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Comments: Dear Regional Forester, the area around Pactola and the Rapid Creek watershed are incompatible with mineral development. I lived in the Hills for 15 years and worked for USFA for 13 of those years. We had a houseboat on Pactola and raised our kids cruising the lake and camping there.

Mining wastes and tailings piles, not to mention the surface disturbance and petroleum wastes, will trash this beautiful area. Please do not permit mineral extraction anywhere close to Pactola.