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Comments: I would ask as a Christian pastor that we not let the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project tear up this sacred ground in its quest for graphite.

As our dear friends at the Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) have pointed out, this project is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on - Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but, in their words, "by any definition, the project is too close!"

BHCWA's research tells us that "the project would involve 18 drill pads. 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.

There is no pressing reason to allow the derogation of this sacred and ecologically needed ground.