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Comments: I am a former federal prosecutor who has no Native American ancestry of which I know.

Yet I regard it as of the utmost importance to the well-being of Americans in general that those in my position honor and protect what Native Americans honor and protect.

In the present case, that is the area that they know as Pe' Sla in the Black Hills. This is sacred ground. Just because it does not look like, for instance, Chartres Cathedral, does not make it any less sacred than Chartres.

You would not put a graphite mine near the Cathedral.

Pe' Sla, also, should not have commercial activity on it, a destructive graphite mine, especially by non-natives.

Keep this sacred ground for the Lakota to continue their worship there!