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Comments: Rapid Valley Sanitary District - Water Service provides potable water to Over 10,000 people and 100% of the source water is conveyed via Rapid Creek from Pactola reservoir. Rapid City and Ellsworth utilize this very same water. To not protect this very critical resource would be detrimental to Rapid City, Ellsworth, Rapid Valley, Box Elder and many others. To not protect Pactola and the surrounding area could utterly dismantle the ability to provide enough potable water for the existing residents not to mention the rapid growth we are experiencing. We must not take any risk that could contaminate our resource for health and wellbeing for nearly 100,000 people and countless wildlife.