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Comments: I want to express my opposition to the proposed Pactola Watershed mineral withdrawal. It is a bureaucratic move that overlooks and oversteps the Federal and State regulations that are in place that provide clear mitigation steps for any perceived or real potential risks. The withdrawal is completely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer dollars. I have worked in the mining industry for over a decade and have seen first hand how we take steps to protect the environment.