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Comments: The Black Hills have been a favorite vacation spot for me. Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 should not mess that up with potential negative environmental impacts of various kinds including ruining drinking water.

The Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) notes that this project is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on - Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but the project is too close! BHCWA's research tells us that 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.

It would be good to have a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is important for this project.

Please protect this sacred territory frequently used by Lakota People for ceremonial practice. It is a pristine ecosystem and beautiful place. Please help us protect Pe' Sla.