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Comments: The Ponderosa Exploration Drilling project poses an existential threat to human health, historical preservation, environmental integrity, recreation, and tourism in Spearfish Canyon and the northern Black Hills at large. It is essential that a comprehensive environmental impact study is conducted as a first step to gain a clearer understanding of the environmental and social consequences of this project. The number, depth, and location of the proposed drilling sites risks contamination of our sensitive karst aquifers -- a resource we depend on for drinking water.

Indigenous leadership in the environmental impact study process is of the highest importance. He Sapa is truly priceless and we have a responsibility to protect her.