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Comments: Protect Pe' Sla, one of the most sacred places - located high in the Black Hills - to the Lakota People. I am not indigenous, but I respect the religion and traditions of all people and for too long the original people of this continent have been treated unfairly and badly. We Americans should not add another black mark to our list of bad choices.

Do not allow Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 to drill. 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."

Please allow a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.

Also, the Forest Service needs to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

The impact here as in other location appears to be a disaster waiting to happen, and with alternatige energies, we don't need oil to ruin one more community.

Thank you for your consideration.