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Gold exploration and drilling in an area where water flows into the Pactola reservoir - the water supply for Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and reservation and rural communities along the Cheyenne River - is reckless and dangerous, and must be stopped.

Large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to water, [large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to] health, and [large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to] wildlife, as well as [large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to] the tourism, [large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to] agriculture, and [large-scale gold mining is a severe threat to] outdoor recreation economy. It is known to benefit foreign corporate interests and shareholders foremost. Notorious for its use of cyanide, contamination and leaks, in a time of increasing water scarcity, risking pollution is short-sighted and an insult to future generations.

As a funder of community based organizations in the Black Hills and across the wider Dakota region, and ranch land owner in the Southern Black Hills, I call on you to heed sanity show foresight at this time.

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