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Comments: The Finding of No Significant Impact is a farce. This mining project with have a negative impact on the water, not only the surface water, but also the precious resource beneath the surface; it will have a negative impact on tourism ~ no one comes to Spearfish Canyon to look at 25 mining sites with 5 times the drill holes; it will have a negative impact on the biking trails, of which MANY people use and pay fees for (the mining industry does not pay a fair fee for mineral extraction nor restoration); it will not contribute to jobs for locals; it will pollute the air quality; it will disrupt the native animals and their habitat; the noise pollution from trucks will be destructive to people and animals (can you hear the beep, beep, beep of the skid steer and trucks in reverse, going all day and all night?). As I read the plans, the USFS has not had a meaningful consultation with the Tribe, which is disturbing at the very least. All of this adds up to a MAJOR impact for our irreplaceable Black Hills.