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Comments: This exploration should not happen without the approval of all of the Lakota tribes. The 1980 Supreme Court case United States v. Sioux Nation of Indians ruled that the Black Hills were illegally seized from the Lakota, in violation of the Fort Laramie Treaty. This ruling from the highest court in the land confirmed that by U.S. law, the Black Hills belong to the Lakota, not the U.S. government. An exploration of this nature must be approved by the owners of the land or everyone involved in this work takes on liability and responsibility for damages owed to the Lakota for conducting this unapproved significant work on their land related to this work and any future development from it.