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Comments: I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed exploratory drilling project by Pete Lien & Sons at Pe'Sla, a sacred Lakota site in the Black Hills. This project poses a direct threat not only to the cultural and spiritual integrity of Pe'Sla, but also to the environmental health of the surrounding ecosystem, including the Rapid Creek Watershed and critical underground water sources.

Pe'Sla has been a ceremonial gathering place for Lakota, Dakota, and other Indigenous nations for thousands of years. It is not just land - it is a sacred site deeply embedded in the cultural, spiritual, and historical identity of the Lakota people. Any disturbance, especially one involving 18 drill pads and potential 1,000-foot boreholes, would be a desecration.

The destruction of vegetation, use of toxic drilling materials, and alteration of land use directly conflict with the stewardship values of this sacred landscape. Industrial development at Pe'Sla is an act of cultural erasure and environmental negligence.

I demand that this project be stopped immediately. Additionally, I urge that the public comment period be extended so more community voices - especially Indigenous voices - can be heard. There has not been enough time or outreach to the people whose heritage and drinking water are at risk.

Pe'Sla is sacred. It is not for sale, not for drilling, and not for exploitation.