Spearfish Canyon.

Likely additional development of roads and 24-hour activity at the drill sites will impact the wildlife. Not only could the project have detrimental effects to hunting and fishing opportunities and wildlife populations, but could impact hiking, camping and mountain biking, all of which contribute to the local and regional recreational economy.

Thank you for your support of public lands, waters, and wildlife of South Dakota, and to your commitment to the hunters, anglers and outdoorsmen and women that recreate there. I appreciate you taking these concerns into consideration and hope that you will oppose moving forward with the Golden Crest Exploration project.

-Rob