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Comments: I am contacting you to oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. I am an individual who has been opposing mining and drilling projects for half my life because of the destructive and poisonous results of extractive ventures. The original peoples who inhabit these areas and have turned to these sites for millennia as their sacred sites for cultural practices and religious structures must be respected in their opposition. I request that the Forest Service complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in this area to note the impacts that such an industrial project will have on the lives of people and the lives of the living beings in the area. Projects such as this Rochford MEDP have devastating effects on the lands and waters, resulting in pollution and poisoning of land, air and water. Please respect the integrity of these special spaces, sacred to native peoples. It is our responsibility to care for the vitality that the earth still retains after centuries of abuse and domination--what was pristine and life giving land before profit-driven minds landed on these shores.