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Comments: I am writing to 1) request for a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment and 2) request the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

I wish to point out / refer to the Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) that this project 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!" And 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."

Another reason for this request is to protect sacred territory frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practice.