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Comments: Please protect Pe' Sla, a pristine ecosystem and sacred territory frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practice.

The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 is immediately adjacent to, and is likely to encroach on Pe' Sla. Maps are vague, but the project would involve 18 drill pads, and with some proposed drill pads very close to streams, exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources."

Due to the potential negative environmental impacts of the project, and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas, I would like to ask the Forest Service to grant a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so that every stakeholder has an opportunity to comment.