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Comments: Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project

This project mandates the Forest Service to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. This project will cause immeasurable harm to the environment, water, and the historical and cultural heritage of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Native Nations. The drilling pads would be too close to the ceremonial grounds of the Lakota people!

The landscape of the Black Hills is sacred land that should never be exploited. Tell Pete Lien & Sons to find graphite somewhere else.

As a person of Native descent, my interest in this project stems from the Tar Creek Superfund site, located in Oklahoma. Mining of ore began in 1891 and continued until 1970, bringing the surrounding community and the city of Pitcher to their knees. The horrific landscape left by the ore operation remains present today.

I also request an extension for comments to give the public more time to respond, especially given the current state of our political system.