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Comments: I am a resident of the area very near to this proposed project. The area of this project has become a very important part of what the Black Hills is all about. Natural beauty and recreation. This area that runs along Spearfish Canyon is a unique and a culturally important area. You cannot replace areas like this and once they have been disturbed and changed, they will never be the same again. The future of the Spearfish area is in population growth and tourism. People want to move here for the natural beauty and the outdoor lifestyle. Putting in roads and drilling sites takes away one of the last true wild areas in the Northern Hills. Allowing a company to do this for a few years of possible profit and only supplying a few jobs to mainly people that will relocate only for the length of the mining, is not of any possible gain to this area, when you compare it to the long term loss. Remember, they are not making anymore wild and beautiful places and you need to protect this area for future generations. No drilling and no mining. Thankyou