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Comments: My name is Scott Comer, and I am a property owner under the entity 3F LLC. Our property, located at 21384 Tinton Road, is intersected by Tinton Road. As property owners, we support proper forest management; however, we have concerns regarding the increased road use, the impact on wildlife habitat, and watershed issues. I will address each of these concerns in detail.

Firstly, the current traffic on Tinton Road, combined with the road's base material, generates a significant amount of dust. This dust not only covers the flora and fauna but also affects our buildings, both inside and out. It is essential to consider measures to mitigate the dust, as it also impacts wildlife.

Secondly, we are concerned that thinning certain areas will affect the wildlife, particularly the elk and deer populations. The area currently supports a healthy population of elk and deer (both Mule Deer and Whitetail Deer), and we worry that removing dense stands will disrupt their calving and fawning areas.

Finally, we are alarmed by any proposed actions around the Little Spearfish area and the potential impact on the watershed. The water from this area is crucial not only to the immediate vicinity but also to the Northern Black Hills region. It is imperative to protect these watersheds now and in the future.

Thank you for considering our concerns regarding this project.