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Comments:

I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I want the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA) only.

I want a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed because when the miners are gone there will not be a significant impact to the land.

We are a nation of human beings who are dependent on access to clean water. As a current resident of Arizona the state finds itself with dwindling water supply. As the Lakota People have told us "WATER IS LIFE" we forget that to our peril. The Lakota People will keep the water free of toxic pollutants because the Lakota People who respect their sacred land, and will preserve the site for recreation.

Here are two other important notes to keep in mind. First, we are NOT asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead we want an EA, which is a much faster process. If, when we messaged you before about Jenny Gulch, you already submitted a comment and asked for an EIS, you can and should make another comment and ask for an EA and FONSI now. Earlier comments written about Jenny Gulch don't count in the new mineral withdrawal process.