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Comments: I urge you to reject this proposal. Allowing this dangerous and destructive mining exploration operation that would threaten Rapid Creek and groundwater with contamination, goes against the purpose of the Forest Service to protect forests. It would also desecrate Pe' Sla, a sacred site for the Lakota, Dakota, and other Sioux Tribes, disrupt ceremonies and violate treaty rights.

Given the negative long-term impacts this project would have, there needs to be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I also request a 60-day extension of the public comment period, so more people will have the opportunity to comment.

This project must be stopped, tribal authority respected and this ancestral territory protected.

Thank you