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Comments: Greetings, I'm writing today to express my opposition on Lien & Sons' drilling project at Pe' Sla. This project is a threat to public health and the environment. The Forest Service has abandoned public trust for even considering it. This violates treaties, lacks and de-centers tribal consultation, and your website provided an incorrect number to the public for more information.

The lack of transparency, the exclusion of communities and an unjust comment period deprive this project of any sense of good ethics, justice, or public stewardship.

The graphite drilling project stands in direct contradiction to the federal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which outlines the U.S. government's responsibility to uphold tribal treaty rights and protect sacred lands. The approval of this project disregards both the moral and legal obligation to honor treaties as the supreme law of the land.

According to the MOU: "Under the U.S. Constitution, treaties are part of the supreme law of the land, with the same legal force and effect as federal statutes...the United States has an obligation to honor the rights reserved through treaties...and to ensure that its actions are consistent with those rights and their attendant protections."