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Comments: Dear Forest Service, I oppose this exploratory denigration of sacred land from the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 as this land is sacred to all indigenous peoples and as indigenous people it is our great honor to protect our sacred mother earth from the highly controversial issues of climate change and how this has effected the balance of our earth and the environmental impact of the continual pursuit of companies like the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas, we stand together as indigenous peoples to preserve our lands. We request for a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. We request the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.