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Comments: It is the will of the people.

I oppose this project (#67838 - Rochford exploratory drilling). I live in Arizona now, but I am originally from the Sioux Falls area of South Dakota. I visit there frequently and this area is sacred to me, my family, and my ancestors. It is, and has been an important ceremonial site for thousands of years, and must not be desecrated by mining or mining exploration.

Exploration and/or mining of this area will degrade its pristine environment and will have adverse affects on wildlife, birds and water. 16 of the 18 drill pads are within two miles of Pe' Sla. Drilling noise, traffic, and lights from drilling would disrupt spiritual ceremonies, harm endangered or threatened wildlife that live there, and will have troubling effects on the areas residents. Exploration may 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 very troubling to me. Water is the most precious resource on Earth.

There has not been an Environmental Impact Statement prepared, I therefore request that one is conducted and results made public.

I would also ask that you extend the scoping period 60 (sixty) days to allow for all interested parties time to prepare comments.

Protect Pe' Sla for my children and my children's children.

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