6. The 1982 proposed Black Hills Forest Service Management Plan ignores our cultural resources. On January 18 and 21, 1982 Yellow Thunder, American Indians Against Desecration, the International Indian Treaty Council, and American Friends Service Committee appeared at public meetings to object to this casual dismissal of our cultural heritage. Our objections will be incorporated into future lawsuits as we continue our struggle to protect and preserve the Paha Sapa.

7. Since the white man set foot in South Dakota, the remains of Indian people have been legally defined as "objects of antiquity." This has meant that unknown numbers of remains have been robbed from sacred Indian burial sites throughout the state of South Dakota. In 1978, 3000 remains of Indian peoples, labeled "specimens," were shipped to the University of Tennessee without any notification of or discussion with the Indian community. On March 5th Yellow Thunder, the International Indian Treaty Council and American Indians Against Desecration are meeting with South Dakota archeologists to recover these remains and have them returned for reburial by traditional spiritual leaders.

As you can see, we have made extensive progress on both the legal and legislative fronts. So far we have managed without making any special appeals for money. Now we really need help toward the legal cost, including mailings, phone bills, filing fees and travel expenses to initiate the case in Washington. Contributions should be sent to:

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We appreciate your support and past assistance, and know that you will help as you can.

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