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Dear friends of Spearfish Canyon:

The Northern Hills Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest is beginning the planning phase of a second fuels reduction project in Spearfish Canyon. Enclosed is a scoping notice for the Spearfish Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction II Project. This is the second phase of our continued efforts to reduce fuels and the risk of unwanted wildfire in the canyon. This project involves fuelbreak construction adjacent to scenic Highway 14A, defensible space maintenance adjacent to private lands from Savoy to Hanna, and prescribed burning and hardwood restoration activities in the vicinity of Hanna Campground. Please refer to the enclosed scoping notice for more details about the proposal, and the enclosed treatment area maps for specific locations of the proposed treatments.

Please take the time to review the enclosed information and, more importantly, feel free to comment on the proposed project. To ensure consideration in the planning process, comments must be postmarked by September 8, 2004. Please direct your comments to me or Brad Harris, Project Leader, at the Northern Hills Ranger District, 2014 N. Main, Spearfish, South Dakota 57783, telephone: 605-642-4622.

Sincerely,

PAMELA E. BROWN
District Ranger

Enclosures: Scoping notice
Treatment Area Maps

