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Comments: My main objection to the project remains potential impact to our water supply due to drilling into the aquifer. Fresh clean water is far more precious than gold and our wells must not be put at risk. Secondly, we live in the Black Hills to enjoy the natural beauty, and no matter how a mining operation is portrayed, it will not be a benign event. The risk to our tourist economy far outweighs any benefit.