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Comments: I am writing today as an Itazipco Lakota woman who opposes the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project due to my family and cultural ties to the Black Hills in South Dakota. I was born and raised in South Dakota; resided there a majority of my life and am a South Dakota land owner.

I value the Black Hills as a natural wonder as well as a sacred site of the Lakota people and this proposal for exploratory drilling is too risky for the environment and resources the Black Hills provides. Further, it is my understanding that there is an attempt to place the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project in Category C which has nearly zero oversight mechanisms. This means there would be no requirements for environmental and/or cultural experts during land disruption adding additional risks that I am not willing to support.

Again, I am not in favor of any exploratory drilling in the Black Hills and to do so without an Environmental Impact Report from the US Forestry Service and/or limited oversight is dangerous.