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I am writing about the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.

Firstly, I want to request a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so that more people may comment on this urgent matter.

Secondly, the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project significantly threatens the health of the land and will disrupt the traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas. Indigenous peoples are stewards of the land and deserve our respect after hundreds of years of oppression. This drilling project is extractive and exploitative. It goes against my values of the right to a clean and healthy environment.

Finally, the Forest Service should require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before considering this project.

Thank you.

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