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Comments: I urge the forest service to not move forward with this exploratory drilling project. This land is sacred to the Lakota, Dakota, and many other tribes. Indigenous sovereignty is something we must respect and we must work to repair relationships with the indigenous people who have called this land home for thousands of years and with the land itself which has undergone so much abuse and exploitation at the hands of settlers. However, we can build a different future by making decisions today that consider not only the wishes of indigenous peoples today but all of the future generations to come. Protect the land, the water, and the rights of people by not allowing this exploratory mining project to move forward.