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Comments: United States Forest Service,

In the matter of the mineral withdrawal from Pactola watershed, I would offer my support for said 20 year withdrawal.

As an outdoor enthusiast, I believe the potential impacts to our fishery are significant. The potential impacts from mineral exploration and mining would, in my opinion, be vast and negative! As a member of the Rapid City Township/community, I believe protecting our water supply is imperative. Again, mineral exploration and mining would have negative impacts!

I would also offer that this area is osprey nesting ground at the location considered. This gives me pause, and we need to consider the fragility of this endangered species.

Just know that I give my support for the withdrawal.

Do not hesitate to contact me for further.