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Comments: For over 40 years, I have valued and appreciated the public lands of the Black Hills as a hiker, biker, and a cross-country ski enthusiast. I currently serve as a board member of the Eagle Cliff Ski Association. The mission of this non-profit, all-volunteer organization is to promote, protect, and maintain the trails of the Eagle Cliff area as a cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and recreational experience. This area is a special and precious resource, and I am deeply concerned about the negative impact the proposed Golden Crest Project will have for both recreation users and wildlife of not only the Eagle Cliff area, but the entire area proposed for drilling exploration. I am deeply concerned about the disruptions to the area's quality of the air, water, and stillness, peace, and tranquility unique to this area. This is a treasured resource sought out by wildlife and by outdoor recreation enthusiasts. We are all very fortunate to have access to public lands and resources, and I strongly feel we need to do all we can to protect and preserve them for future generations. Frankly, I am baffled by the Forest Service's issuance of FONSI "finding of no significant impact". I cannot find words forceful enough to convey my objection to this plan to issue the exploratory permit to allow the Project to move forward!