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I have been born and raised in rural South Dakota. This place is my home and my heart. Data centers threaten my beautiful home state every day. I cannot imagine a benefit so great from a data center that it is worth tearing away the natural beauty of the world. One day, I hope to grow old and travel. How will I travel when ecosystems across the world are being slowly drained of their resources and natural beauty by these thirsty, malignant data centers? We have been given one chance on this planet to do the right thing. So why breach the environment of everything that it has been filled with for "greater" technology or "advancement"? Advancement is always necessary, but how can it be considered necessary when it tears apart the very ground we stand on? I stand, with many others, against data centers. Please do not tear away this beautiful land we have been given.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied outright given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

If the permit is not denied outright, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.