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Comments: I support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.

I urge the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

And I urge the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA) and establish a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw!

It is imperative to keep the water free of toxic pollutants, and respect the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserve the site for recreation.

Moreover, I am not asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead I want an EA, which is a much faster process.