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Comments: I object to the spruce cutting projects in the Black Hills. As someone who has a degree in resource management with an emphasis in botany I am highly concerned about the areas that are targeted. One of the areas to be cut is adjacent to the Black Fox camp ground and botanical area which would be permanently impacted by not only the cutting of the mature spruce forest but by the heavy equipment methods used to do so. We have so few unique botanical areas I. The BHNF that it will be a tragedy to ruin them.

To me this seems like a non scientific forest cutting. Please do not give in to other sources for this decision.