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Comments: As a neighbor near this proposed devastation , I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project.

It would be so wrong to allow one family to come in and rip up our treasured, pristine PUBLIC property so they personally can make some money. In addition, their drilling has the potential to contaminate our water quality and the water for those downstream, including Rapid City and Ellsworth AFB.

This area is sacred not only to American Indians, but also to those of us who, for decades, have worshipped, explored, hiked and bicycled in this treasured, one-of-a-kind area.

If an Environmental Impact Statement hasn't been completed on these proposed areas, it must be completed. Sensitive species like the vegetation at the Black Fox fen and the Black Hills mountains nail colonies must be protected (listed as found on Reynolds Prairie).

I absolutely cannot comprehend why we would ever allow this area to be raped by a family of profiteers and left for the rest of us - the PUBLIC who owns this land - to be left with the devastation that can never be recovered to be like it was created.