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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed Rochford Exploratory Drilling Project in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Pe' Sla is a sacred site to the Lakota people - a place of deep spiritual, cultural, and historical importance. Drilling in this area threatens not only the sanctity of this land but also the ecosystems, water sources, and wildlife that depend on it. It would cause irreversible harm to Indigenous cultural practices that cannot simply be relocated.

I respectfully request the U.S. Forest Service deny this proposal and require a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that thoroughly considers the cultural, environmental, and spiritual costs of this project. Federal agencies have a legal and moral responsibility to uphold the trust and treaty rights of Tribal Nations and protect sacred lands from destruction.

This land is not just public - it is sacred. And it must be protected.