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Comments: I want to voice my concern and make it known that I OPPOSE the Ponderosa project. I have concerns that drilling and potential mining operations could pollute Rapid Creek, a crucial water source for Rapid City, and other nearby surface and groundwater sources. The potential release of toxic substances like arsenic, mercury, and cyanide are major concerns. Past mining operations in the Black Hills have resulted in significant water contamination, exemplified by the historical Homestake Gold Mine's impact on Whitewood Creek, which is now a Superfund site.