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Comments: 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. I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. The potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas are criminal for these people. The project would involve 18 drill pads. Exploration 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. The US Forest must not allow mining on this sacred ground!