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Comments: Hello,

I care about the protection of the Black Hills. This is Indigenous land by treaty, and it should not be exploited by the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project (#67838). This sacred land is essential to the continuation of Lakota lifeways and culture. As the Lakota people have said themselves since time immemorial, the Black Hills are not for sale.

Because of the potential negative environmental impacts, I urge you to commit to a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone who would be impacted has an opportunity to comment. Please require a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hilary Giovale