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Comments: As a US citizen and someone who believes our nation needs to honor its treaty obligations and also honor the sacred places of those who were here first, and as someone whose own community has experienced an attempt to reopen a previously-closed mine, I am deeply concerned about this project. I also do not feel that enough time has been allowed for comment, once the public and concerned parties have become aware of it.

Please extend the "scoping" comment period for an additional 60 days, to allow others who are concerned about this to learn about it and have time to comment.

I would like to register my own opposition to this project, both out of concerns for negative environmental impacts, and out of deep concern for the disruption this will cause to the traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakota. Given concerns for negative environmental impacts, please also require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

Thank you for your attention to this, Eileen