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Comments: Mining and desecrating sacred land that was stolen years ago from the Lakota and Dakota people needs to stop. This is not just land, this is part of a culture, a religion and a connectedness not to be exploited. How long must nonnatives desecrate land, pollute the environment and water. Land that was taken, land that was swindled, much through treaties that were broken. I thoroughly oppose this project, regardless of who would make the profits and how many jobs it would create. Despite the false assurances that everything will be detained, or cleaned up, or not destructive. Everyone has heard this playbook before and it never bears out. This land should be given back to the Lakota as a very small reparation of the egregious past and ongoing injustices to once again be conserved, rather than exploited and ruined.

Untouched forests, fields, and mountains are valuable commodities and stave off climate change. They should be viewed this way, but currently are absent in our nation's economy to all of our detriment.