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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. Besides the risk to environmental balance and potential conflict with Native ceremonies and spiritual celebrations, it will likely be loud and an eye sore.

I currently live in Oregon, but grew up in S Dak, and spent much of my high school and college years in the Rochford area and northern Black Hills. The area has been impacted enough by mining in the past and current grazing. PLEASE, do not add to the stress of these Hills and destroy more of them. Thank you.