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Comments: I oppose Solitario Resources' massive gold mining project called: Ponderosa Project.

Once again, Tribal treaty rights, religious freedom for Indigenous Peoples', environmental safety, South Dakota's tourism economy, and world-class outdoor recreation opportunities are being put at risk.

Specifically the Ponderosa Project threats:

Each of the 400 drill holes up to 3000 ft deep poses risk of being conduit polluting the watershed forever.

It will cause harm to an already affected tourism economy.

It violates Treaty rights, religious freedom.

Toxic drill pits will have harmful barium.

Recreational, ceremonial use are will be lost.

Trees and vegetation mitigating climate change , holding soil and water will be removed that can trigger ongoing decline environmentally.

The people of the Spearfish are have voiced their opposition and need be considered.