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Comments: From sacred olive groves of Palestine to the countless sacred sites on Turtle Island, the United States Government continues to perpetuate a cycle of dispossession. These actions are in direct violations of treaty rights, which are non negotiable. This is not only an assault on our cultural heritage, but also a grave threat to our environment.

The proposed mining and oil drilling will desecrate Pe Sla, irreversibly harming the natural landscape that is integral to the site's significance. Our land is irreplaceable and material resources alone cannot sustain us. It is only with listening to the Indigenous community that one can begin to understand humanity's connection to Mother Earth.

Enough is enough. We have been fighting through systematic attacks from the moment that colonialism touched our land. Pe Sla is not only a ceremonial link to the Lakota, it contains their spiritual and cultural identity. Their livelihood itself. We must stand together to protect it.

It is imperative that we respect the sovereignty and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities. We need to prioritize environmental protection over short-term economic gains. "Only when the last tree has died, the last river has been poisoned, and the last fish has been caught, will we realize we cannot eat money." -Nehinaw First Nation