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Comments: Hearing the news of the mining project proposed for Pactola Reservoir I was immensely disheartened. There are many places we can mine but there is only one spot where we can have such beauty. A drive down HWY 385 would never be the same. It would be a shame to our natural beauty that our home of the Black Hills provides and it would also become a shame to new tourists that would want to return to see the beauty of Pactola as well as tourists who are returning as it offers a place of relaxation, revitalization and refuge. Whatever this mining would bring it wouldn't be worth the loss of tourist interest, local love and the safety of our water. This would be one of the most heartbreaking projects South Dakota has seen and as stated before, just a shame if mining is permitted.