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Comments: Hello,

This proposed mining project in the Black Hills will directly harm not only the environment through poisoning water supplies but through destroying one of the rare pieces of unchanged earth in the united states over a resource that is quite frankly, not worth it. Even though I directly am not harmed by the immediate impacts - I care that this mining project does not happen because it directly perpetuates the kind of blasé, uncaring attitude we have toward not only our planet but the lives of those who rely on this portion of land. The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project will destroy a piece of Lakota land that has been maintained by the native tribe and used for important spiritual practices and the Black Hills are already a piece of land that has been encroached on by industrial and construction companies. I believe the only logical, reasonable thing to do is to extend the scoping public comment period for another 60 days, and for the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement on this project.

Thank you.