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Comments: I don't believe exploration of any mining within Canyon or canyon area is worth even considering as it sets a precedent. I understand that precautions are taken to prevent any major damage however I'm familiar with situations as lead mining operations that have come close many times to having environmental emergencies, whether excess flooding or mechanical issues with pumping. No matter how 'safe' operations are, one mistake can create detrimental impacts and to risk the impacts that create irreversible damage. I also consider the tourism impact of hiking and traveling the canyon while facing unnecessary noise from mining. I rarely or if ever comment on these issues within forums however spearfish Canyon is such a special gem, let's work hard to maintain it and remove any potential risk of negative impacts. There are lots of other areas in the BlackHills for mining, I hope we heavily consider risk and reward factors before approving any permits.