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Comments: I have heard about the Black Hills in stories and news clips beginning with my childhood and continuing today. For me it has always meant big skies, vast lands teeming with wildlife, and the freedom for it's original stewards, the Lakota, to care for this land using traditional knowledge and rich cultural traditions that are centuries old..

Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 is a new threat that is not well understood and that is being fast-tracked by the Forest Service over the objections of its original caretakers for no apparent emergency. This project requires due process. I request for a 60-day extension of the "scoping" public comment period, so everyone has an opportunity to fully understand the project's potential impacts and to prepare tribal and community and environmental impact comments.

I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project until are the potential negative environmental impacts and the disruption of traditional ceremonial practices for Lakotas are known to all interested parties and opportunities are provided to mitigate or eliminate negative impacts.

The Forest Service must require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project or public impact assessment is a sham and shameful.