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Comments: As an environmental biologist, I support the application to withdraw the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed #NP3479 submitted by the USDA Forest Service.

A watershed needs protection because of the benefits associated with ecosystem services, economics, and the physical and mental health of individuals. Healthy watersheds provide water filtration and storage; filter air; serve as carbon storage; help form soil; promote microbial diversity; supply food and habitat for organisms; and provide recreation.

Watersheds and the water they supply are for everyone to enjoy and use. We need to make sure that all have access to a safe and healthy watershed.

Thank you for your support.