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Comments: I am vehemently opposed to the Ponderosa Exploration drilling project. I am requesting an extended comment period at the least. I am also requesting an Environmental Impact statement (EIS) for this project. The Black Hills are too important for biodiversity to approve such mining practices without complete studies. The biodiversity of the Black Hills is uniquely rich due to the convergence of species from both eastern and western North America. The diversity of plant life, wildlife and bird life is too significant to ignore. I have lived in the Black Hills for 30 years and as I have mentioned in a previous objection the biodiversity of life is why our family is here. The fast tracking of this gold drilling project is irresponsible.