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Comments: The Pete Lien & Sons graphite drilling project is imperative to the well-being of the local community and absolutely must be allowed to continue. The drilling itself will provide much needed industry to the small communities surrounding the drilling site and if viable mineral resources are discovered even more industry will be brought to the region through mining and the auxiliary industry required to support it.

Despite what many claim, the project will not be conducted on "Pe' Sla" otherwise known as "Old Baldy" and it is highly unlikely that the project will affect it even if mining begins. Pete Lien & Sons is also conducting environmental analysis to ensure the project is compliant with the NEPA and will not cause permanent damage to the environment. The project will only use water from municipal sources and will only occupy a small amount of space while drilling is being conducted. The drill holes will be remediated after the project is completed as is standard practice in exploration drilling.

Many individuals living in Rochford are not opposed to mining in the Black Hills and would like to see it in their communities.

All information was gathered from the official project posting on the Forest Service website.

Please contact me at -PII- for any additional inquiry.