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Comments: Please reject the proposal for project #67838. This land is of significance to our indigenous peoples. There is no reason to move forward with any project that violated their peace. These people stand to gain nothing from the project. The US Forest Service has an obligation to represent the best interest of all Americans, including indigenous Americans. It is inappropriate to allow drilling on land of cultural significance to them. The same would not be allowed if the land was of significance to another group, for example a Christian cemetery.

Additionally, America needs more conservation, not more drilling. Conserving our public lands has never been more important. We have had immense land loss and destruction over the past century. It's time to change the priorities. Each forest, natural area, and ecosystem have intrinsic value far beyond the profit that can be made on them. This proposed project serves to enrich only a small amount of people, at the detriment of a great many people not only living now, but also in the future. Once the land is corrupted it can never be the same.

Please do the right thing and stand up for the integrity of our planet and country. The single thing that gives the US its "value" is our natural land. At such an important moment in history this project serves to undermine the preservation of our planet, our survival, and the American people.

Thank you for your consideration.