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Comments: Although I live in Canada, I empathize with the Lakota People. Currently in Alberta, moratoriums are being lifted to reintroduce mining projects in areas that have proven unsafe to do so. On top of that, it is on Treaty Land that legally doesn't belong to our government.

I don't know the ins and outs of your situation wholly. However I recognise patterns of the past, and I listen to Indigenous voices. The impact of mining on climate, as well as public health and safety, need be seriously considered. Resource extraction causes more long term damage than short term gain.

Yet of most importance, Lakota People of the present and their Children as citizens of the future, are asking you to keep this land safe. They are, unfortunately, very versed in the past and are first hand to see the repercussions; extraction disrupts and destroys their culture, knowledge, communities, safety, livelihood, and obviously their land. All the work of their past Ancestors learning how to live sustainability with their environments is disregarded and degraded. And the remains of those Ancestors further still!

I understand you have your reasons and this project contributes to your well being or the well being of PLSR, and I understand that you don't come to this with ill intention. I would ask that you weigh both sides heavily on the scales of humanity. I ask you to consider if this amount of disruption is truly worth it. The Lakota People ask that you allow for future growth, and for respect of their history and identity.

Thank you so much for your time and considering everyone involved, now and to come.