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Comments: Dear Pete Lien & Sons,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to any plans for drilling, development, or industrial encroachment on the sacred lands of Pe' Sla. This land is not just earth and rock-it is a living, breathing part of our heritage, our spirituality, and our identity as Indigenous people.

Pe' Sla is sacred ground, central to our creation stories, our ceremonies, and the way we understand the universe. It is a place of prayer, connection, and renewal. To disturb this land is not just an act of physical destruction-it is a spiritual wound that cannot be healed.

We call on decision makers, developers, and anyone considering projects that would harm this land to recognize its sacredness. This is not just about environmental preservation-though that is critical. It is about honoring the dignity, rights, and sovereignty of Native people and our relationship to the land that has sustained us for generations.

Do not drill. Do not desecrate. Leave Pe' Sla untouched and whole, as it has been since time immemorial. We ask you to stand with us, not against us. Respect our sacred lands and protect what cannot be replaced.

Sincerely,

Tessa Rothenbuehler

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