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As explained, via NDN Collective:

"Pe'sla is a sacred site with federal Indian trust status - yet is still at risk of mining, which should raise alarm bells for everyone in the Black Hills area and beyond as the success of this proposal could make all land that much easier for mining companies to contaminate forever," NDN Collective Organizer Taylor Gunhammer said. "Further, the underground deposits of graphite are small and low-grade - which tells us that this project isn't even about the money, as there's hardly any to be made. The Pe'sla mining proposal is a calculated and willful attack on Indigenous sovereignty, history, and human rights."

"Mining at Pe'sla could contaminate drinking water for Rapid City, Rapid Valley, Box Elder, and even Ellsworth Air Force Base, and cause irreparable ecological damage. It's imperative that everyone rally to protect this sacred land - for ourselves, our future generations, and our shared planet."

I implore you to block this project.