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Comments: I'm writing in opposition to the proposed Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project (#67838). The area, known as Pe'sla, is sacred to the Lakota people, on whose unceded treaty lands this drilling would be taking place. It would be deeply disruptive to their traditional ceremonial practices. I'm also extremely concerned about possible negative environmental impacts that these drill pads could have on the biodiversity of the surrounding grasslands and the greater Black Hills area, especially the Rapid Creek watershed. I'm requesting a 60-day extension of the scoping period for public comment, so all impacted parties have an opportunity to comment and ask that the Forest Service require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project.