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Comments: I am writing in support of the USDA Forest Service application for a mineral withdrawal for Pactola Lake and the upper Rapid Creek watershed. I support the mineral withdrawal because of the importance of this area to protect the drinking water of the city of Rapid City, SD as well as to protect this important recreational area for the quality of life for residents of the Black Hills and tourism, which is a significant contributor to the economy of western South Dakota.