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Comments: As owners of the Spearfish Canyon property listed above since August 2013, we oppose approval of this mining proposal. The US government should take all measures to preserve and protect the natural beauty of Spearfish Canyon for the enjoyment of all Americans, not for the financial enrichment of a few. A full environmental impact statement and study should be conducted to protect the water, the trails, and the natural wonders of Spearfish Canyon. It is hard to imagine a more beautiful and special place than Spearfish Canyon. Protection of that beauty should take a much higher priority than approving another unnecessary mining operation that provides little to no benefit to the general public. Say NO to this proposal and preserve and protect Spearfish Canyon! Thank you.