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Comments: Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 should not be allowed to proceed. The intended drilling areas are perilously close to water sources and pristine ecosystems that would be damaged by this project. Drilling sites require roads, which disturb and fragment ecosystems. These drill sites also have the potential to contaminate ground water sources that are vital to local communities.

The proposed drill sites are very close to Pe'Sla, a sacred landscape that has long been protected by Indigenous peoples. This project threatens to reverse the rehabilitation work these tribes have done, like introduce bison, revegetate barren areas, etc and once again threatens a sacred place with destruction. The United States should learn from her history and do better by our natural world and our Indigenous communities.

At the very least, the Forest Service should provide a 60-day extension to the 'scoping' public comment period, so that everyone who has a right to speak on this project has a chance to do so.

Thank you.