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Comments: Our family frequently hikes in the area around Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek from Silver City up to Slate Creek. We engage in bird watching and plant identification on these hikes. We also bike and cross-country ski as feasible. The proposed Withdrawal area has great areas for all these activities. And we sometimes join other groups doing these activities. We also use the campgrounds around Pactola Reservoir for recreation and family gatherings. We also enjoy Kayaking from various launch points on Pactola Reservoir. Those of us who fish enjoy the clean water and the fact that the fish currently are edible along most of this area.

The enjoyment of and even the possibility of doing these activities is vastly enhanced by the absence of mining in most of this area.

We are keenly aware that our drinking water comes from this watershed and have much more confidence in water quality absent more mining in the area.

Thank you for proposing Watershed Withdrawal #NP-3479