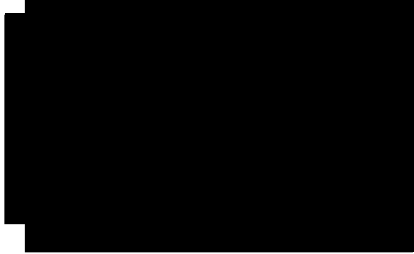


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Pat Roseland



Mr. Karchut;

My name is Pat Roseland, I am writing to inform you of my support for the Pactola Area Mineral Withdrawal. Though this withdrawal is a positive movement to protecting the Rapid Creek Watershed. I am asking the Forest Service to expand the size of the withdrawal, specifically enlarged to the entire Rapid Creek watershed.

We are privileged to live in the most beautiful ground in the United States. I would like to keep it that way for today and for those that follow us.

We have a great water source for those of us who live, work, and play in The Rapid Creek Watershed area, enough for drinking, recreation and very important providing water for the Ellsworth Air Force Base. The Rapid Creek Watershed brings tourists and visitors from all over the nation and the world enjoying what we have to share.

I am happy that the Forest Service is seeing and responding to the possible detriment that may happen because of F3 Gold's Jenny Gulch activity in the Rapid creek Watershed. This is a positive move for the protection of our Black Hills.

Thank you.

Pat Roseland