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Comments: I urge you to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. These lands are best preserved without the destruction that comes with extracting minerals. It is important to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). Since the lands will not be harmed once they are withdrawn from mining, I ask for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed.

There are many reasons to prevent mining in this area. First of all, mining degrades the water quality and interferes with recreational uses of the land. Also, importantly, this land is sacred to the Lakota people.