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Comments: To the Forest Service and Comment Reviewing Officer,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project (#67838). This project poses a direct threat to sacred Indigenous lands, ecosystems, and waters that are essential not only to our shared environmental future, but to the cultural survival and sovereignty of the First Nations people who have stewarded this land since time immemorial.

The Black Hills are sacred. No amount of mineral wealth can outweigh the ancestral, spiritual, and ecological significance of this region. Continuing to grant access to private corporations for extraction reflects a blatant disregard for Indigenous rights, treaties, and the sanctity of the land. These projects perpetuate cycles of colonization, ecological destruction, and cultural erasure.

Protect the sacred. No drilling, no extraction. Give the land back to our First Nations. Return stewardship to the Indigenous communities who have always known how to care for this land in balance and reverence.

I urge the Forest Service to reject this project and instead move toward policies that restore land sovereignty and protect sacred spaces from exploitation.

Thank you.