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Comments: I would like to oppose the drilling of the Lakota sacred site. Pe'sla is a sacred site, one of seven sites, to the Oceti Sakowin or the Tetonwan or the Sioux people. This site should be protected by Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the National Parks Service (NPS) and the US Govt. Pe'sla is a sacred site with federal Indian trust status. I oppose all drilling until it can be further investigated and resolved that this land is protected under the THPO/NPS laws. The mining proposal, including the drilling of pads will destroy and degrade the land. This project will also threaten the Rapid Creek and all underground water sources in the area. Destruction of the land by mining is also against Environmental Protection Agency of the US. Govt. laws and regulations. I oppose all drilling until it can be further investigated and resolved that this land will not be disturbed and destroyed.

The Black Hills are not for sale and the Black Hills, including Pe'sla cannot be desecrated, abused, and sold for profit because these lands are currently owned by the Oceti Sakowin. Therefore, mining is not allowed.