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Comments: I simply want to start out by asking a couple questions... who? Who is benefiting the most from this project? Not the people of the black hills, not the people of spearfish, lead/deadwood, and all surrounding areas that will be affected by the destruction. Why? Why is it so vital to leave devastating impacts on our forests, fresh water resources, and what took millions of years to form exactly the way it is now? We are going to destroy it to mine. Well it's just land, it will regenerate and figure itself out. The earth hasn't created a balancing act in which it has perfected and could NEVER be disrupted by mining. Of course not. But we need the mine don't we? It's so critical those around it.