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Comments: As a resident of Spearfish and someone who spends countless hours exploring, climbing, and raising my family in Spearfish Canyon, I am deeply opposed to the proposed drilling initiative. This canyon is more than a scenic landmark - it's part of our daily lives, our local identity, and the legacy we hope to pass on to future generations.

Drilling for gold in this fragile ecosystem threatens the clean water, wildlife habitat, and natural beauty that make this place so special. The potential environmental damage is irreversible, and no amount of gold is worth the loss of what we already have: a canyon that brings people together, supports outdoor recreation, and connects us to something much bigger than ourselves.

Please protect Spearfish Canyon. Keep it wild, unspoiled, and intact - not just for those of us who live here now, but for everyone who comes after us.