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Comments: Dear Mr. Cochran,

I support the mineral withdrawal of the Pactola watershed for the 20 year time frame.

The watershed is an important part of the water supply for Rapid City and the surrounding area. No amount of good intention or the regulation of mining is adequate based on the history of mining in North America. Once a problem is identified it is too late - better not to have it be possible.

Thank you for your consideration,