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Comments: BHCWA's research tells us that the project (Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838) would involve 18 drill pads, which could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some too close to important waterways . There is the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources. This is the opposite of environmental protection, completely undermining the progress that's been made towards renewable energy.

We absolutely need a 60 day extension of the public comment period so that more people, aside from the companies who back this exploratory destruction, may speak. Along with the requirement of an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) on the proposed project.

The Black Hills are a vitally important part of the ecosystem surrounding that area, and water is literally life, why would we jeopardize the very thing we are urged to protect? This is a sacred site to the people who live there, and this would contaminate everything they live on, and ultimately be religiously intolerant towards their traditional ceremonial practices.