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Pe' Sla is a sacred site or homeland to which Lakota people return ceremonially multiple times through out the year.

It is VERY difficult to examine where some proposed drill pads are within the Pe' Sla (/pay-shlaw/) boundary, because the mining company provides vague maps. But by any definition, the project is too close!

The drilling has been proposed by Pete Lien & Sons, a Rapid City company known locally for its large gravel pit in the west part of Rapid City, the resulting poor air quality, and an iron ore mine at Nemo.

The project would involve 18 drill pads, which could drill vertically and at an angle for up to 1000 feet, and two supply areas. Typically, a drill pad can be the base for up to 10 drill holes. Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources.