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Comments: Dear Sirs,

I object to this potential "Golden Crest" drilling project by Solitario Resources above Spearfish Canyon, which is recognized as "one of the premiere national landscapes in America." The highway was designated in 1990 as a State and National Forest Service Scenic Byway and the State boasts that "this canyon is one of the gateways into the heart of an ancient mountain range." I enjoy seeing all the beauty while driving, hiking, or just sitting in the area. The future of our water, land, and livelihoods is at stake with this project, so it should be flat-out denied. However, at a minimum, the Forest Service should require the a full-blown Environmental Impact Statement be required to evaluate all the risks that this potential project entails.

Sincerely, R. A. Bell, PE