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Comments: I oppose the decision to permit drilling in Spearfish Canyon without a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Spearfish Canyon is an ecologically sensitive area with unique geological features, diverse flora and fauna, and critical watershed functions. Bypassing an EIS disregards the potential for significant and irreversible harm to soil stability, water quality, air resources, and biodiversity. This land is federally managed for conservation and recreation, and the public bears both the ecological and economic costs of its degradation. The anticipated private revenue from drilling is unlikely to offset the long-term environmental, recreational, and public health impacts. Rigorous environmental review is not optional; it is essential and should be required to protect the lands, the American public, and to ensure our tax dollars are not squandered further by the current individuals in office. This is American Taxpayer land, it is not an open resource for big business and should not be treated as such.