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Comments: I support the Forest Service proposal to create a mineral withdrawal in the Pactola Reservoir area and to hopefully provide this on a more permanent basis. I am a South Dakota native with plans to return permanently to the area in the next year. I have been living in Colorado for 26 years and have experienced personally the impact that endangerment of water supply has on a community. The west is experiencing dramatic climate change problems that put at risk the natural water supply. Further endangering this by contamination or use for mining is a serious mistake. The Black Hills is enjoyed by not only locals/ Native peoples but also by tourists, which are a huge and critical part of the economy. People will not want to visit if we ruin the land and don't have enough clean water. Please take action. According to several sources I've seen lately, "Water is the new gold". Thank you.