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Comments: I oppose the Ponderosa Project for many reasons, including that:

Mining projects threaten to poison the water we all drink, while leaving us with a devastated landscape and economy.

Clear-cutting of trees and vegetation at each of the 43 drill pads

Over 400 drill holes, each hole up to 3,000+ feet deep

Each a hole a potential conduit of pollution to the watershed, forever

The area will be exposed to 24-hour lights, noise, and dust, 5-7 days a week

Loss of recreational, ceremonial value and use of a HUGE area

Further harm to already badly affected tourism economy

Toxic drilling mud pits full of barium

Violation of Tribal treaty rights, religious freedom - some of the claims come to about 1 mile from a ceremonial ground on tribally held land

The people of the Spearfish area have made their opposition to mining projects in their backyard clear