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Comments: The Black Hills have been a home and sacred site to Lakota and Dakota people for centuries or longer. By treaty, the supreme law of the land according to the United States Constitution, this sacred and crucial land must be respected as such. Not only that, but we are in the midst of a climate crisis and have a duty to protect natural ecosystems rather than violently destroying them, harming countless plant and animal species as well as our climate. This ecosystem is uniquely biodiverse and an important water source. This project is unnecessary, destructive, and disrespectful to life: in plant, animal, and human form. As a citizen of the United States who values my community members and the precious gift of natural lands, I implore you to reconsider this project.