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Comments: The entire Black Hills are illegally occupied treaty land, therefore any claims to mining rights anywhere in this region were never legitimate in the first place. The Supreme Court also ruled this in 1980. 100,000 people depend on the drinking water provided by the Rapid Creek Watershed, both upstream and downstream of the Pactola reservoir.

Mining and the processing of the raw materials it extracts pollute watersheds with cyanide, arsenic, uranium, mercury, and a host of other toxic "forever" chemicals.