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Comments: The Black Hills are sacred to many Indigenous Peoples, irreplaceable. The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 is a dual threat because of (1) potential adverse environmental impacts, including on the watershed, and (2) the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas. Will you (1) please provide a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period so that more people have an opportunity to comment. And, above all, please (2) mandate an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. Thank you.