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Comments: Pe' Sla, one of the most sacred places - located high in the Black Hills it was returned to Indigenous care in 2012 but now it is threatened again by mining interests.

Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) has pointed out, this project is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on - Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but, in their words, "by any definition, the project is too close!"

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because of the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas.

Please have the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project and allow a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment.