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Comments: Over 100,000 people depend on this drinking water both up stream and down stream from the Pactola Reservoir.

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.

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.