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Comments: I am writing to strongly oppose any mining operations on Indigenous sacred lands. These areas are not just pieces of land-they are vital to the spiritual and cultural lifeways of Native communities. To mine these lands is to erase history, ignore sovereignty, and disrespect sacred traditions that have endured for centuries.

Mining threatens to permanently damage ecosystems, contaminate water, and destroy sites of deep ancestral importance. No economic benefit justifies the destruction of sacred places or the violation of Indigenous rights.

Any proposal that affects tribal lands must involve full and meaningful consultation with the affected tribal nationsbefore any decisions are made. Tribal communities must have the power to say no to projects that threaten their heritage, their environment, and their future.

I urge you to stand for justice, uphold tribal sovereignty, and protect sacred sites from exploitation. These lands are not for sale-and they are not expendable.