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Comments: I OPPOSE the proposal to put an open-pit mine next to Mato Tipila (Bear Lodge), which would threaten the cultural, spiritual, and ecological integrity of this sacred site.

This project will have an irreversible impact on Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth) through the local air quality; potential exposure to radioactive or hazardous elements; desecration of the sacred site; affect wildlife species and habitats, including northern long-eared bats; and impacts on local water resources and quality, acid rock drainage, and radiation risks associated with processing rare earth-bearing mineral deposits.

Please defer to Indigenous expertise and respect Indigenous Sovereignty.

Please DO NOT PROCEED.