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To: Comment Reviewing Officer

Firstly, thank you for your time in this matter. As a long-time member of the Lakota People's Law Project, I take this request to protect Pe'Sla and all the people, wildlife, and environment that could be adversely affected by the drilling project, very seriously. Pe'Sla is a ceremonial ground for the Lakota people and it is used several times a year as such. The proximity and possible incursion into Pe'Sla threaten the sanctity of this culturally and spiritually significant area.

As always, when it comes to drilling, there is the risk of water contamination. This could affect Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and other communities further downstream from the Rapid Creek watershed.

This short-term drilling project would most likely lead to long-term harm to the land, water, wildlife, and the people and their cultural heritage.

Lastly, an Environmental Impact Statement should be REQUIRED by the Forest Service. No exceptions.

Sincerely concerned,

Pat Flowers