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Comments: As a public lands enthusiast who has visited the Black Hills National Forest multiple times over some 60 years, I write to express my concern about the potential impact of the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project on the environment and Indigenous communities. First, I request a 60-day extension of the comment period to ensure all affected people have a chance to offer input. I only learned about it today.

If there is not an extension, then I urge the Forest Service not to approve this project based on its proximity to sacred ground to Lakota people and potential contamination of waterways and groundwater. A full EIS should be completed before proceeding further.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.