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Comments: To mine, drill or otherwise extract minerals, graphite, or anything else from the Black Hills (Pah Sapa) is to desecrate lands which are sacred to and should in fact entirely belong to tribal nations. As a journalist and author I have visited and written abut the Black Hills and I know well their history and their ecological importance. No financial profit is worth the risk of destroying any part of the area's ecological and spiritual and historical importance, as well as its pristine character as a tourist destination.