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Comments: As a lifelong resident of South Dakota, I am adamantly opposed to drilling or mining of any kind near Spearfish Canyon. The Canyon is one of the premiere destinations for visitors and South Dakotans alike and plays a vital role in the tourist economy here. Near the canyon are miles of hiking and hiking trails, cross country ski areas, and climbing areas. As an avid biker and runner, this area is some of the best mountain biking in the Black Hills. The impact to the water-and especially hard for me as someone with severe allergies and asthma-the air could make recreating in the region spotty at best.I've skied at Terry Peak for over 30 years and have watched the complete removal and destruction of the hills adjacent. Even if the land is reclaimed, it could take years to restore and could never be as beautiful as what was there before. Please do not allow this project to move forward.