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Comments: I OPPOSE the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project of Pete Lien and Sons for the following reasons:

- 1) This project violates treaties between the United States and the Lakota, as the project is in unceded Lakota territory. The drilling violates Indigenous rights, Indigenous sovereignty, and freedom of religion because the drilling is on the sacred site Pe' Sla.
- 2) The project will irreparably harm the water, grasslands, and forests of the area. Not only is this harmful to the plants and animals that live there, but it will also damage human health which depends on the Rapid Creek watershed, and also will harm human health from air pollution.
- 3) The future does not need graphite for industrial projects including electric vehicles. The future depends on strong communities, food sovereignty, and other lifestyles that do not depend on technology.

I request a 60-day EXTENSION on the public comment period. I also request that the forest service conducts an Environmental Impact Statement on the drilling project.

To make it clear: DO NOT CONDUCT the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project!

Thank you.