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Comments: The announcement that land at Pe Sla in the Black Hills of South Dakota is being opened to mining is disturbing news. This area is sacred to the Lakota people, and the plan by the Forest Service to allow mining shows disrespect for them and their traditions. Having already endured the loss of their homeland as settlers and the U.S. government shuffled them away from their traditional way of life into reservations, they are now to accept the destruction and pollution of what for them is a sacred place. Settler America has never wanted to acknowledge or accept the rights of Native peoples, and treatys with the U.S. government have continually been broken. In the past, Pe Sla has been given to them and then taken back, and now they only see the four carved heads of American leaders staring down on them from the rocks to remind them of their losses. Is there no place on earth where every scrap of space should not be devoted to making money? If so, we have lost our way.