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Comments: According to the opening narrative of the EA, certain parts of the project area have a high potential for landslides and is obviously highly erodible. The many mitigation efforts that Catamount will supposedly do are far too many for us to investigate, especially during a 30 day comment period that included 2 holidays of significant activity. Therefore, we will not comment on each one. As landowners of property at the foothills near the project area, we have worked intensely with the Department of Agriculture (NRCS) to stabilize soil, increase vegetation cover and water containment for approximately 60 years. We have achieved some success, many failures and have learned that the life of the successful projects is short lived. The EA does not explain who will be responsible for the oversight and enforcement of this mitigation. It would seem that the proposed erosion control measures need further study as to their effectiveness in this highly erodible soil. In the cultural resource portion, there is a lengthy description of significant and long term impacts. We cannot find a statement that the tribes most impacted have approved and signed off on these impacts. A more complete description of the relationship between the various agencies described is necessary. We appreciate the years of study and work that has gone into this project-but we all must admit that the situation is a clear cut example of the contradictions that exist in the process, causing stress and confusion among the various agencies and apathy and conspiratorial ideas among the public, anger and frustration. How and where can we find leadership to improve this process? Our comment on the EA - an EIS is indicated. Based on the impacts described in the EA, it is impossible to arrive at a finding of no significant impacts from this project. In addition to landslides and destruction of cultural resources, there is the potential for effects to methane emissions, coal fires, water availability and contaminated ground water, which is clearly described in the EA. This EA also fails to address the impacts to predators such as mountain lions, bears and important prey such as wild turkeys or, black tailed prairie dogs. Mitigations for plant surveys and monitoring should also be required.