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Comments: I write to express my opposition to the Ponderosa Exploration Drilling Project #64551. Why do I oppose? I am against DRILLING because it feels like a sexual assault against Mother Nature. You are okay with rape, but I am not. Any "exploratory" drilling is unnecessary and unlawful; the proposed drilling is located too close to the hallowed grounds of an annual Lakota ceremony: the sun dance.

Your proposed drilling is a violation of the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

I ask that you, the Forest Service, protect and preserve the forest instead of destroying our sanctity. Please complete a thorough EIS with those active Lakota sun dance grounds taken into account. Further, a 60-day extension to the comment period is needed, please extend the comment period.

Thank you for considering my comments.