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Comments: I support this withdrawal.

As a Black Hills native, Rapid Creek and the watershed below Pactola Reservoir have been a significant part of my life - for my entire life.

My great-grandfather built our family homestead on Rapid Creek where he raised my grandfather and also where my grandfather raised my mom and her siblings.

I now, own and operate the oldest operating lodge in the Black Hills on the same creek where I have not only raised my son but catered to thousands of visitors who come to enjoy the Black Hills for unique beauty and recreation. Here at Hisega Lodge, the creek provides water for our amazing coffee, a soundtrack for the best nights sleep ever, cold fresh air during the hot summer months, and fish to the visiting anglers and our family. In the spring we are fortunate enough to kayak and tube down our stretch of creek too.

These things are all important to me and to the many people we serve as well as our entire community. I support this withdrawal as it will help to protect our tourism, our drinking water, and our wildlife for the immediate future. I support extending this withdrawal indefinitely. Thank you for your attention to this extremely important issue.