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Comments: I am writing to urge you to prohibit mining in the He Sopa Black Hills. This is an area that is sacred to the indigenous people of the area, as well as sacred to nature and the purity of the watershed. These concerns must not be overridden by economic interests. Without the kind of power given to the Forest Service by past administrations that put natural resources and beauty above private gain, we would not have areas in Yellowstone, Yosemite, and many other national forests for recreation.

I urge you to support the withdrawal of mining companies and to expedite a withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.