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Comments: This comment extension for Spruce Vegetation Management Project #61599 is helpful, however without another announcement in the newspaper I suspect many people that are not in the Forest Service data base will be uninformed.

My comment is below:

I am against the modified Spruce Vegetation Management Project #61599.

It is difficult to understand how this new proposal is being presented considering the comments during the scoping comment period in 2022. We the People owners, overwhelmingly weighed in against the Spruce Project #61599 and most wanted it stopped entirely. Is this new proposal a back up incremental strategy originating in the Forest Service Denver and/or Washington DC office, the politicians, the timber industry?

1. The political and bureaucratic situation is again the type of "public service" that in the past generated the idea of bulldozing aspen and chemical spraying of oak in the Black Hills National Forest. Also, I am having thoughts of idiocracy and Prometheus in the Great Basin. We the People have been watching for that long and remember.
2. The Forest Plan is to provide diverse habitats for a variety of life. In a very predominately pine forest, spruce, aspen, oak, willow, birch and etc should be protected and encouraged, not replaced with pine.
3. The Black Hills National Forest is not intended to be a commercial tree farm. The timber industry already has more than its share currently and of future acreage.
4. The Black Hills National Forest already has a very extensive road network. Even temporary roads damage soils and water tables which can take decades or more to recover.
5. This project greatly damages a relatively good record in Swede Gulch environs. Swede Gulch environs should be left alone.
6. The Black Hills Spruce is unique to the the Black Hills and the state tree, so a majority of people have historically appreciated its beauty.

The Spruce Vegetation Management Project #61599 is again a definite, NO ACTION.