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Comments: I am writing to request that the Forest Service support the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I would also like to request that the Forest Service complete an Environmental Assessment for which I'm sure the conclusion would be a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) from the miners withdrawing from the watershed. In fact, forcing miners to withdraw from the watershed would likely help the area become an even greater sanctuary for wildlife, recreation, and culture as well as a much needed source of clean water for a multitude of people. We have far too many ecological disaster areas, which means that we need to redouble our efforts to protect the the areas that have yet to be destroyed by pollution. Lastly, let us not forget the atrocities this country has committed toward indigenous peoples, nor the magnitude with which indigenous people fight to keep our water and land free from pollution. It is our responsibility to help protect land that is both an environmental sanctuary and a culturally rich ancestral homeland.