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Comments: The Forest Service must not allow mining in or near Pe' Sla by the Rochford Exploratory Mineral Project (#67838). This is one of the most sacred places to the Dakota people. Mining exploration could 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 and other negative environmental impacts. It would also cause disruption of Lakota ceremonial practices.

I request a 60 day extension of the scoping public comment period so more people are able to comment.

I also believe that there should be an Environmental Impact Statement for the project.