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Comments: I am commenting on the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. I oppose it because I believe it endangers the waterways and natural environment of Pe'Sla and the Black Hills, that the release of toxic chemicals and minerals that occurs during mining operations puts surrounding organisms such as wildlife and human populations at risk of poisoning through exposure and that the traditional ceremonial practices for the Lakota people should not be disturbed. I would also like to request a 60-day extension for public comment, I think that the current period was too short and did not allow for sufficient awareness of the issue. I ask that the Forest Service requires an Environmental Impact Statement for the project so that we the people might have clarity on what exactly will occur because of the project. I care because my family is from Rapid City, I believe that the Hills are one of America's most beautiful places and that it's beauty should be preserved.