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Comments: My name is Lisa Iron Cloud and I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because I harvest food in this area. In fact the natural food systems and sources of my people, the Oglala Lakota, are in this area and many of those foods cannot be found on the reservations. Our ancestral migration routes are located in the area this project is taking place and so are our sacred sites and food sources. I along with many other Indigenous people harvest foods and medicines on this land. Genocide is committed when the food systems on the land from which Indigenous people need to survive is destroyed and greatly impacted through exploratory drilling and mining. Why do the Lakota and other Indigenous Nations that belong to this area do not have any decision on what happens to this land? Why are we not sitting at that table the Non-Lakota sit at who make decisions regarding the land that we come from? How can Non-Lakota make decisions regarding the land they do not historically come from? I request the Forest Service to do an Environmental Impact Statement for this project. I want my children and grandchildren and their children and so on to have the ability to get food off the land my ancestors had once lived on and utilized prior to colonization.