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Comments: Throughout many generations, the original peoples who lived on this land we call America, have been lied to, abused, stolen from, and mistreated in numerous ways and now, a sacred site to the Lakota people is being considered for excavation and scarring to obtain minerals that can certainly be found elsewhere. We are a nation that was created ,in part,to provide freedom of religion, and that has been taken seriously since our inception, but does that apply only to persons of a particular religion, a particular color?I don't think so. Would you approve the tearing down of a church in your neighborhood to allow for mining to take place on consecrated land? I don't think so. Do you respect The Bill of Rights that was established by our founders, if so, you must deny the desecration of this land, long considered sacred since before this country was established.