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Comments: I oppose any new gold mining in the BlackHills for multiple reasons. First, having more gold in circulation isn't needed, there's plenty of it around. Second, the risk of water pollution is too great. We are in an area that has a shortage of potable water and a risk-reward analysis shows that the risk of damage to our water supply greatly outweighs whatever benefits might result from putting more gold into circulation. Third, mining operations will harm the tourism industry that is essential to the BlackHills area economy.

There is no good reason to allow any new gold mining operations in the BlackHills.

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