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Comments: Please reconsider the decision your department appears ready to make in favor of drilling in the Pes'La area of South Dakota, which is sacred land to the Dakota and Lakota people. The US government has already taken away from the tribes so much of deep spiritual meaning in South Dakota. To drill on this land, which will involve stripping the land of its vegetation and installing massive equipment, to say nothing of the potential for hazardous drilling waste material and pollution of water sources, is an affront to the tribes, and positions the land to only be used for industrial purposes for the coming decades. I humbly ask that you not usurp the land for these purposes, instead allowing the tribes to continue to practice their faith and honor their ancestors in this holy place.