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Comments: I am writing to oppose mining (Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838), in Pe' Sla, a native American sacred place. The Black Hills Clean Water Alliance'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."

In addition, mining would cause disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas.

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

The Forest Service also must require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.