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Comments: I strongly support the proposed mineral withdrawal action concerning the area around Pactola Reservoir and upper Rapid Creek.

Our beautiful Black Hills have already been damaged by irresponsible mining operations and we should pursue every opportunity to prevent further harm to the land and especially to our precious water.

The Hills are critical to the tourist industry and even more so to the culture of the people who live, visit and worship here. I want my descendants to be able to enjoy the hiking, climbing, camping, swimming, boating, skiing and so many other things the Black Hills have offered me. I also want them to be able to drink uncontaminated water without fearing the pollutants left from mining operations.