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Comments: First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838, however the comment period is way too short and should be extended by at least 60 days.

According to the Black Hills Clean Water Alliance's research "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." This is unacceptable for all Americans but more so for the indigenous people of the Black Hills. Furthermore, it is SACRED LAND and disrupt and desecrate the traditional ceremonial practices for the Lakota people.

Lastly, the Forest Service must require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project