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Comments: I am opposed to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. The project exposes the Rapid Creek watershed to potential pollution; this could contaminate the water that is used by Rapid City. Once contamination occurs of the creeks, streams, and ground water; the damage cannot be reversed. Protecting the Black Hills from pollution and destruction is vital to the area's economy. The area to be drilled is also beside (or on) Pe' Sla. Pe' Sla is a sacred site to the Lakota people and the risk should not be taken to damage or contaminate this sacred site. SAY NO TO THIS PROJECT!!

The Public comment period should be extended to 60 days. This short period for comment does not allow the public time to get the word out about this project.