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Comments: As a resident of the northern Black Hills I am writing to support an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. My husband and I enjoy riding, biking, and walking in the Rochford area. I oppose the project and would greatly prefer the protection of the other natural resources- water, wildlife, and open space- that make this area outstanding. The potential value of any gold could never exceed the value of clean water for people and wildlife habitat. In addition Pe Sla holds a significant sacred value to the Native Americans indigenous to this area. Please honor them as well in rejecting this exploratory proposal.