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Comments: I write to whole-heartedly support the Forest Service's application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw approximately 20,574 acres of lands administered by the Black Hills National Forest Service in Pennington County, South Dakota, from all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws, mining laws, and mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. I support and agree that the reasons and grounds for the application are sound - "to protect and preserve cultural and natural resources of the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed, including municipal water for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base, from the known and potential adverse environmental impacts that may arise from exploration and development of federally owned minerals."

I respectfully request that the Sec. of Interior grant the request for the reasons stated. Thank you.

Mike Loos