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Comments: I support the US Forest Service in their application to save 20,574 acres of National Forest. It is very concerning to have mining operations around the Rapid City water supply, Pactola Reservoir! The mining laws have not been updated since the late 1800's and many things have changed since then.

Why do we protect the few mining operations against the greater good of our society.

Not only is Pactola Reservoir the water supply for Rapid City, it is one of the major water recreational centers of the Black Hills. Let's consider Lead's Open Pit in the middle of the city or Wharf and its operation, the land is scared and never coming back. Is this what we want for Pactola Reservoir, I think NOT! Please save this land and water!