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We are very alarmed that exploratory mining in the Jenny Gulch area near Pactola Reservoir is still being considered. We believed the Department of Interior had ruled that the results of its review would protect 20,574 acres from mining now and in the future for at least 20 years.

It is very clear that approval for exploratory mining WOULD impact wildlife, inhabitants, recreation and livelihoods as well as, most importantly, could have long-term devastating effects on our essential water source. These issues far supersede the monetary interests of those pursuing such an abhorrent proposal. Although they continue to claim that there will be no [ldquo]significant[rdquo] impact, ANY RISK of such an impact is too high.

We join the impassioned pleas from area residents and communities in the Black Hills, Rapid City and the Lakota in opposition to any proposal for exploratory drilling in the Jenny Gulch area. We join every concerned citizen who expect preservation of the essential resources of the Black Hills for current and future generations.

The USFS has the ability and moral obligation to prevent this project. Please do so