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Comments: I strongly support the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. Until a time when mining companies can dependably demonstrate long-term protection of municipal watersheds, these areas should be off limits to mining operations.
The focus should be on the reclamation of required raw materials from items that have already been improperly discarded as I am sure that the landfills are rich with opportunities.
While literally everyone in the impacted area should care about water quality, I also highly value the outdoor activities this area supports. The reason that I moved to the Black Hills was because of the Black Hills. If large scale open-pit mining is left unchecked, it will be the reason that myself and many others will ultimately be forced to leave the Black Hills.