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Comments: I am a land owner in the Silver City area. I support the Rapid Creek watershed withdrawal. I have lived in the Black Hills most of my life and am against any drilling in the Pactola area. The purpose of the drilling is to find gold and thus the possibility of a gold mine. The citizens of our state will not benefit from any of this. A good example of this is the Gilt Edge Mine where the people running the mine went broke and the state of South Dakota spent millions to clean it up. I don't think the drilling in it self is good for our water supply, using the chemicals and drilling down x amount of feet is asking for a contamination problem. We need to decide weather we are a tourist destination or one big mine exploration area, we all benefit from the tourist industry and gain nothing from the mining.