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Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project (#67838).

The project risks polluting adjacent watersheds, and it endangers Pe' Sla -- one of the most sacred places for the Lakota people. Contaminating Pe' Sla would disrupt traditional ceremonial practices, which would violate their first amendment right to freedom of religion.

I'm imploring the Forest Service to complete and release an Environmental Impact Statement for this project, before we do irreparable harm to the Black Hills.

Thank you.