Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/9/2023 1:26:39 AM First name: Sven Last name: Sorge Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Sirs and Madams,

I urge you to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal!

I also ask for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw!

Please protect the water quality as well as cultural values, keep the water free of toxic pollutants, respect the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserve the site for recreation.

We have to save one of the most beautiful and special places in Lakota Country.

I hereby support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal!

I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.

Thank you very much for your understanding and urgent help!

Sincerely,