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Comments: Please do not allow the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project to tear up sacred ground in its quest for graphite. The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some proposed drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources.

Please allow a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to comment. Also, please create and post an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. This is an urgent request to protect sacred territory frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practice. It is a pristine ecosystem and beautiful place. Please help us protect Pe' Sla. Thank You!