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Comments: The Pe'sla project would consist of 18 drill pads, each of which could see drilling up to 1,000 ft deep. Drill pad areas go through a process of vegetation removal, toxic drilling mud pits, and destruction or degradation of all other uses of the land. This project would threaten the Rapid Creek Watershed and the underground water sources in the area. It will contaminate drinking water for Rapid City, Rapid Valley, Box Elder, and even Ellsworth Air Force Base, and cause irreparable ecological damage. Pe'sla is a sacred site with federal Indian trust statusdo not allow this mining project to go through.