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Comments: Mining at Pe'sla, a sacred site to the Lakota people, would irrevocably damage human rights, the health of our environment, and the sovereignty of Indigenous people throughout the United States.

As a historian, I believe this project should be canceled. It is a continuation of centuries of encroachment on Indigenous lands and will do nothing but mar the earth and generate wealth for an extremely small group of business owners. It is a direct detriment to the people of the United States.

So much of the natural environment in the United States has been destroyed. This land has been placed in the trust of the federal government with the hope that it would be preserved. Please do not allow this project to go through.