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Comments: I support the request to withdraw mining from the Pactola Reservoir/Rapid Creek Watershed. In South Dakota, the Black Hills is one of a few places in the state if not the only with pristine water. This water and the land around it plays a huge role in the well-being of South Dakotans. Restricting this area for mining has the potential hurt South Dakotans and I do not believe this is the best use of our land. Please consider this withdraw.