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Comments: I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. Since it would involve 18 drill pads, exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. There is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources." Besides the potential negative environmental impacts, the project would cause the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas.

There should be a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. Also the Forest Service needs to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.