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Comments: I object to this proposed drilling project . The areas are located within the rims of spearfish canyon and are defined scenic locations. Recreation use will be impacted and users will experience less enjoyment of the natural area from industrial equipment and operations. The proposed drilling will add to the cumulative impacts of previous mining activity in the area. It will create a carbon footprint that has not been studied and defined.

All waste containment structures and containers should be pumped and cleaned after each rainfall event and prior to springtime operations. The waste would need to be disposed of at a location that meets state requirement for fuel contamination. Do not allow any fuel storage on the project sites. Equipment monitoring for fluid leaks should be implemented.

Now is the time to put a protective boundary around all of Spearfish Canyon to prohibit industrial activities, limit motorized access, and establish allowed uses consistent with maintaining natural environments . The public should not lose access to the existing natural locations or the ability to enjoy them without the impacts of human activities.