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Comments: The Anthropocene Alliance, a network of 150+ organizations working for environmental justice, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal. Black Hills Clean Water Alliance, one of our members, relies on the lands and waters in the Pactola and Rapid Creek watersheds and would be impacted by mining activity that could occur in the absence of the withdrawal. A withdrawal is consistent with the multi-use mandates of both the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, as it avoids harmful extraction in sensitive and vulnerable areas while allowing development opportunities elsewhere. The withdrawal would allow for better consideration of the harmful impacts of mining to human health and the potential destruction of traditional cultural properties. Thank you for your consideration.