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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 and to urge the Forest Service to protect Pe' Sla, a sacred place for the Lakota People. This means extending the scoping public comment period to 60 days and requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. The Black Hills are a special place for so many Americans and should be protected from potential negative environmental impacts. Additionally, this place holds special significance for the first stewards of the land, and we need to honor their traditional ceremonial practices and knowledge.