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Comments: I am writing to oppose the Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. As a frequent visitor to the Black Hills, I visit to spend time in the beautiful nature, not to see drilling projects block access to beautiful areas and tear up the land. Additionally, Pe'sla is a sacred site with federal Indian trust status, and mining there could contaminate drinking water for Rapid City, Rapid Valley, Box Elder, and even Ellsworth Air Force Base, and cause irreparable ecological damage. Further, the underground deposits of graphite are small and low-grade. For all these reasons I oppose this exploratory drilling project.