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Comments: Please consider the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for all the Lakota peoples.

The Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) have pointed out, this project is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on - Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but, in their words, "by any definition, the project is too close!"

BHCWA's research tells us that "the project would involve 18 drill pads. Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources."

I would also Request for a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.

I formally request the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

Sincere Regards.