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Comments: I am opposed to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project # 67838 project going forward, as proposed by Pete Lien and Sons.

The Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 being proposed by Pete Lien and Sons will likely endanger archeological artifacts and evidence of the thousands of years of human habitation in the area.

Any damage done will most likely be irreparable.

The mining companies have not shown much sensibility to the ecosystems in which they operate and have not shown any evidence of being viable stewards of public land.

At the present time, 1 in every 5 acres in the Black Hills or He Sapa are currently under mining claims.

Mining and mining exploration are synonymous with destruction.

In accordance with the Treaty of Fort Laramie (1868) and in the interest of fairness, the native and tribal groups in the area should be consulted before any proposal of this nature is granted.