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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I write to express my opposition to Bear Lodge Rare Earth Project #291093.

The proposed open-pit mine next to Mato Tipila (Bear Lodge) would threaten the cultural, spiritual, and ecological integrity of this sacred site.

The Bear Lodge Rare Earth Project will have a negative impact on 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.

I strongly oppose to Bear Lodge Rare Earth Project #291093.

Thank you.