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Comments: The Black Hills are sacred Lakota land and must be spared from Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. The environmental cost would be devastating, with mining slag and chemicals polluting the soil and water, affecting every single living thing on the land. It would also greatly disrupt traditional Lakota ceremonial practices. The Forest Service must require an Environmental Impact Statement on this project before these effects interrupt the lives of the Indigenous Lakota people, animals, and plants of the Black Hills.