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Comments: Re: Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838

I respectfully oppose this project. I am not a resident of SD; however my children and grandchildren are and we visit frequently. The Black Hills are a treasure, as are the Lakota people and their cultural impact on the area. This proposed project threatens an area that is culturally significant to the Lakota people. Additionally, it threatens the water supply and other natural resources of the Black Hills. All of these should be protected for future generations of children, including Lakota children. Our children should have the opportunity to experience all the Black Hills have to offer, and to learn to be good stewards of this treasure. The financial gains to a small number of individuals is not worth the cost to the future generations of South Dakotans.