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Comments: I write for myself and for The Morning Star Institute in opposition to the mining proposal in the Black Hills, which are held sacred by the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Peoples, as well as by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Peoples. I am a Cheyenne citizen of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes (also Hotvlkvlke Mvskokvlke, Nuyakv). My mother was a Cheyenne citizen and my father was a Muscogee Nation citizen. The vast area proposed for destructive mining includes sacred, ceremonial, cultural and historic places. The Great Sioux Nation has adjudicated rights in and to the proposed area. For more than a century and one-half, the Black Hills have been stolen and squatted on by individuals and businesses-which have derived enormous riches from the land and the minerals and water that are a part of the land-all to the detriment of those who hold them as sacred. The proposal will do significant harm to the land, water and all those who depend on them. This proposal is bad for the Black Hills, bad for the Native Peoples, bad for the health and well-being of all in the region and beyond. In the name of common decency and providence, please do not permit this business to go forward. Nae'ese. Mvto. Suzan Shown Harjo on behalf of Morning Star, which is devote to traditional and cultural rights of Native People, including Treaty and religious freedom rights.