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In case this is falling on deaf ears, with no disrespect intended, but objecting to this destructive project seems like it doesn't matter. So I'll ask again:

1. Does Solitario Zinc Corp and or the NFS/USDA have protocols in place to insure that the aquifers and existing wells supplied are protected from contamination?
2. If contamination does occur, how fast will the situation be reported to the NFS/USDA and existing well owners before health issues arise?
3. How fast, if contamination occurs will it be remedied by Solitario Zinc Corp?
4. Are there funds/bonds in place to cover the cost of repairs to regional well pumps, cisterns, pressure pumps and tanks, softener and filter systems, health, etc?
5. It was mentioned during talks at the open house that the plugging of holes if nothing is found but water is hit would be done with either Bentonite or Portland Cement. Bentonite is a swelling clay that is solid when dry, but slimy when wet, which suggests it could leach into aquifers over time and no one would know until it's too late.
6. If the Deadwood Formation, the Pahasapa Limestone (aka: Madison Limestone), the Minnelusa Formation and or the Inyan Kara Group were to be contaminated, or cross contaminated, will Solitario Zinc Corp be immediately held liable and rectify the situation without years of legal proceedings or claiming bankruptcy?
7. What happens if one of the aquifers are punctured and then drains/flows elsewhere? I've seen this happen when a quarry hit an aquifer and it changed the course of Mother Nature in the area forever.
8. What if Solitario Zinc Corp decides they want water rights along with mineral rights? I think that answer should be an emphatic NO! This could be a sly way to recoup losses or increase profit margins. No!

The devastation to the ecosystem involved would be immeasurable. Tapping into the multiple aquifers of the region that are the fresh water source that supplies not only the immediate area, but whole of The Black Hills of South Dakota and the Wyoming Black Hills should be considered extremely dangerous.

Homestake Gold Mine is now The Sanford Underground Lab. The Wharf Mine, which used to be a beautiful mountainous area is now a series of open cuts and horrifying to see. The same thing happening with this Gold Crest Exploration project could mean we no longer have The Black Hills. We'll have Black Holes. Because you can't put a mountain back no matter how much money is thrown at it.