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Comments: Thank you for allowing us to comment on Project 67518. We live and ranch on Gillette Prairie 5 miles South of Deerfield Lake. The Hills/Rim Rock Bluffs that surround the prairie on the South side of Gillette Prairie have about 5 places of approximately 50 to 60 acres each of dense/large growth pine/spruce that need thinned/logged in order to have a healthy forest in those areas. The areas we are talking about runs on the east side of Copper Mountain then back west to Green Mountain, those areas haven't been touched for a very long time if ever and need thinned to keep a healthy, safe forest along the prairie riparian areas here on Gillette Prairie. We are proposing thinning and logging those areas but we would like NOT to have any kind of clear cut program where only the Jack Pines are left. There needs to be some medium spruce and pines left so it still looks like a forest not a corn field type of take everything and leave only the Jack Pines those areas take 40 to 50 years to look like a foresest again. Logging these areas will help with Fire Control and make those areas healthy again. Please consider our thoughts during the project 67518 commenting period. Slate Rock Ranch, Hill City SD