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Comments: I was born in North Dakota and have family who live in South Dakota. In addition, I have visited the Black Hills and have a connection with them.

I urge you to reject the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.

I oppose this project as it borders on and likely would impede upon sacred ground, Pe'Sla. This sacred ground must not be mined. In addition, some of the proposed drill pads are very close to streams, thus threatening the integrity of these streams and the wildlife that depend upon them and inhabit them. This project has likely negative environmental impacts and would disrupt the traditional ceremonies of the Lakota people.

I also request that the public comment period be extended by 60 days to allow everyone to have an opportunity to submit comments.

Finally, it is imperative that the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

Thank you for considering these comments.