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Comments: I am 100% against the Solitario's Golden Crest gold exploration project.

The Forest Service needs to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), not just a brief Environmental Assessment. An EIS is required for trail building, so how can it not be for exploratory drilling, including drilling into the aquifer that supplies our drinking water?

I have a serious concern for potential pollution caused by drilling next to Little Spearfish Creek. Furthermore, using 1000's of gallons of water per day for drilling is wasteful. We already are facing a water shortage in our area. Water is not an infinite resource. F3 Gold is already filling up at Spearfish bulk water stations multiple times per day for drilling projects off Maitland and there is no way to monitor or stop them.

Any project must preserve public access to this very popular area, which is used by many of us for all types of outdoor recreation. This recreation also feeds our tourism industry, which many of us who live in the Black Hills depend upon.