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Comments: Hello,

This is about the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. I'm requesting a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. The Black Hills were a sacred and traditional hunting ground for various Native American tribes, including the Lakota, Cheyenne, and Kiowa. The region holds deep cultural and religious significance for the Lakota, who view it as their spiritual center. The Black Hills National Forest encompasses a vast area of forests, mountains, and various natural attractions. This area is one of our nation's jewels and should be protected.

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because on the surface it is sold as helpful to Americans but is actually a plan to sell out resources to make the rich richer at the expense of our country's majesty and health. There are the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas Please. Please require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. Don't let the filthy rich, corrupt politicians, and greedy lobbyists destroy America the beautiful.

Thank you.