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Comments: I am writing in regards to Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project which involves 18 drill pads to mine for graphite of which I am opposed. First this project is immediately adjacent to - and some proposed drill pads might encroach on Pe' Sla, a sacred territory frequently used by many Lakota People for ceremonial practice. Secondly because of the potential negative environmental impacts it will have on this land. Exploration could contaminate water in the upper Rapid Creek watershed, with some drill pads very close to streams. And there is also the potential for contamination or cross-contamination of underground water sources as BHCWA's research tells us. I want the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project. This is an urgent request to protect sacred territory used by many Lakota People, as well as a pristine ecosystem that needs to be protected permanently.