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Comments: The Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) has pointed out that this project, Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838, is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on - Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but, in their words, "by any definition, the project is too close!" I could and do care about this project on strictly negative environmental impacts it has for the Black Hills in general, for the impact on clean water that residents and downstream peoples rely on, and the country. However it is also a horrifying further encroachment of the rights and sacred ground of the Lakota, and all indigenous peoples, to whom we have already done such great harm over the history of the United States.

BHCWA's research tells us that "the project would involve 18 drill pads. Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources." And yet, to my knowledge there has not been an Environmental Impact Statement released to the peoples who will be most affected, nor the general public. That is not at all acceptable.

I urge you to put a stop to this project, and as that is considered to at least insist on proper procedures and due diligence.