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Comments: As a United States citizen and a lover of our country's natural beauty, I strongly OPPOSE the Ponderosa project. Mining projects like Ponderosa threaten to poison the water we all drink and leave us with a devastated landscape and economy, with very little gain. The gold that may be mined here is not worth the ecological and social harms of the project. Gold is not a strategic or critical mineral, and the United States does not need more. Please stop this project and protect the Black Hills and their residents and visitors.