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Comments: The proposed graphite mine near sacred tribal lands violates the spirit, if not the letter, of tribal sovereignty. Ground and surface water are interconnected, as well as the land itself. When a cyanide leach open pit mine was proposed for Buckhorn Mtn. on ceded tribal lands I WA state, the Colville Confederated Tribes successfully fought it on the grounds that the proposed mine would negatively impact aboriginal hunting and fishing rights by contaminating ground and surface water and by decimating the land itself. Similarly, the proposed graphite mine should not be permitted. Thank you.