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Comments: I am opposed to the Golden Crest Exploration project. The threat to our trout fishery in Spearfish Canyon is too much to risk. As a business owner who runs a fly fishing shop, this activity threatens our business. People travel from across the country to visit the Black Hills and Spearfish Canyon specifically for the scenery and the quality of the trout fishery. Allowing large-scale exploration activities threatens the stream's water quality and harms the recreational use of Spearfish Canyon. For the sake of water quality and the health of the trout fishery, I strongly oppose this project. Not to mention the recreational value of Spearfish Canyon far outweighs the value of any future gold projects.