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Comments: I want it to be known that I, like so many others, support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and to perform an Environmental Assessment followed by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. I also support and want to see the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills.

These lands are so important to the well-being of the communities surrounding them. They need to be preserved and protected from pollutants for posterity's sake, if not our own quality of life. I do NOT want to see a world where all our water is contaminated by mining sites and destructive practice. Further, these are sacred sites to the Lakota people, a fact that should be always be respected when making such costly decisions. It goes against all of my values to see somewhere so beautiful, ancient, and vital to human life polluted by mining.