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Comments: Dear Forest Service. I am a concerned citizen writing to comment on the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Project that would be located in the Black Hills. As you know, the Black Hills are one of South Dakota's most biodiverse areas and more importantly, are sacred to the Lakota People. The site of this project is near Pe'Sla which is a sacred site where ceremonies are performed by the People. This project would significantly impact the area in a negative way. I think enough damage has been done to Mother Earth and the Indigenous people in this area and rather than continuing to destroy it, we should be protecting the Earth and the water. They are life and if we don't preserve them, and move to stop the destruction, we are only destroying ourselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.