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Comments: I oppose granting permits for exploration for graphite mining by Pete Lien and Sons in the Black Hills. I feel this type of exploration puts water quality at risk at a time when water is an increasingly precious and irreplaceable resource. I would like to see a much smaller number of drill pads if any are necessary. If Liens can manage those in a safe and responsible way, then perhaps they could receive a larger permit. Also the Lien company owns a lot of acres in the Black Hills area and so they should start on land they own and see how the mining goes before disturbing public lands. Please preserve our public lands until it can be proven that this process will not cause lasting damage.