

**Petition for the designation of the
Okawita Paha National Park**

Dear President Obama,

Under your Executive authority to issue an Executive Order, we, the undersigned, strongly support the designation of approximately 40,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service lands in the Black Hills of South Dakota, which includes the Norbeck Wildlife Area and surrounding lands, as the *Okawita Paha* National Park.

We further support the transfer of the management of these lands to the National Park Service with co management with the Great Sioux Nation as a sacred landscape. We recognize this effort as upholding the true essence of the Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. Your support of Native American people will be strongly enhanced with your Executive Order as Native American people from the entire North American continent consider the Black Hills to be sacred.

Thank you.

