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Comments: My comment is in regards to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. As someone concerned about maintaining the integrity of our natural spaces and the sovereignty of Native nations in the management of natural resources, I urge the Forest Service to both extend the scoping period of this process by at least 60 days to allow for full public comment and to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

The proposed project directly threatens Pe' Sla - one of the most sacred sites still used by Lakota people for ceremonies. It also threatens the water supply for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base, and underground waters.