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Comments: This proposed drilling project threatens the physical integrity and access to Lakota sacred spaces. This cannot be allowed to happen. The American Indian Religious Freedom Act demonstrates a federal policy to protect Indigenous sacred sites and traditional worship practices. Furthermore, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), of which the United States is a signatory, guarantees that Indigenous people have the right to manifest, practice, develop, and teach their spiritual and religious traditions, including privacy and access to religious and cultural sites. This project cannot be allowed to happen, as it violates fundamental rights of the Lakota people and will cause irreparable harm to their life ways.