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Comments: We strongly object to this proposed project. Since 2013, we have own our retirement home at the above address, and my wife and I were born and raised in the Black Hills. Our cabin was built in 1964 and sits about 150 feet from Spearfish Creek very near Savoy. We have tested our water well several times and can't drink the water because of contamination from the historical mining in the area. We urge you to preserve and protect the area and the water for the benefit of many. Spearfish Canyon and the surrounding area is enjoyed by many and worthy of preservation and protection and should be given a much higher priority than the corporate interests and a few temporary jobs this project would bring. Today, tourism is a far more valuable economic resource that benefits many more people in the Black Hills than a mining project like this that benefits only a small corporate interest while creating very few temporary jobs while threatening the beauty and water in our area. Say no to this project. Thank you.