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Comments: At this time, I oppose the exploratory drilling proposal and request a full NEPA study. My education in this great country has led me to American entrepreneurship and has also given me the necessary scientific education to be wary of wreckless endeavors. I worked for Los Alamos National Laboratories for years in the environmental field and, although I know little at this time about the project, I know enough to request careful consideration of all involved. I have raced the SD-50 in the Black Hills and love the pristine environment. My concern is an irretrievable environment and damage to a beautiful ecosystem. At LANL, a friend of mine came back from a lunch trail run through our canyon behind TA48, where many of us ran and mountain biked daily, only to light up a whole body radiation monitor where she was found to be contaminated with americium, a deadly alpha radiation emitter. The contamination was due to indiscretion with orior research activity at our lab. It killed an amazing environment, essentially forever, for all of the residents who enjoyed the canyon. This is but one example of a series of event that incrementally destroyed residents lifestyles. The people of South Dakota and the many thousands who come from out of state to enjoy that paradise have legitimate concerns regarding potential damage and limitation of enjoyment for all who know the area, and all future generations who would learn about it. As TR said, "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us.". I vote against this proposal.