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Comments: As a botanist, ethnobotanist, and plant scientist, I wholeheartedly oppose the Ponderosa Exploration Drilling Project. Plant diversity in this area is extremely high, and this project is a direct threat to plants, insects, and other wildlife.. As you probably know, Plant diversity isn't just important to human beings, but to the multitude of wildlife that frequents Spearfish Canyon. Visitors come to Spearfish Canyon for recreation, and plants and wildlife are integral to keeping this area beautiful and attractive to visitors. We, as residents of South Dakota, DO NOT need or want this project, and we know that it is terrible for the long term health of the land and the economy!