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Comments: I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. The project's proposed exploratory mining drill pads are too close to the sacred Pe'Sla land, and in some cases may encroach on it; it's difficult to tell because Rochford's maps are vague. Pe'Sla and the Black Hills are a beautiful place of unspoiled forest and clear-running streams, perfect for wilderness recreation, which would be ruined by this mining project. Additionally, the project could disrupt traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakotas.

I request a 60-day extension of the scoping period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. The Forest Service should also require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.