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Comments: I am writing because I care about the beauty of the Black Hills and our National Public Lands. Mining has no place on them. Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 must not be permitted. It will destroy important flora and lay waste to an area that is essential for the survival of important animals, birds and insects. It is also an important ceremonial ground for the Lakota People.

There needs to be a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period so that everyone has a say, and there needs to be an Environmental Impact Statement/EIS for this project.