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Comments: Our government's treatment of Native Americans has always been disgraceful. Today we can do better - we must protect Pe' Sla, a sacred site to the Lakota people. whose environment and pristine condition must be protected from destruction and pollution by the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. Private corporate greed must not be allowed to violate the agreements made to allow the Lakota to manage and care for Pe' Sla.

I am urging The Forest Service to provide a 60-day extension of the scoping public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. Given that mining operations would inflict permanent destruction on the sacred ceremonial site, you must review as many comments from as many concerned citizens as you can. There is no good reason not to extend the comment period.

I am not a Native American but I fully believe that they have the right to expect our government to stand by our promise to the Lakota people that they are the sole arbiters of how this land should be treated. They know best how to maintain its environmental health, and they deserve to continue to practice their ceremonies, just as any religious groups have the right to practice theirs.

There MUST be a full and complete Environmental Impact Statement researched and completed for the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.