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Comments: To think the Black Hills community has to come together yet again to oppose drilling in Spearfish Canyon is just ridiculous. This entire project threatens water quality due to drilling fluid contamination, sediment runoff, and the risk of spills. The disruption of wildlife is inevitable, along with a heavy visitor deterrent due to construction, lights, and trucks. In addition this project seeks to use a categorical exclusion (USGS 9.5(G)) which bypasses a full Environmental Impact Statement, which is outright asinine. Lastly, gold is a highly recyclable and a completely non-critical element. To move forward with this project only illuminates a selfish, profit-driven agenda that no one in the greater community asked for. Please reconsider this project, and at the least, require a full Environmental Impact Statement before drilling, prohibit drilling in key watersheds, mandate an extended objection period, and prohibit use of categorical exclusions. The pure avoidance of any sort of ethical procedures informs us, the public, just how daft the minds behind the project are.