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- Not refer to the Generic EIS when it analyzes impacts of Strata's project.
- Consider that the proposed ISL area has over 5,000 abandoned drill holes from the early days of uranium exploration. Some of these wells were likely improperly plugged and abandoned which means they can connect the aquifers and may cause cross contamination to aquifers which provide water for drinking and livestock.
- Consider that the proposed ISL process has an extremely high consumptive use of water, which has the potential to draw down the aquifers that provide drinking water and water for livestock.
- Consider the track record of spills, excursions, pond leaks, and failed aquifer restoration at previous uranium mines in Wyoming, Nebraska, and Texas. To date, not a single uranium project has fully restored an aquifer to pre-mining water quality.
- Minimize light pollution and other industrial impacts to landowners in the Oshoto area and to Devil's Tower National Monument.
- Minimize impacts to livestock grazing and recreation in the area.
- Minimize impacts from truck traffic, dust, and noise.

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