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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express our vehement opposition to any mineral drilling proposed for the Rochford Mineral Exploration project.

We are permanent residents situated on South Rochford Road. Neighbors who live on South Rochford Rd, near the proposed drilling sites near Seven Hills road, have expressed grave concerns about further deterioration of water levels and quality in their private wells, as their wells were already compromised during the South Rochford road construction project of 2022-2024. We want to echo these concerns. Additionally, these areas are rich in springs, which are pivotal in the nourishment of native flora and fauna.

With that project, our area saw a marked increase in truck and heavy equipment traffic, and would anticipate more of the same, with any additional "projects" in our area.

We also voice concerns about the displacement of wildlife native to the proposed area. There is at present, a herd of 80 or more Elk that are grazing in the area of proposed drilling sites, (as well as large herds of deer) and we would voice opposition to all of the wildlife in that area, being pushed away from grazing and breeding grounds.

We are staunch proponents of maintaining the integrity of the Black Hills National Forest, and with the amount of development, road construction, logging and increase in equipment and recreational traffic, it is our desire NOT to see any additional mineral exploration pose risk to the water and other natural resources found in these areas.

Thank you for taking our concerns under consideration.