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Comments: I live full time in Silver City and we have no guarantee that our groundwater will not be compromised or contaminated. My husband and I fully support the withdrawal of the Pactola watershed. This prohibition of new mining claims or mineral or geothermal leases should be for in perpetuity and throughout the Black Hills.

The clean water benefit for all is more important than the mineral benefit for a few.

The mining law of 1872 needs to be updated, it is archaic and out of sync with the current environment of the country.