Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/14/2025 12:49:48 PM First name: Bruce Last name: Gagnon Organization: Title: Comments: Do not let the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project tear up the sacred ground in its quest for graphite.

Black Hills Clean Water Alliance (BHCWA) has reported that this project is immediately adjacent to sacred territory frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practices. It is a pristine ecosystem that should not be disturbed.

I lived near the Black Hills while growing up and consider it my spiritual home. I will be closely following this story.

The Forest Service must require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project and a longer public comment period as people are just learning about this case.