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Dear Forest Service Persons,

I implore you to deny permission to Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 to mine in the the Black Hills region.

Research by Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) has strong evidence that the 18 drill pads are likely to contaminate the water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed and possible cross-contamination of underground waters. The potential environmental degradation is a serious issue.

I request

~~ a 60-day extension of the public comment period

~~ an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project

Further, these are lands sacred to the Lakota. Isn't it about time the U.S. government made good on all the broken treaties and promises to the original people of this land, and at the very least refrain from damaging this area of the Black Hills, a significant part of their sacred ceremonial land?