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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I entered my comments for the last request for comments. I really cannot believe that this project has gotten this far. Pactola Lake provides the drinking water for all of Rapid City. Mining in that area would cause serious health risks to the entire Rapid City population. In addition to the health concerns, Pactola Lake and Jenny Gulch are the most beautiful and pristine recreational water sources in our area. We take several people to the lake each year to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the area. We are permitted by the Forest Service and believe in the Leave No Trace philosophy! We have all seen what happens when mining comes into an area. Once you have allowed for the exploration and they find something, the project will move full speed ahead. Our health and the beauty of Pactola will be compromised. Please take this into consideration when making your decision. The answer is obvious. Please put these concerns before money! Thank you!

Carrie Gerlach