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Comments: I oppose drilling and any exploration of gold in the Black Hills. There is a high risk of environmental impact including noise pollution and disruption to wildlife. The Black Hills is already incredibly fragmented habitat. Drilling and mining activities of any sort will further fragment it. Additionally the United States has no need for gold. Gold is easily recyclable. It does not make financial sense to seek out more gold.

An EIS should be completed to fully scope the impacts of the project.