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Comments: Re: Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838

I request a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to learn about this proposal and comment on it.

I oppose this project because it threatens a pristine territory and ecosystem sacred to Lakota people. It continues to be used for ceremonial purposes, and to preserve and pass on cultural heritage to younger generations. My commitment to justice compels me to support the traditional ways of indigenous people who first lived on and cared for the land, and to respect their wisdom and contributions to our nation's wellbeing. They were there first. We have much to learn from them.

The exploration phase of this project could cause contamination of water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, both in streams and in underground water sources. Water is the first essential to life, and must be protected.

If you allow this project to move forward, you must require an Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you for following the law.