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Comments: My name is Jaymie Packineau and I am submitting my letter to express my stance against the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. I was born in the Black Hills, raised in South Dakota, was a SD resident for 25 years, am a SD landowner, and as a Lakota winyan (woman) it is within my rights to have input into our ancestral homelands.

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because there is no Environmental Impact Statement and the application is attempting to be categorized in a way that limits supervision. This type of exploratory drilling leads to unpredictable outcomes for our environment as well as the humans and animals that depend on natural resources.

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because of the cultural significance to the Lakota people. These have been our homelands for centuries and the lands are still our relative that holds space for us to continue to learn our way of life. The Black Hills have been disturbed enough and we do not need to further this type of exploring of them.