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Comments: The risks of gold mining in Spearfish Canyon far outweigh any benefit that might trickle down to the community. The risks of permanent damage to the land and water from even small chemical accidents, compounded by damage to the lives the land and water sustain are unnecessary. The negative economic impact on the community caused by such damage cannot be dismissed. Even if no chemical contamination occurs, the sheer physical ugliness and disruption to the natural landscape of the most beautiful and complex ecosystem in the state for potential monetary gain is unconscionable. I do not support this and I do not know anyone who either lives or visits this area, buying goods and services and planning to continue to do so for generations, who does.