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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Allowing drilling on sacred Lakota land is a violation of the relationship between the Lakota nation and the U.S. government. As the descendants of European colonizers, the U.S. government has violated this relationship, the Lakota people, and the sacred land and rights of all Indigenous nations since the start. As a white woman of European descent, I am personally ashamed of and embarrassed by the behavior of our ancestors and the fact that we continue to even consider further violations of the Indigenous peoples of this land.

As someone who turns to nature for healing and spirituality, I can appreciate the concept of sacred land. I spend as much time among nature on public lands as possible, and it is difficult to understand why those of the U.S. Forest Service cannot perceive the sacredness of the lands they control. Please deny the Pete Lien and Sons Rockford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project and all other exploitative and exploratory drilling projects that threaten the sacred land of Indigenous nations and valuable, shrinking public lands.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Megan Fitzgerald