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Comments: The proposed Golden Crest Exploration Project within the Northern Hills Ranger District is a threat to the health and safety of animals and humans alike. The proximity of potential leeching of the byproducts of the exploration into the watershed in that area creates a scenario of contamination that cannot be undone and will negatively impact all living things in the area. As a Registered Nurse my perspective is one of public health. The public benefits not from just clean water, but also from the interaction with nature. An unspoiled Spearfish canyon provides that opportunity to residents and visitors alike. Therefore I would like to submit my objections to the Golden Crest Exploration Project based on the negative environmental impact most certain to take place should this move forward. Thank you. Sherry Bea Smith