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Comments: This is an urgent request to protect sacred territory in the Black Hills that is frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practice. Pe' Sla is a pristine ecosystem and beautiful place. The project is immediately adjacent to, and some proposed drill pads might encroach on, Pe' Sla. The U.S. Forest Service must not allow the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project to tear up this sacred ground and cause potential negative environmental impact in its quest for graphite.

I am requesting a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period so that everyone has an opportunity to comment. I also request that the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.