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Comments: I have driven through the Black Hills area several times over the decades and enjoyed the beauty of the area. I am always bothered when I read/hear of an attempt by companies to enter a pristine wilderness area to do destructive mining. I've seen what the Anaconda Mine did in Montana. Plus too often mining companies say they will abide by environmental controls and laws and do the opposite because they think no one is watching. Water sources in particular are vulnerable to being polluted from mining which affects the stream/river's fish and fowl, the water used by farmers, etc. The permit should be withdrawn immediately.