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Comments: I am writing to express my worries concerning the Ponderosa Exploration Drilling Project and the lack of an Environmental Impact Statement. I have been a resident of the Spearfish community for 7 years now. Spearfish Canyon and specifically Spearfish Creek are what drew my family to make this area our forever home. Since living here, my autoimmune disorder has required less medication and my overall mental health has increased. I have concerns that without a thorough study of the impact on water, trails and wildlife lasting damage could be done. Spearfish Canyon and the surrounding Northern Hills are a huge part of our local economy, as well. People from around the world come to drive the peaceful awe-inspiring canyon. Drilling could impact those that come for outdoor recreation and tourism in general. Please take the time to study what this would do to our surrounding area. Our emotional, mental and physical health depend on it.