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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I'm concerned about the proposed Ponderosa Exploration Drilling Project which will negatively impact tourism and destroy the beauty of the great Spearfish Canyon.

I would like to request that the Forest Service complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project to ensure the safety of the ecosystem. If this project is approved the water will be degraded. As you know water is one of the most important natural resources, for drinking, cleaning, and recreational activities such as fishing. Can you imagine how much our tourism economy will suffer if landmarks such as Community Caves, Devil's Bathtub, Spearfish Falls and Spearfish Creek itself are contaminated? Not to mention cultural and historical resources that would be damaged.

Lastly, please extend the comment period by 60 days to allow for the hundreds of thousands of impacted citizens to have a chance to comment and fight this destructive project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sierra