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Comments: I am writing about the Ponderosa Project as a concerned citizen interested in the wilderness of the United States. Members of my family have been visiting the Black Hills for vacations since 1979. My son's most recent trip was in 2022. The beauty of this area is extremely important for visitors, but also Native Americans in/from the area, and the wildlife, plants, and trees.

This project threatens not only the natural environment, but the economy of the area, which is reliant upon outdoor recreation and tourism. I don't know the details of tribal connections to the area, but I believe very strongly that they should take priority.

I want the Forest Service to do an Environmental Impact Statement for this project, and for the comment period to be extended by 60 days.

The impacts to cultural and historical resources, the environment (especially water), recreation, and the economy need to be evaluated and considered.

Thank you for the chance to comment, and for your attention to this matter.