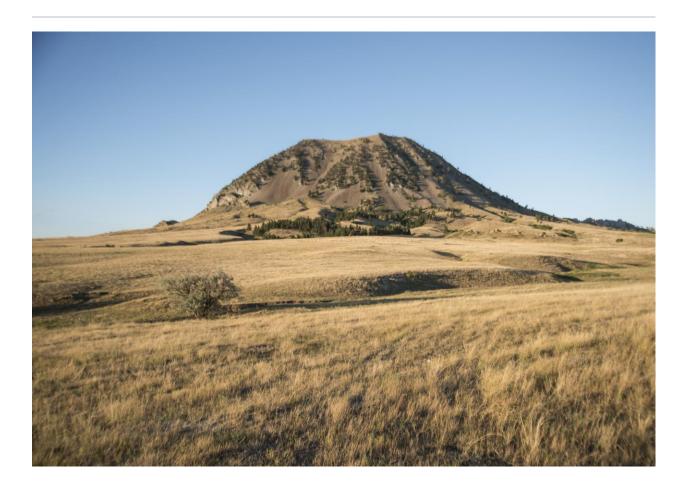


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Bear Butte, in South Dakota, is a site of spiritual importance where Sweet Medicine, the Cheyenne prophet, received instructions relating to the leadership and organization of the Tsistsistas (Cheyenne Nation) government, including the council of forty-four chiefs, the military societies, the Sacred Arrows, and all related organizations and ceremonies.