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Comments: I am a new resident of the Black Hills area and have been utterly stunned by the beauty and kindness of nature in the area. I've been impressed with the care and thought the community puts towards their relationship with the Black Hills. This is why the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project highly concerns me! I think there should be a 60-day extension of scoping public comment to give residents a time to fully think through how the project will impact the larger area and if that impact aligns with their values. While I understand the need for energy and increased income to compromise our immediate environment and community for this feels short sighted. Drilling projects are putting immediate human needs above the rest of the community and environment of today and the future. Granted these projects are never simple so I believe no matter what the Forest Service should do an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project.