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RE: Pactola Watershed Withdrawal Area
Project 63876

Dear Supervisor Cochran,

I am so grateful and appreciative that this Project 63876 is moving forward. I concur with the finding of no significant impact from the withdrawal. And, I ~~feel~~ am sure that mining would have significant negative impacts for me, my family, and this region (including Rapid City and Elsworth Air Base).

My family and friends have been hiking, ^{running} camping, biking, kayaking, ^{swimming} and cross country skiing in the designated area since we moved to the area in 1969. Mining would seriously degrade these types of experiences!

And, drinking water is extremely important to all of us! We have seen what mining has done to water in the past. Promises are cheap! Delivery of clean water doubtful. We don't need more Super Fund sites!

In addition, wildlife, recreational jobs, Elsworth, will be positively impacted by this 20,000 acre withdrawal!!!

Thanks!

Dwelle Smith, PhD

Treaty Rights!

Please!
Finalize the
Poetola 30,000⁰⁰ acre
with drawal!
Thank you!
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