Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/14/2025 12:30:33 AM First name: Susan Last name: Werner Organization: Title: Comments: To the National Forest Service,

I request a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period for the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project based on its potential negative environmental impact. The project involves 18 drill pads. Some proposed pads are very close to streams, and exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed. There is the potential for contamination or crosscontamination of underground water sources. Also, this project would disrupt the traditional ceremonial practices for the Lakotas.

I ask that you fulfill the requirement for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Werner