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(S.D.)-Lakota Minister Takes On Tribal National Park Plan



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A Lakota minister is trying to stop plans by the National Park Service and Oglala Sioux tribe to create a tribal national park in southwestern South Dakota.

Robert Two Bulls says the plan threatens the sanctity of sacred land.

Two Bulls has petitioned the tribal court to issue an injunction stopping the Tribal Council from moving forward with the plan that includes the reintroduction of bison to the South Unit of Badlands National Park.

The plan also would include using grasslands surrounding the proposed park to provide forage for the bison. Two Bulls' petition asks the court to void the resolution the council passed last June that started the process of cancelling grazing leases.

Supporters of the park plan say it's an economic development opportunity.

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