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Comments: Please! Finalize the Pactola 20,000 acre withdrawal!

Dear Supervisor Cochran,

I am so grateful and appreciative that this project 63876 is moving forward. I concur with the finding of no significant impact from the withdrawal. And, I am sure that mining would have significant negative impacts for me, my family and this region (including Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Base).

My family and friends have been hiking, running, camping, biking, kayaking, swimming, and cross country skiing in the designative area since we moved to the area in 1969. Mining would seriously degrade these types of experiences!

And drinking water is extremely important to all of us! We have seen what mining has done to water in the past. Promises are cheap! Delivery [?] of clean water doubtful! We don't need more Superfund sites!

In addition, wildlife, recreational, jobs, Ellsworth, will be positively impacted by this 20,000 acre withdrawal!

Treat Rights!

Thanks,