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Comments: I oppose the exploratory drilling in the northern Black Hills for the Golden Crest project. The land that is proposed for drilling is used by the public for a variety of reasons including but not limited to; cross country skiing, biking, hunting, hiking, and many other uses. Logging and grazing also occur in these areas. There are rare plant and animal species in the area that will be impacted. Not to mention air and water pollution from mining activities. This area is uphill from Spearfish canyon which is an important environmental and tourist area. This area is much more useful to the public as an outdoor recreation area than another polluting mine in the Black Hills. Please stop the push for more mines in this special area under antiquated laws.