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Comments: We must not let the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67338 tear up our sacred ground in its quest for graphite. The proposed drilling is too close to the sacred Pe Sla.

Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources."

Please allow a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment .

The indigenous people of this land have suffered enough and their lands should not be contaminated to obtain more oil. The environmental impacts of seeking more oil at a time when we should be seeking alternative power sources affects everyone on this planet. Please request that

the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project . This sacred ceremonial ground of our people needs to be kept pristine and beautiful for future generations.

Please do not allow this destructive and unnecessary project to proceed.