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Comments: Anpetu waste'. Cante wasteya napeciyuzape ksto. Jill Kessler emacyapi ksto. Wakpa Waste' Oyanke hematanhan kin na Itazipco hemacha ksto. I shake your hand with a good heart. My name is Jill Kessler. I come from the Without Bows Band of the Good River People (also known as the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe).

As an Oceti Sakowin (legally referred to as the Great Sioux Nation in Federal Indian Policy) woman, I have every right to comment on the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project as it impacts our original homelands per our own self-determination and confirmed in the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie by the United States government. I have numerous concerns about all proposed exploratory drilling and do NOT support any further destruction to our sacred Black Hills.

Our people, including myself and my family, annually venture to various locations in the Black Hills as it is the home to many of our stories and ceremonies. It is my understanding that Rochford Mineral plans to do this exploratory drilling adjacent to Pe Sla which is a sacred site to our people and I whole heartedly OPPOSE any type of drilling at this location.

The Forest Service needs to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement prior to any approvals for drilling and that information needs to be shared out with all stakeholders, including use of the meaningful consultation mechanisms for government to government relations with American Indian Tribes.

Pilamayaye (thank you) for your consideration as I voice my opposition to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project.