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Comments: Please reject the proposed Golden Crest Mining operation. As a citizen of Lawrence County and a resident of Spearfish Canyon, I would request an Environmental Impact Study regarding this or any proposed mining operation in or near Spearfish Canyon. The Canyon as we refer to it, is truly one of the most beautiful places in our nation. To allow mining with all the negative impacts it could have, would be a travesty. As an employee for the Game, Fish, and Parks during the summer months for many years, I can personally attest to the huge number of visitors who enjoyed all the Canyon has to offer. Tourism is a huge contributor to South Dakota's economy. I believe that allowing mining anywhere near Spearfish Canyon runs the risk of water contamination and possibly even the integrity of the Canyon walls. Please reject this proposal.