## Conservation

The Little Spearfish Conservation & Historic Preservation Association was established to accomplish three primary objectives: 1) Conservation, 2) Historic Preservation, and 3) Environmental Education. The prime motivation for setting aside this special place was to protect and preserve the high quality of water issuing from the limestone springs. The springs issue pure water that flows downstream to beautify the Little Spearfish Canyon and Spearfish Canyon. The need for protection arose from the imminent plans to subdivide the property and develop it into many parcels. There could have been many houses, cabins and septic tanks lining the ponds and springs. So our challenge is to be good stewards of this precious natural resource, the high quality water, the riparian ecosystem, the naturally reproducing fish, and all myriad of interdependent species yet unknown and unnamed for future generations.



One of the Madison Limestone Springs—the source waters of Little Spearfish Creek