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Comments: Dear parties interested in the land near Pe'Sla-

As modern people, one of our blindspots is that too often, we look at land as a way to obtain resources we find valuable & sometimes, we miss other qualities of that land. That is understandable and it happens.

Fortunately, others can help us gain understanding of our beautiful Mother Earth and the energetic strength she offers. Lakota people know this to be true of Pe'Sla. As the first people and natural inhabitants of the Black Hills, their awareness of this knowledge is vital, for all of us.

I know it might feel hard to understand what a sacred land site means, especially if you didn't grow up with the idea of land being sacred.

To draw a parallel all of us, myself included, were taught to feel our pulse on certain places in our body. We may have discovered it on our own- but the likelihood is we were taught to sense it. Our whole body has blood flowing through it, but the pulse points on our neck and wrists make it particularly easy to sense the rhythm of our blood movement. We were also likely taught the value of measuring a pulse. For that reason it's not just another place in the body- by understanding it, we can use it to help someone stay healthy.

Perhaps somewhat similarly, Lakota people and other natural people have maintained a relationship to Pe'Sla and other places like it in the Black Hills. (If you've been to Pe'Sla, you've likely felt something very special.) If that place is taken care of & respected, it will be good for all people- the natural inhabitants and each one of us.

Please consider your personal understanding of a vital force- be it in your body, in a relationship, in your thinking.... In this manner, you can understand the importance of that vital force being taken care of and respected by yourself and others. With this understanding, you can do this for Pe'Sla, for the Hills and for The People.

Thank you,
Ximena