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Comments: Please do not proceed with exploratory drilling in the Black Hills National Forest. The lands proposed for this action represent some of the most cherished public lands in the region. The recreational value to people, habitat value to wildlife and fish, and the ecosystem function value of this area is extremely high, and well beyond that of any short-term monetary gain derived from natural resource extraction. This proposed project does not align with the best interest of the conservation of the natural resources and the stewardship values of these lands. I personally recreate in the Black Hills National Forest, in the vicinity of the proposed project, so I consider myself a direct stakeholder. This type of use of these public lands, no matter the scale, is an incompatible use and will likely lead to further degradation of our critical and finite natural areas of this caliber. I do not support this activity, to any extent, on my public land.