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Comments: If Pactola is eligible for a mineral withdrawal, how can the Spearfish Canyon area not be? Actual mining, with potential to pollute waters flowing into Spearfish Creek is already, is occurring. Since the FS has no regulatory power to stop that, looking at the overall area, the FS should protect what it is able to. Retract, or at least impose serious limits, on exploration in the Northern Hills.