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May 14, 2025

We are submitting the BHCWA’s suggestion to include the following information when submitting our comment:

* Steven and Jean Eichberg
* The Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) have pointed out, this project is immediately adjacent to — and some proposed drill pads might encroach on — Pe’ Sla. Maps are vague, but, in their words, “by any definition, the project is too close!”
* BHCWA’s research tells us that “the project would involve 18 drill pads. Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources.”
* This is a conscious attempt to voice the degradation adherent in the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.
* Please accept this as a request for a 60-day extension of the “scoping” public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.
* A reason why we oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project is the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas!
* We kindly ask the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

In gratitude and peace,

Jean and Steven Eichberg