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Comments: This project will greatly affect Pe' Sla, one of the most sacred places in the Black Hills to the Lakota People. It will desecrate this ceremonial ground; you must not allow mining on this sacred ground.

As someone who is not Native or a resident of the Black Hills, this land is still valuable to us who cherish all public land in the US. And as someone who travels and enjoys camping and hiking through our national Forests and Parks, keeping this land pristine is imperative. The Native peoples have had their lands diminished and misused for centuries; we must honor the traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakota people and preserve this land for their use. Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 will have too many negative environmental effects on the land and on people.

Please grant a 60 day extension of the scoping public comment period, so there is more time for people to learn of this project and make comments. It is also imperative that the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project, our lands are too precious to destroy.