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Comments: I am opposed to this drilling project. As a resident who spends time in the proposed area of drilling year round, I would not like this drilling project to move foward. I am worried that I and the other people who recreate in this area will loose access to the trails that exist here. Drilling exploration will only lead to a full scale mining project. I am concerned that the water shed will be damaged or tainted. Since this proposed area is all uphill from Spearfish Canyon and creek, I am concerned that the creek will be negatively affected. I think a full scale NEPA study should take place before any drilling begins. I'm worried that the roads around this area will be damaged or made unsafe due to large equipment being used. The forest service should think of the long term effects of this project and do everything they can to preserve this area for all users.