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Comments: Pe'Sla, located in the heart of the Black Hills of South Dakota, is a sacred and irreplaceable site for the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota peoples. For generations, it has served as a center for ceremony, connection, and cultural identity. Any plans for mining or industrial development in this area are deeply troubling and must be reconsidered.

Such actions not only threaten the environment but also disregard the spiritual and cultural values of Indigenous nations. These lands are not empty spaces open for exploitation-they are living, sacred places that demand reverence and protection.

We call on all decision-makers-government officials, private companies, and regulatory agencies-to immediately pause any mining proposals and to engage in full and respectful consultation with the tribal leaders of the Oceti Sakowin. No project should proceed without their guidance and consent.

Protecting Pe'Sla is about more than land-it is about honoring treaties, upholding Indigenous rights, and safeguarding a sacred connection that cannot be replaced.