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Comments: The Black Hills are sacred territory for our indigenous brothers and sisters and as such should not be the site of drilling or mining for any reason. As an American citizen I am opposed to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838, and I urge you to stop this project. I also request that you extend by 60 days the "scoping" public comment period in order to allow you all to hear from those who hold opinions on this and similar projects. Drilling in this region will bring significant negative impact on the ecosystem there, and it will disrupt traditional ceremonial practices for the Lakota people. Further, I urge that the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project in order to understand the potential for damage - and to avoid hasty and harmful activities that simply cannot be undone after they are underway. This area is a pristine and beautiful asset that deserves to be protected and not plundered. Thank you!

Tell the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project