

## This Land Is Still Ours - Ricky Gray Grass - OSEU #1

But I like coming back here to the Black Hills. You know, this is where I find my serenity...you know...a peace, you know. I could come back and pray to my land. You know, like I stated earlier, this land is still ours. Regardless of what the government is putting amounts of billions of dollars in front of this nation. This land is still ours. And so, you know, every time I come up and to pray here or at Black Elk Peak or Pe Sla, you know... I feel good because I know my ancestors at a time were there on that same ground I was praying. So, you know, today was a good day, you know, being the first day of spring. And to do that ceremony... and to pray to the ancestors... and welcoming back to thunder beings, you know. Those were passed on to me from my dad and my mom and my uncles how to do that. So, I'm really grateful that I got a good my brothers here, my nephews, my nieces, my girlfriend and my son, you know, that made the journey here. So, I'm really grateful for that and for Crazy Horse Monument, for letting me do that, for giving me the time to go on top of the sculpture and do that prayer.