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Comments: To whom it may concern; I cannot emphasize too strongly my objections to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838! I live in the North East where we have few mountains in our geographic area. When we took our first trip out West, our family fell in love with South Dakota and we've shared this love to our camping and traveling friends. We've taken pride in your state and it pains me to hear that you're considering polluting an area considered sacred to the native people in that area. Secondly, I'm more than disappointed to learn that the Forest Service would even think of allowing a situation where potential pollution would devastate the land and waterways! Please reconsider as once the damage is done, there is no returning to an "acceptable" pristine vista or Holy site. There is nothing worth drilling for that removes the obligation of your agency to protect our public lands! That area is unique and only you can save it for those citizens who haven't had the privilege to travel to South Dakota and the Black Hills.