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Comments: Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838

Dear SD Forest service, I'm writing to comment and express my opposition to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Project that would be located in the sacred ?e Sápa (Black Hills). The Black Hills are significant for many reasons:

1. One of South Dakota's most biodiverse areas.
2. Highly valued and respected by the Lakota people; a sacred site where the Lakota people do ceremonies annually.
3. This project will strip the Lakota people of their rights to the land.

Therefore, I urge you to assure that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is followed precisely and a full environmental impact statement is conducted.

Additionally I request that a 60 day extension on public comment period.

We are living in a time where threats to public lands and indigenous people have become actionable and without judicial checks and balances. I urge you to do all you can to protect Indigenous Sovereignty ;Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) sovereignty ; Rapid City drinking water and preserve one-of-a-kind archaeological sites.

Sincerely,

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