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Comments: I am writing my comment to oppose the ROCA HONDA MINE. My name is Denise Willie, and I am a member of the Navajo Nation. I reside in Albuquerque as an Indigenous Energy Organizer with Naeva. The land the Roca Honda Mine proposal is on does not sit well with me. To the Navajo people, it is considered one of the sacred mountains we pray to and protect within its boundaries. It holds traditional cultural properties for our ceremonies we have for our way of healing. This would take away what we hold dear and what the surrounding tribes hold dear. This undermines the Tribes' traditions and prayers we perform year-round. The Uranium mining can bring nothing to our surrounding communities, young and old, but it raises health concerns. Also, it will take from our water resource in an already drought stricken area due to climate change industries seem to overlook. These are all questions and concerns people have, and we never get the chance to voice our opinions. Thank you for the opportunity, and I hope you can have the compassion to see what this continued mining will have for New Mexicans in the area.

Denise Willie