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Comments: The purported mission state of the USFS is to "Sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations". Along with the motto "Caring for the land and serving the people". In stark contrast with this mission statement and motto, I am appalled by and strongly object to the decision by the Black Hills Ranger district to make the determination of "no significant impact" and not require Solitario Zinc Corp to conduct an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement).

I am at an utter loss how the purported mission of the USFS is in any way aligned with their local office's decision to allow Solitario to drill into this pristine area and threaten the Spearfish Canyon watershed, forest and animals that call this place their home. How is this serving the land and the residents of the Black Hills? This decision is serving Solitario Zinc Corporation and its shareholders, whom have no interests in preserving the health and diversity of this area. It will be our community that will pay the price to restore the destruction of the land and watershed in the wake of Solitario's profiteering.

The Northern Black Hills Ranger District is not performing their duty as a USFS agent; instead, revealing how corrupt and captured by private interests they are. Why have our tax payer dollars pay for salaries for the USFS agents when they are not working in the service of the community? Our tax payer dollars would be better used to fund individuals that will serve the interests of the community and protect the Spearfish canyon watershed.