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Comments: My name is is Lisa Iron Cloud and I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe from Pine Ridge reservation. I am interested in the proposed Ponderosa Exploration Drilling Project because it is occurring on Oglala Lakota ancestral grounds which is also a part of my the Oglala Lakota's Migration Routes. I am requesting the Forest Service conduct an Environmental Impact Statement because the land in question provides food for my people. Our lands are being developed, explored, mined and development without constent from Indigenous community like my mine, who depend on this land for water, foods, medicines and ceremony that is associated to being Lakota/Indigenous. I am also requesting the comment period be extended 60 days. Indigenous people need seat at every table that involve the land, water, plants, bugs, animals etc., that we come from. There are many of our natural foods that are found in Spearfish Canyon that are not found on the reservations we are put on. It is important we protect all of our ancestral lands from exploration drilling, mining and development. We are a part of the land, it is us and we are the land. If you want to understand this connection, please contact me and I will show you in person what I mean. Ohan, Thank you for listening .