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Comments: As a property owner along Rapid Creek in Dark Canyon, any loss of water quality will be a great threat to living along side the creek. Negative impacts to water quality cannot be permitted to occur. I write to oppose the proposed new drilling project in the central Black Hills, right next to Pe'Sla, a sacred Lakota site. This project would significantly negatively impact the land, water, and local native culture. The Pe'sla project could consist of 18 drill pads, each up to 1,000 ft deep. Drill pad areas impact through vegetation removal, toxic drilling mud pits, and destruction or degradation of all other uses of the land. This project would threaten the Rapid Creek Watershed and the underground water sources in the area. As a property owner along Rapid Creek in Dark Canyon, I strongly oppose any exploration for graphite upstream from my residence. Thank you Richard Ellison