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Comments: Being a Native of the Black Hills Area and growing up in the proposed Mining Areas around Pactola Lake, my thoughts & heart turn to the natural beauty in and around the lake.

Many childhood memories beginning in the early 60's of Jenny Gulch and Rapid Creek. The swimming, fishing, and astonishing serenity our family was able to experience is always something we look forward to yearly.

I've been in the Mining & Construction industry my entire adult life and know all too well the repercussions of such an adventure in a nature sensitive area.

With more than 40 years in the field and many miles traveled, I am begging those of you in charge of making these decisions to deny any further exploitation of our Black Hills and it's precious natural resources.