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Comments: I am Jennene French, born and raised in the Black Hills, we spent most of our time as kids going all around the Black Hills for picnic, hiking or just drives. We need to protect these area and especially our water. When all other states are trying to sell water off to other states, as everything dries up, we need to protect our groundwater and our streams and lakes.

The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project, is most likely unnecessary and not a good idea, for an area that feeds into our water sources watershed. Pete Liens has already degraded the air quality in Rapid City, we shouldn't allow them to abuse the Black Hills. We just heard about this a few weeks ago, I think now that the public knows there should be a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.

Say why you oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. The Forest Service to do an Environmental Impact Statement for this project, we need to protect what we have left of our forests and streams, instead of threatening their survival. If we continue to have drought, we will need all our waters to be usable.

Thanks for your attention,

Jennene French