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Comments: My overall concerns with the project are the impact on our water quality for human and animals downstream and the longterm quality of our forest.

I have concerns about the use of heavy equipment that disturbs much of the natural plant habitat as you clearcut an area. This should be a concern in managing for grazing on the forest as well as maintaining nutrients for wildlife.

I also hope you address the impact of removing all of the large trees in an area as it is being clearcut. What happens to the watershed? Will the project create more silt and runoff in the streams?

I fear that this project might be only for the logging industry at present and does not address how the forest will regenerate for the next use. Most of us know how long it takes a Ponderosa pine to reach maturity and as the temperatures seem to be rising with less rainfall, it will take longer. Will there be a logging industry in the Black Hills National forest future?