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Comments: Dear Forest Service Leaders and extended members:

Please consider my submission letter to OPPOSE the drilling efforts proposed within the Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.

Given this type of drilling has such a massive negative impact on the environment we need to protect this land and the surrounding area from unnecessary damage that will occur and will ruin precious natural habitat.

With the recent steps made by the Administration to protect endangered natural habitats, rejecting the proposed mining project would be complementary action with this legislation: The new law also adds 1.3 million acres of new wilderness and permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which supports conservation and outdoor recreation projects nationwide. It's the largest public lands bill Congress has considered in a decade, and it won large bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate. (AP article text).

Thankfully we have you all as our representatives in protecting such a limited and vital resource within this precious land. Once gone we can not replace it.

Thank you for considering my plea to preserve this precious land.