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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a private landowner in the affected area, I strongly object to this project going forward. My family owns a cabin on Tinton Road and the only water source is a well. I struggle to believe that this project will not affect our water and to say this project will have no significant impact is simply untrue. It will forever change the landscape of this very special area of the Black Hills. There are so few completely natural areas remaining and it's time to start protecting them.

We also rent our cabin to visitors coming to the area to experience the quiet and access to natural areas. Hiking, biking, snowmobiling, hunting, and star gazing will all be impacted if this project is allowed to go forward. We know this project will negatively affect our business after investing years into improving our property. It has been our goal to grow our business in this part of the Black Hills and continue to call South Dakota home. This will be an additional obstacle to an already difficult venture.

The report shows there are several ways to utilize the Black Hills as a natural resource without damaging it. We should be focusing on recreation that drives tourism, responsible grazing and hunting that support necessary food sources, and responsible harvesting of timber. Why take such a significant risk when there are so many other opportunities?

Supporting this project will only attract more like it to the Black Hills and we should protect this rare and important landscape.

Thank you,

Michelle Tippmann

Business Owner, Property Owner, Tax Payer