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Comments: I am planning to travel to this area for bikepacking and mountain biking. Jeopardizing recreation access and the economic benefits that recreational tourists bring to the local economy so a mining company can conduct "exploratory drilling" based on 19th c claims is wholly against the ethos of our public lands management in the 21st century. I am also a climber and have spent time exploring in the Black Hills and in this delicate environment I would want as a citizen and taxpayer to know that an environmental impact assessment has at least been done, lest a company waltz in and waltz out leaving a community to pick up the pieces and suffer the damage to their quality of life.