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Comments: I OPPOSE the Ponderosa Project. Below I have listed some of the dangers of this project.

- Over 400 drill holes, each hole up to 3,000+ feet deep
- Each a hole a potential conduit of pollution to the watershed, forever
- 24-hour lights, noise, and dust, 5-7 days a week
- Loss of recreational, ceremonial value and use of a HUGE area
- Further harm to already badly affected tourism economy
- Clear-cutting of trees and vegetation at each of the 43 drill pads
- Toxic drilling mud pits full of barium
- Violation of Tribal treaty rights, religious freedom (claims come to ~1 mile from a ceremonial ground on tribally held land)
- The people of the Spearfish area have made their opposition to mining projects in their backyard clear

It is shameful and disgusting to ignore the opposition of the people of the land in which you are defiling and destroying. DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT.