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Comments: As a full time resident of the Black Hills seeing things like this exploration even being considered really makes me sick. I moved here because I saw the treasure that this area has in the landscape. Unfortunately what I've found is the Forest Service is all too quick to allow mining operations come in and destroy the landscape for decades for a short term profit. Although this may only be an exploration project, what happens if they find what they're looking for? Then the digging will begin and completely destroy another section of the landscape I fell in love with and moved my entire life to be a part of. Even if it is "reclaimed" it will never be as good as it originally was. And will take 30-50 years to even get close to what it was originally. We have people wanting to move and visit the Black Hills by the millions each year. Why wouldn't the Forest Service seek opportunities to enhance their experience like putting in multi-use trails? Something that doesn't destroy the landscape but brings in additional job and financial opportunities and helps people explore and appreciate what we have. I know that's what brought me here. The jobs this exploration brings in are only temporary. As soon as what they need are gone they'll move on to the next area. It doesn't help our region. It only hurts it. Also seeing how this comment period opened over the holidays and then conveniently there will be maintenance the final day it's open for comment only paints a picture of corruption in the Forest Service. So please, stop the drilling, stop the mining, let's preserve this beautiful resource we've been entrusted with.